



Henry DeWolf Smyth, after nine years of service in the Board of Governors and General Conference, is retiring from his position as United States Representative to the Agency. His distinguished personality, marked by a scientific approach to the problems facing the Agency, wise and careful judgment and quiet humour, will be missed in the Board.

H.D. Smyth leaving the board

It was learned with regret in May that President Nixon had accepted his resignation in terms praising Ambassador Smyth's "effective and dedicated service."

Born in 1898 into a family of scientists, Ambassador Smyth, his father and brother, all were professors in the sciences at Princeton University. Ambassador Smyth was appointed to the faculty, Department of Physics, in 1924 and remained with the University until his retirement in 1966. The Smyth family dedicated a total of 114 years to the University.

Throughout the post-War years Ambassador Smyth has been a respected authority in atomic energy matters. The publication, in 1945, of the "Smyth Report" gave the world the first account of the activity of the United States during the War in the field of nuclear energy. His report has been credited with encouraging other countries to set up atomic energy commissions to deal with this new source of energy. From 1949-54 he was a member of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

Shortly after joining the Board of Governors in 1961, he helped initiate the process of transferring to the Agency the safeguards responsibilities under U.S. bilateral agreements. This initiative and his assistance, backed up by persistency and thorough knowledge, in developing the Agency's safeguards system did much to increase international confidence in the Agency as a control organ.

Ambassador Smyth is a trustee of Universities Research Association, the group responsible for the National Accelerator Laboratory in Illinois where the world's largest (200 BeV) accelerator is under construction, and recently retired after five years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Ambassador Smyth's contribution to developing his country's atomic energy programme, fostering the peaceful uses of the atom, and to encouraging international collaboration in this field, has been formally recognized on several occasions. He has received the Woodrow Wilson award, the citation of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and, in 1968, the Atoms for Peace Award.

The period during which he served on the Agency's Board and in the General Conference was marked by his contribution to create an atmosphere of harmony and co-operation.