

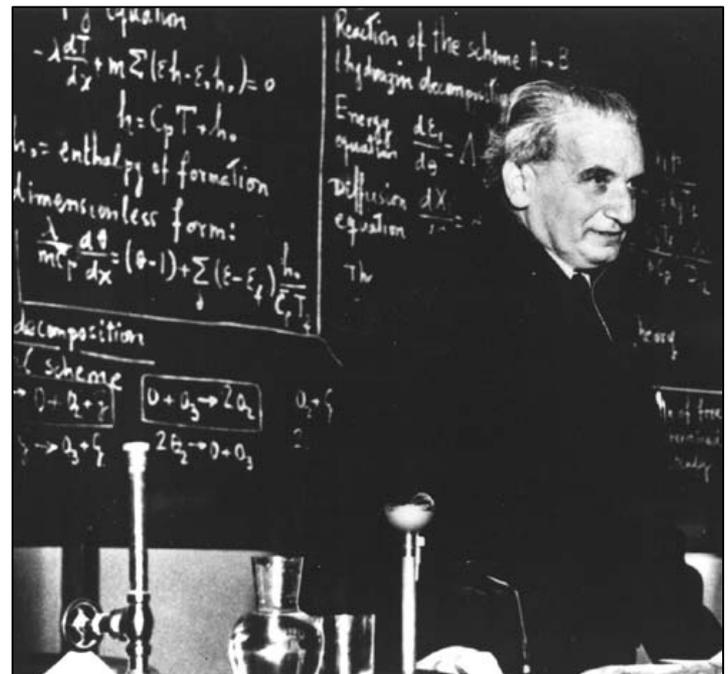
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National Medal of Science established.

The National Medal of Science was authorized by act of Congress in 1959 for outstanding contribution in the physical, biological, mathematical, and engineering sciences on the basis or recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences. In 1980 Congress expanded this recognition to include the social and behavioral sciences. President Kennedy made the first presentation February 17, 1963, to the Hungarian-born aerodynamicist Theodor von Karman.



Theodore von Kármán.