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DR. LLOYD BERKNER IS COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER,  
RECEIVES HONONARY DEGREE AT UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

RENO, Nevada --

The Central challenge today is to capture mighty potentials for human welfare that technology and vast productivity present; but to achieve this, we must control potential evils that this new power places within man's reach through altogether new qualities of judgment. These key ideas were voiced here today (Saturday, June 11) in the University of Nevada Commencement address, by Dr. Lloyd Berkner of Dallas, Texas.

Doctor Berkner, a 40-year career scientist, is now Chairman of the Board of Trustees and a professor at the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest. He was the founding president of the GRC in 1961, and served as its scientific director until early this year. He had asked to be relieved of presidential duties in March, 1965.

Doctor Berkner was honored by the award of a degree at the Nevada commencement program.

Man must develop a critical judgment of an altogether new stature, he said in his address. This is a critical judgment which recognizes the need to ascertain philosophical values out of all knowledge, and must be the basis for new humanism.

Some of the old rules are useful, but some are quite wrong, and the job today is to identify the useful from the old, he said. To play with only the old rules of experience in a new game where there are problems such as nuclear war; starvation; pollution of air, soil, and water; massing into cities; and political instability, only invites the "clobbering" of opportunities offered by the technological age.