

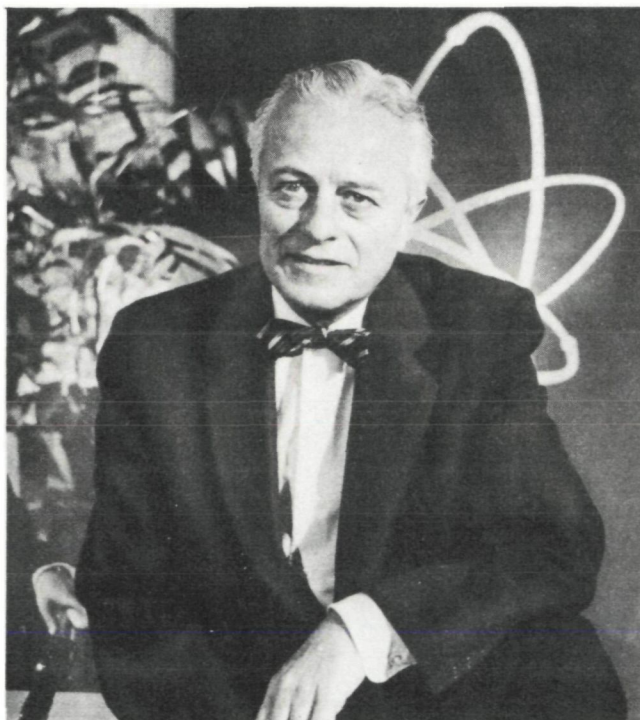
MR. STERLING COLE, IAEA'S FIRST DIRECTOR GENERAL, LEAVES OFFICE AFTER FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. Sterling Cole, the first Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, left office on 30 November 1961 at the end of a term of four years. Mr. Cole had been appointed to this post by a unanimous decision of the first session of the IAEA General Conference held in Vienna in the autumn of 1957, and he took up his duties on 1 December 1957. During the four years he served as Director General, the main activities of the Agency were planned, initiated and established.

Addressing the fifth session of the General Conference, Mr. Cole outlined a series of recommendations for the future development of the Agency. Later at this session, he made an impromptu speech in reply to the words of thanks addressed to him by the Conference President, Mr. Oscar A. Quihillalt, of Argentina. The text of this valedictory address is given below:

"It is with great reluctance that I seek to impose upon your time for but just a moment, knowing full well the weeks of arduous toil and discussion you have already had.

Mr. Sterling Cole, Director General, IAEA,
December 1957 - November 1961



"It seems but a moment ago since I took the oath for this high office down in the Music Academy, where we were temporarily located. Even though it was but yesterday, four long arduous years have passed: years devoted to a determination to do all possible for the success of this organization and a measure of achievement in the accomplishment of its great goal. Whatever may have been said of credit to me is deserved fully by that fine cadre of scientific and administrative staff which surrounds me. Without their support, their advice, their encouragement, we could not have accomplished as much as has been done during that time. I feel I am entitled to some degree of pride or credit in constructing a bridge of accommodation between the East and the West and I now want to acknowledge publicly that in my own responsibility in this office the accommodation between me and the West, and between me and the East, has been of the highest order. And particularly the harmony, the good feeling, between staff members of the so-called East and West, has been of the highest order.

"Saying good-bye is never an easy task, especially to persons who have come to be regarded as friends; not official friends but personal friends. During this period I have visited over 30 of the Member States of the Agency for the purpose of arousing their interest in, and the support of, the Agency. And in the course of the meetings of the Board of Governors and the General Conference these personal friendships have developed. With regret I bid them farewell. But also with the hope that our paths may again cross some place.

