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Dr. Richard C. Tolman
Scientific Adviser

Dr. Richard Chace Tolman, an elder "scientific statesman", is a tall, slender physicist of charming manner, with a handsome face and kindly eyes; but underneath this gracious exterior is a firm mind and an obvious, keen discernment of other people.

Dr. Tolman, normally the dean of the Graduate School of the California Institute of Technology, served as a scientific advisor to Major General L. R. Groves, giving aid and advice gained from his years of teaching and research. Dr. Tolman has proven himself to be a diplomat, in addition to being a "scientific statesman" of high caliber. It fell upon him to investigate many of the difficult scientific problems with which General Groves has been faced. He was able to do this because of his own knowledge and the profound respect in which he was held among the various scientists. Dr. Tolman is typical of the best of his profession and, therefore, understood by his co-workers and, in turn, has a keen insight of men in like professions.

Dr. Tolman was born in West Newton, Massachusetts, on March 4, 1881. He received his SB at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1903 and his Ph. D. at the same institution in 1910. He was awarded the Sc. D. at Princeton University in 1942.

He married Ruth Sherman on August 5, 1924.

Dr. Tolman is scientific advisor to the Combined Policy Committee of the Manhattan Engineer District.

Dr. Tolman served in the last World War as a Major, Chemical Warfare Service in 1918.

Dr. Tolman is an authority on ionization, colloids, relativity of motion, metallic conductors, principle of similitude, statistical mechanics, quantitative theory, cosmology and relative thermodynamics.

Dr. Tolman is a sailing enthusiast. As a great fisherman, even today he swells up with pride when he recalls a 51-pound salmon he killed in 1935 in the Campbell River, Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

While he is living in Washington, D. C., at the present time, his permanent address is Pasadena, California.