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JOSEPH L. PAWSEY, NOTED AUSTRALIAN RADIOASTRONOMER,  
APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY

Appointment of Joseph L. Pawsey as new Director of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Green Bank, West Virginia, was announced today by Alan T. Waterman, Director of the National Science Foundation, and I. I. Rabi, President of Associated Universities, Inc.

Dr Pawsey, an internationally known radioastronomer, is now Assistant Chief of the Division of Radiophysics of Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO). He is a fellow of the Royal Society, and served as president of the Radio Astronomy Commission of the International Astronomical Union from 1952-58. He will succeed Otto Struve, first Director of the observatory, who is returning to full time research and writing.

"Appointment of Dr. Pawsey to this post will ensure that the vigorous and important research program instituted by the observatory under Dr Struve will continue at a high level of achievement," Dr Waterman said. "In addition, this will greatly improve interchange between Australian radioastronomers, who in many respects lead the world in this important scientific field, and our own radio astronomy community. We expect to gain much from Dr Pawsey's presence in this country. We are thoroughly delighted that he has accepted the post."

Professor Rabi also expressed his pleasure at the appointment on behalf of Associated Universities, Inc., which manages and oper-

ates the observatory on contract with NSF. "Dr Pawsey's work is well known throughout the world," Professor Rabi said, "and his reputation among radioastronomers is of the highest order. The arrangement between the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Associated Universities, Inc., and the National Science Foundation, enabling Dr Pawsey to assume this post, is most gratifying to all of us."

The CSIRO has agreed to grant Dr Pawsey leave of absence to accept the position of Director. He will assume his new post in October, 1962, but expects to visit the observatory prior to that time. In the interim period David Heeschen is Acting Director. Dr Heeschen has been Head of Telescope Operations at the observatory.

Dr Pawsey has held his present position with CSIRO since 1951, and has been associated with the organization since 1939. During World War II he worked on radar development, and beginning in 1945 has done radio research, particularly in the fields of radio astronomy and the ionosphere.

Just prior to World War II he carried out television developmental work for a five year period with Electric and Musical Industries, Ltd., London, England. From 1931-34 he did research on the ionosphere at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, England.

Dr Pawsey was born May 14, 1908, at Ararat, Victoria, Australia. He received his education at Wesley College and Queens College of the University of Melbourne in Australia, and Sidney Sussex College of Cambridge University, England, where he received his Ph.D. He

has published several books and numerous papers, and has been a leader in the Radio Astronomy Group of CSIRO's Radiophysics Laboratory since its inception in 1945.

Note to Editors: This information also being released simultaneously by the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C.