"It is not easy to depart from the scene of the most active part of one's entire lifetime, particularly when that scene is set in a city such as Vienna. The officials of Austria, the officials of Vienna, have been most co-operative with me officially, most hospitable and cordial with me personally, and I hope that the representatives of Austria may convey to the President and the Chancellor, and to the Mayor of Vienna, my gratitude for their confidence, their cordiality and their hospitality. But also to leave Vienna, which in itself has the charm of complete tranquillity so sorely needed in an effort to achieve a degree of peace, is a difficult thing. It was most fortunate that the decision was made to locate the headquarters of the Agency in this city, because of its tranquil, peaceful atmosphere.

"During this time I have had a high degree of support from all Member Governments. To leave now, with the atmosphere such as has been developed, is a pain of the highest order to me. The success, the accomplishment of the purpose of this organization,

has been included as a part of my daily prayers. I seek for my successor, who has a very difficult task ahead, to rebuild, to reconstruct, the degree of harmony which has previously existed, and I seek for him most earnestly a support, a confidence, a co-operation no less sincere, no less complete, than was given to me throughout my period of service. I have been grateful for the opportunity of filling this high office. I have been constantly aware of the injunction imposed by the oath. I wish the Agency, as I have previously said in my more official statement, I wish it the very best of success and accomplishment in bringing some order out of this chaotic world, and some semblance of comfort and happiness to its people."

A Biographical Note

Mr. Sterling Cole, born in Painted Post, N. Y., U.S.A., on April 18, 1904, attended Colgate, N. Y., University where he received his B. A. in 1925; taught a year at the faculty of Corning, N. Y., Free Academy and attended Albany Law School, receiving his B. LL., 1929.

Mr. Cole subsequently practised law in Bath, N. Y., until November 1934, when he was elected to the 74th Congress, where he was the youngest Republican Member. He has been re-elected to each succeeding Congress, as Representative of New York's 37th District.

Mr. Cole was Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy during the 83rd Congress (1953-54) when the U.S. atomic law was completely revised to make possible peaceful development of the new source of energy. He has been a member of this committee since its creation under the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. He served on the House Committee on Armed Services, the Naval Affairs Committee, the Committees on Insular Affairs, Labor and Education, the District of Columbia Committee, the Select Committee on Conservation of Natural Resources, and also the Post-War Military Policy Committee and the Republican Policy Committee.

In 1954, Mr. Cole was awarded an honorary D. LL. by Colgate University of which he was a Trustee. He is also a Trustee of Elmira (N. Y.) College and of the Woodlawn Foundation, Inc.

DR. SIGVARD EKLUND TAKES OFFICE AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IAEA

Dr. Sigvard Eklund, the new Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, assumed charge of his office on 1 December 1961.

The fifth session of the IAEA General Conference, at a plenary meeting on 3 October 1961, approved Dr. Eklund's appointment as the Agency's Director General to succeed Mr. Sterling Cole. The appointment, which had been made by a majority decision of the Agency's Board of Governors in June 1961, was approved by the Conference by 46 votes to 16 with six abstentions. The President of the Conference, Mr. Quihillalt, administered the oath of office to Dr. Eklund at a plenary meeting on 6 October 1961.

After this ceremony, the Director General-designate addressed the Conference. The following is the text of the address:

"I would like first of all to express my sincere and deeply felt thanks for the confidence shown to me by electing me Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency. In the light of the important future tasks of the Agency as well as of its achievements in the past, your election imposes on me heavy

responsibilities of which I am fully aware. I can only state my intention to try to do the utmost within my personal limitations to justify your expectation.

"In accepting the appointment, I am solely motivated by a sincere desire to further the objectives of the Agency. I am quite aware of the fact that certain Member States have not given their support to my election, including Member States with outstanding records of achievements in the atomic energy field. When, nevertheless, I have accepted the appointment as Director General of the Agency, I have found guidance by two facts: that the election was made in full accordance with the Statute of the Agency and that it was supported by a great majority of votes, including many developing countries around the world.

"The election once made in accordance with the Statute, I feel confident that every Member State will find it consistent with their interests as well as with the interests of the Agency to work together in a joint effort to fulfill successfully the functions of the organization. I would like to emphasize that from my side there will be an unflinching effort to co-operate with all