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DR. BERKNER TO ADDRESS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
AT MIT EARTH SCIENCES CENTER DEDICATION

Dr. Lloyd Berkner, president of the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest, Dallas, will deliver the main banquet address of the International Conference on Earth Sciences, Thursday evening, October 1, at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Held in connection with the dedication of the Cecil and Ida Green Building for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for Earth Sciences, the three-day meeting, beginning the morning of September 30, will hear a distinguished roster of internationally known geoscientists. Dedication of the building will be the morning of October 2.

In his address, Dr. Berkner will cite some of the history of geophysics and will laud application of advanced knowledge in the field to our welfare and safety.

Noting the "celebration of one of the first really complete schools of Earth Sciences at any American university, or indeed anywhere," Dr. Berkner will praise the wisdom and vision of Cecil and Ida Green in donating the new $6,000,000 Earth Sciences Building.

He will point out how the powerful contemporary tools of physics, chemistry, biology, and mathematics have changed the Earth Sciences from their "rather empirical mold" into an integrated science of the Earth.

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"The Earth Sciences have come of age," Dr. Berkner will say. We meet here to recognize that our knowledge has advanced to the stage where man can begin to predict, and in growing measure, to control the total environment that this planet affords."

Citing MIT-graduate Green's early fascination with seismology and his early career as a geophysicist, Dr. Berkner will note the growth of Geophysical Services, Inc., under the presidency of Mr. Green, and the company's further growth into Texas Instruments.

He will conclude his address with a remark of dedication:

"And we honor, for their dedication to the sciences of the Earth, a dedication that has made this great new School of the Earth Sciences a reality -- Ida and Cecil Green."

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