

DR. HAR GOBIND KHORANA

A highly creative and imaginative scientist, one of whose chief personal characteristics is modesty; an individual of deep understanding and human kindness; a great man, in the genuine sense of those words; in such ways those who have been privileged to know him describe Dr. Har Gobind Khorana, co-winner of the 1968 Nobel Prize in Medicine

"under a tree on the edge of a desert". He received the degree of Master of Science (Honours) from Punjab University, India, and that of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Liverpool, England. In 1948 his post-doctoral work took him to the Federal Institute of Technology in Zürich, Switzerland, and from 1950 to 1952 he worked with Lord Todd, Fellow of the Royal Society, as a Nuffield Fellow at the University of Cambridge, England.

His immediately subsequent history is no secret to you, Mr. Chancellor, for in 1952, whilst scouring the United Kingdom for a researcher of outstanding calibre, you recognized in Dr. Khorana the brilliant scientist you sought. From 1952 to 1960 Dr. Khorana headed the Organic Chemistry Group of the B.C. Research Council, and it was here that in 1959 he and his co-worker Dr. John Maffett electrified

the scientific world with their artificial production of Co-enzyme A, a complex substance necessary to all living cells.