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University honors three

President Ellis conferred honorary doctorate degrees on three Americans distinguished in their fields at the University's 116th annual Commencement.

Honored were Dr. Frederick C. Robbins of Cleveland, Ohio, alumnus and Nobel Prize winner in medicine; L. Mitchell White of Mexico, Mo., newspaper editor and publisher; and Dr. Philip J. Hickey, superintendent of instruction in St. Louis public schools.

Dr. Robbins, who was the Commencement speaker, received a Doctor of Science degree for his part in discovery and development of tissue culture techniques which made possible the inoculation for polio.

Dr. Robbins is professor of pediatrics at Western Reserve University School of Medicine and director of the department of pediatrics and contagious diseases, City Hospital, Cleveland. He received an A.B. degree in 1936 and a B.S. in Medicine in 1938, both at M.U.

Dr. Robbins, working with Dr. John F. Enders and Dr. Thomas H. Weller, helped make the discovery which brought to the three men the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 1954. Dr. Robbins was presented for the honorary degree by Dr. M. Pinson Neal, who had been one of the young scientist's teachers at the University.

Mr. White was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree for his strong editorial leadership working toward a better Missouri. He was presented by Dr. Earl F. English, dean of the School of Journalism, who read

the citation which said in part: "His unselfish devotion to his native state has been felt in its better road programs, in the work of the State Historical Society, the School for the Deaf at Fulton, and especially at the University of Missouri. His sincere interest in the University's growth has been evident for the past forty years through his editorial leadership. He has carried on the high principles of newspaper publishing set by his father, and successfully passed these along to his son, to the end that this newspaper, the *Mexico Evening Ledger*, is known throughout the country as a model in the field of small city daily publishing."

Dr. Hickey received a Doctor of Laws degree for his contributions to progress in elementary and secondary education. He was presented by Dr. Loran G. Townsend, dean of the College of Education. Dr. Hickey was cited as a distinguished educational statesman and humanitarian: "During his administration the St. Louis school system has received national acclaim for audio-visual education; the teaching of reading and the language arts; and the teaching of gifted children. He has contributed immeasurably to the progress made in elementary and secondary education in Missouri in the last twenty-five years in connection with the State Public School Retirement System and the Foundation Program. In national educational circles he has made distinguished contributions by his sound judgment." The citation listed honors Dr. Hickey has received as a distinguished humanitarian.