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AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION TO ESTABLISH WORLD-WIDE MEMORIAL SYMPOSIA PROGRAM HONORING FIRST SCAS PRESIDENT

The American Geophysical Union has approved a living memorial to Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner, who received its highest medal of honor only weeks before his death in 1967.

Doctor Berkner came to Dallas in 1961, to serve as the first president of the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies.

An AGU committee will raise a fund of \$100,000 for the memorial program; income from the fund will be used to assist developing nations to hold scientific symposia in areas where they have begun research efforts. The basic plan will provide for at least one such meeting each three years.

Other organizations are being invited to join the memorial program, including the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, U. S. National Committee of the International Scientific Radio Union (URSI), and Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Doctor Berkner headed the IEEE's parent organization, the Institute of Radio Engineers, as he first came to Dallas from the presidency of Associated Universities, Inc. He was attending a meeting of the National Academy of Sciences, which he served as treasurer, at the time of his death in June 1967.

On April 19, 1967, he had received the AGU's Bowie Medal at a Washington ceremony.