

Teller, Edward

Edward Teller, b. Jan. 15, 1908, is a Hungarian-born American physicist known for his work on the hydrogen bomb. During World War II he was a member of the MANHATTAN PROJECT for the development of the atomic bomb. At that time he also began formulating the theoretical foundations for a hydrogen fusion bomb and was a major proponent of its development. He received (1962) the Atomic Energy Commission's Fermi Award and has received other honors and awards for his contributions to chemical and nuclear physics.

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