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## TRIESTE'S NEW HQ

Staff of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics may by now have had time to appreciate their new headquarters, provided for them near Miramare Castle by the Government of Italy, the Community of Trieste and the University of Trieste. They took up residence there in June but were immediately involved in the hectic but satisfying efforts connected with one of the greatest meetings of leading scientists ever to be held - the International Symposium on Contemporary Physics which set out to review the relationship between all modern disciplines associated with theoretical physics. It was attended by about 350 of the world's greatest thinkers, including eight Nobel Laureates.

The new building was dedicated on Sunday, 9 June, when Mr. Roberto Ducci, Italian Ambassador to Austria and Resident Representative to the Agency, cut a symbolic ribbon and handed a golden key to Dr. Sigvard Eklund.

Built on a hillside with beautiful views over the city and the sea, the new HQ is an example of modern building designed for the special purposes of the Centre. Our photograph shows the IAEA flag being raised outside after handing over, and a portion of the building. Below ground level is the lecture theatre with its 12-metre long blackboard and its excellent electrical and sound equipment.

#### OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO . . . .

SIGVARD EKLUND, Director General since 1961

ABDUS SALAM, Director of the International Centre for  
Theoretical Physics, Trieste, since its  
inception in 1964

HENRY DE WOLF SMYTH, USA Member of the Board of Governors  
since 1961, with rank of Ambassador.

These three have each been given this year's Atoms for Peace Award, and will receive it at a ceremony in New York City on 14 October. It consists of a gold medallion and an honorarium of \$30 000 for each of them.

This is a signal recognition of the work of the Agency, all three being closely associated with "the most important channel for scientific co-operation, exchange of knowledge and co-ordination of research in peaceful uses of atomic energy" to quote the official Press Release. All have, of course, achieved high distinction in other fields, but the award is clearly made in connection with their efforts to promote the aims of the Agency.

The award is the eighth under the Atoms for Peace Programme, established as a memorial to Henry Ford and his son Edsel. It is granted "solely on the merit of the contribution, wherever found in the world and without regard for nationality or politics". It is administered by eight Trustees, whose Chairman, Dr. James R. Killian, said they hoped the sustained and dedicated commitment to international co-operation of these three men would inspire similar efforts by scientists, engineers and statesmen throughout the world.