

THE MONTH AT CALTECH

Leaders of America

J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, nuclear physicist and chairman of the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study, will come to the Caltech campus on February 28, as the first visitor in this year's Leaders of America program. He will be here until March 5, meeting informally with students and faculty during his stay.

The Leaders of America program, sponsored by the Caltech YMCA, was set up last year to bring outstanding men to the campus to meet with students over a five-day to one-week period. Last year's visitors included Paul G. Hoffman, board chairman of the Studebaker Packard Corporation; Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas; and Dr. Ralph Bunche, Under Secretary General of the United Nations.

Gifts and Grants

ALBERT B. RUDDOCK, chairman of the Caltech Board of Trustees, reports that the Institute received \$2,758,900 in gifts and grants during the six months ending December 31, 1956. Of the total amount, \$1,039,000 was for endowment, \$1,596,500 was for current operations, and \$123,400 for plant and building purposes. All told, there were 130 donors, including corporations, foundations, individuals, and government agencies.

Major gifts added to the principal of the endowment fund were \$525,000 from the Ford Foundation for faculty salary increases, and \$500,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation for research in chemical biology. Major additions to plant and building funds were \$75,000 from the Kresge Foundation, for expansion of the Seismological Laboratory, and \$28,000 from the Carl F. Braun Estate for chemical biology laboratory facilities.

Of the gifts for current operations, more than \$250,000 came to the Institute as "unrestricted money,"

to be used at the discretion of the administration and trustees. The largest bloc of such funds, \$184,135, was given by Caltech's Industrial Associates. Including the Industrial Associates, 59 business corporations gave the Institute a total of \$526,000 in the half-year period.

Geophysics Award

DR. BENO GUTENBERG, professor of geophysics and director of Caltech's Seismological Laboratory, was recently awarded the Emil Wiechert Medal of the German Geophysical Association, in appreciation of his accomplishments in seismology and in the investigation of the earth's structure.

This is the second award of the medal, which was established in 1955, for outstanding accomplishment in geophysics. Dr. Gutenberg's contributions to geophysics include investigations of the structure of the earth and its core, seismic waves, the structural differences between continents and ocean bottoms, and the magnitude of earthquake shocks.

Trustees

EARLE M. JORGENSEN, Los Angeles industrialist, was elected a member of the Caltech Board of Trustees last month. At the same time, Shannon Crandall, Jr. of Pasadena was named vice president of the board.

Mr. Jorgensen is president and general manager of the Earle M. Jorgensen Company, one of the leading steel distributors of the country, and board chairman of the Baker Steel and Tube Company. He is also a director of the Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles and of the Northrop Aircraft Company.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Jorgensen is a director of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, the Los

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Angeles Area Building Funds, Inc. and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He is currently vice chairman and a member of the executive committee of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American National Red Cross.

In the educational field, Mr. Jorgensen serves as a director of the California Institute Associates, as a trustee of Occidental College, and as a director of the Flintridge School for Boys. He is a life member of the Pomona College Associates and a member of the Claremont Men's College Affiliates.

A native of San Francisco, Mr. Jorgensen served in the Tank Corps in World War I, his commanding officer being Lt. Col. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Mr. Crandall is president of the California Hardware Company of Los Angeles, with which he has been associated since his graduation from Stanford University in 1924. He is also a director of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, and of the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles.

He has been a member of the Caltech Board of Trustees since January, 1955, and was president of the California Institute Associates from January, 1954, to January, 1956.

Also prominent in community affairs, Mr. Crandall

is president of the Children's Hospital Society and vice president of the Barlow Sanitarium. He is a director of the Community Chest, the University Religious Conference and the Los Angeles Area Building Funds, Inc. He is chairman of the Board of the American Library of Information.

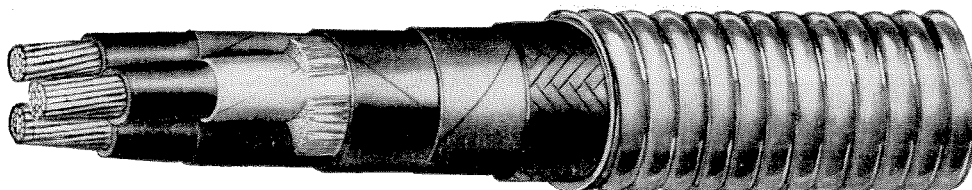
A commander in the U. S. Navy during World War II, Mr. Crandall served as director of procurement for the Aviation Supply Office in Philadelphia.

Franklin Award

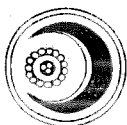
DR. ARNOLD O. BECKMAN, a member of the Caltech Board of Trustees and president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, was presented the 1957 Benjamin Franklin Award last month by the southern California printing industry, "for exemplifying the spirit of Franklin as a scientist, educator, industrialist and community leader."

Dr. Beckman received his PhD from Caltech in 1928, taught chemistry here until 1940, when he went into business for himself, manufacturing scientific instruments. He is now president of Beckman Instruments, Inc., its scientific division in Berkeley, and a subsidiary, the Helipot Corp. He is also president of Arnold O. Beckman, Inc.

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