

## PHILIP HANDLER

Philip Handler is James B. Duke Professor of Biochemistry at Duke University, President of the National Academy of Science, Chairman of the National Research Council, and former Chairman of the National Science Board. Born in New York, he attended City College of New York and the University of Illinois. He came to the School of Medicine at Duke in 1939, where he has done significant research. He has studied the structure, function, and evolution of enzymes which are catalysts of important metabolic reaction, and he has contributed to the understanding of the mechanisms of biological oxidations, particularly those involving the flavoproteins. In his present position as President of the Academy, Dr. Handler exercises important influence on federal policy as a spokesman for science. In the face of great pressures to support applied science at the expense of basic research, he has strongly emphasized the need for a continued, high-level support of basic science. For his achievements as a distinguished biochemist and for his effective efforts toward reason and reform both in the scientific community and in the circles which formulate national science policy, this University is pleased to confer on Dr. Handler the degree, Doctor of Science.