



Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg; in the background, part of the periodic table of elements.

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U Thant, Secretary General of the United Nations, announced in early December the appointment of Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg as president of the Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, to be held in Geneva from 6 to 16 September this year.

Dr. Seaborg has been chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission since 1961; ten years earlier, in 1951, he received the Nobel Prize with E.M.McMillan for his work on the chemistry of the transuranium elements. From 1946 to 1950 Dr. Seaborg served as a member of the United States Atomic Energy Commission's first general advisory committee, and from 1959 to 1961 he was a member of the U.S. Presidential Science Advisory Committee. He is a member of many national and international scientific societies, has written more than a dozen books and more than 200 scientific papers, and has received a number of awards for his work in nuclear chemistry and in scientific and educational affairs.

An outline of the agenda for the conference in Geneva was published in the Bulletin in Volume 12, Number 5 last year. It has been devised, in consultation with the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee and with the co-operation of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to interest not only scientists and technologists but also public officials, economists and planners.