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**NEW LABORATORY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FOR SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES**

Appointment of Mr. David W. Canham, Jr., as executive officer of the Earth and Planetary Sciences laboratory of SCAS, research arm of the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest, has been announced by Dr. Lloyd Berkner, the Dallas Center's president.

Retiring from a career in the U. S. Navy on March 31, 1964, with the rank of commander, Mr. Canham brings to the Center a varied background of experience that ranges from service in the Antarctic to work in naval personnel and budgetary planning in the Pentagon.

His responsibilities at SCAS will be the handling of administrative matters of the different divisions of the laboratory, as well as their budgetary planning. Working closely with the scientists, academic staff, and division heads, he will assist with the work involved in securing research support. He will also be involved in instrumentation of overall research plans, regular review of laboratory programs, and progress of research efforts.

Born in Weiser, Idaho, Mr. Canham obtained his high school education in Highland Park, Michigan. He attended the University of Michigan; obtained the B.S. degree in mathematics from Wayne State University. He also attended Northwestern University and George Washington University, where he received the B.A. in English literature and did some work toward the master's in that subject.

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At the beginning of World War II, Mr. Canham was an instructor in mathematics at Ford Engineering in Dearborn, Michigan. In October of 1942, he entered the U. S. Navy air arm. He served on aircraft carriers in the Pacific and land-based bombers in the Marianas.

Attached to the naval air station at Corpus Christi near the end of the War, he served as instructor in mathematics for a time at the University of Texas.

From 1946 to 1957 he had various tours of overseas duty, including command of a group responsible for the building and operation of naval air facilities at McMurdo Sound and other Antarctic stations in support of U. S. effort during the International Geophysical Year.

His Antarctic service, extensive Pentagon duty, and his meeting with Dr. Paul Siple and Dr. Lloyd Berkner, eventually led to his association with the Center.

Mrs. Canham is the former Betty Jane Savoie, a Michigan girl, whom Mr. Canham married in Dallas during the war. They are parents of 17-year old Pamela Lee, Susan Lynn, 11 years, and David III, 9 years of age.