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DR. CHARLES L. DUNHAM APPOINTED DIRECTOR,
AEC DIVISION OF BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE;
DR. CHARLES W. SHILLING NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Kenneth E. Fields, General Manager of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, today announced the appointment of Dr. Charles L. Dunham as Director of the Commission's Division of Biology and Medicine, effective October 1. Dr. Dunham will succeed Dr. John C. Bugher, Director of the Division since July 1, 1952. Dr. Bugher will return to the Rockefeller Foundation, which recently announced his appointment as Director, Medical Education and Public Health.

Dr. Dunham has been Deputy Director of the Division of Biology and Medicine since July, 1954. He was Chief of the Medical Branch of the Division from August, 1949, until his appointment as Deputy Director.

A native of Evanston, Illinois, Dr. Dunham was graduated from Yale University in 1929, and received an M.D. Degree in 1933 from the Rush Medical College of the University of Chicago. Following service in internal medicine at Billings Memorial Hospital, University of Chicago, he was Assistant Resident in Medicine at the New Haven Hospital, Yale University. On his return to the Department of Medicine of the University of Chicago in 1936, Dr. Dunham conducted research work in arthritis and related diseases, and was in charge of the Arthritis Clinic and Hospital Service at the University of Chicago Clinics.

As a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, he served from mid-1943 to the end of World War II in the Pacific Command, becoming Medical Inspector and Chief of Preventive Medicine of the Mid-Pacific Area. Following the war, he returned to the University of Chicago as Assistant Professor of Medicine, where he served until his entry into the atomic energy program in 1949.

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Dr. Dunham is married to the former Lucia Jordan, also a medical graduate of the University of Chicago. They have three children. Their home is at 5301 Carvel Road, Westmoreland Hills, Md.

Dr. Bugher entered the atomic energy program in February, 1951, when he became Deputy Director of the AEC Division of Biology and Medicine. Since his appointment as Director of the Division in 1952, he has administered the Commission's biomedical program, which includes activities in the fields of medicine, biology, agriculture, genetics, biophysics, radiation instrumentation and technical aspects of civil defense. Dr. Bugher has been a staff member of the Rockefeller Foundation since 1938.

"Dr. Bugher has rendered outstanding service to the nation and has made a profound contribution to the atomic energy program," Lewis L. Strauss, Chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, said in commenting on Dr. Bugher's resignation. "He has carried the heavy responsibility of protecting health during AEC operations. He has actively encouraged the development of peacetime applications of atomic energy in biological and medical research and in medical diagnosis and therapy. He early foresaw the potentialities in the use of atomic reactors for medical research and therapy, and played an important role in the authorization of the nation's first two medical reactors, now scheduled for construction. We are gratified to be assured to have the continuing services of Dr. Bugher in a consulting capacity.

"We have been most fortunate in the fact that Dr. Dunham was available as Dr. Bugher's successor. His six years' experience in the atomic energy program, coupled with his academic and research background, well qualify him for the assignment."

Appointment of Dr. Charles W. Shilling as Deputy Director of the Division of Biology and Medicine, succeeding Dr. Dunham, also was announced. Dr. Shilling joined the Commission as Special Assistant to the Director, Division of Biology and Medicine, in July, 1955, upon his retirement as Captain, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy. Dr. Shilling had served in the Navy for 28 years, and was widely known for his role as Senior Medical Officer in the rescue of personnel from the stricken submarine Squalus in 1939. His last naval assignment was at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he was Senior Medical Officer.

Prior to his assignment to the Naval Academy in 1953, Dr. Shilling served on the staff of the Navy's Office of Naval Research and as Director of the Research Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Dr. Shilling holds a B.S. Degree from Taylor University, a B.A. Degree from the University of Michigan and an M.D. Degree from the University of Michigan Medical School. He received an honorary Doctor of Science Degree in 1954 from Taylor University.

Dr. Shilling is married to the former Miriam Teed. They have two children and two grandchildren. Dr. and Mrs. Shilling reside at 1643 North Greenbrier St., Arlington, Virginia.