

The academic procession at Caltech's 67th annual commencement on June 9.

The Month at Caltech

Commencement 1961

At Caltech's 67th annual commencement on June 9, a total of 365 students received degrees — 135 Bachelors of Science, 145 Masters of Science, 74 Doctors of Philosophy and 12 Engineers. Of the 33 men who graduated with honors, 4 received both academic honor and Student Body Honor Keys: William R. Bauer, Lawrence D. Brown, Clyde S. Zaidins, and Sydney Leibovich.

Student Body Honor Keys were also received by 7 other seniors: Rodney D. Dokken, Joel K. Donnelly, John E. Lohman, Richard S. Norman, Thomas A. Tisch, John A. Todoroff, and Gary O. Walla.

The Frederic W. Hinrichs, Jr., Memorial Award for the year's outstanding senior went to Thomas A. Tisch.

The commencement address was delivered by John L. Burns, president of the Radio Corporation of America. James R. Page, honorary chairman of the



Commencement speaker John L. Burns, president of the Radio Corporation of America, and Caltech President L. A. DuBridge, meet the press before the ceremony.

Caltech Board of Trustees, presided at the ceremonies, and Rev. Mr. John Baker of the Pasadena Neighborhood Church gave the invocation and benediction.

Honors and Awards

The first Honeywell Award, given by the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company "for distinguished performance in undergraduate engineering and science" has gone to Michael R. Ruecker, who received his BS from Caltech this month. The award consists of a prize of \$200 and an engraved silver tray. In addition, the name of the recipient is engraved on a permanent bronze plaque in the Franklin Thomas Laboratory of Engineering.

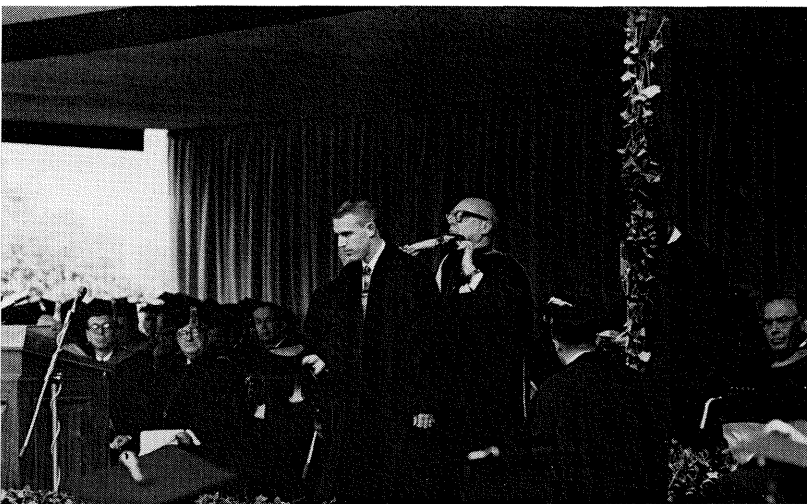
William R. Bauer, who received his BS from Caltech this month, and John H. Arndt, Jr., a junior in

chemistry, received 1961 merit awards from *Chemical and Engineering News*, the weekly publication of the American Chemical Society. The awards, consisting of scrolls, were given this year for the first time — for a combination of high marks, extracurricular activities, and "for providing inspiration and encouragement to all students interested in scientific and engineering careers."

Director of Development

Charles Newton, Assistant to the President at Caltech, has also been appointed Director of Development. He will be in charge of the staff that will direct the Institute's fund-raising activities.

Mr. Newton who has been at Caltech since 1948 as assistant to the president, acted as chief staff officer



for the recent development program. A native of Frankfort, Kentucky, he received his PhB Litt. from the University of Chicago in 1933. He worked for a year as a newspaper reporter, then served as senior copy writer and group copy chief for a number of Chicago and New York firms. During the war, he worked at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Radiation Laboratory, then under the direction of L. A. DuBridge, as group head of special publications and as production manager of a 23-volume series reporting the wartime work of the Laboratory.

New Registrar

Dr. Henry I. Weitzel has been appointed Registrar of the Institute. He takes office July 5. Dr. Weitzel has been serving as research director of the Pasadena City Schools. He succeeds Dr. F. W. Maxstadt, associate professor of electrical engineering, who has been registrar since 1953, and is retiring after 42 years on Caltech's staff.

Dr. Weitzel is a graduate of the University of North Dakota, where he received his BS in 1919 and his MS in 1920. He received his PhD in education and chemistry at the University of Southern California in 1933.

From 1922 to 1924 he taught chemistry and physics at Pasadena High School. He then joined the staff of Pasadena City College, serving as an instructor in applied and industrial chemistry from 1924 to 1928, and then until 1942 served as counselor to engineers, and to science and technology majors.

In 1946 Dr. Weitzel was made dean of student personnel at John Muir College, and in 1951 he became research director of the Pasadena City Schools.

New Trustee

Charles H. Percy, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Bell & Howell Company, has been elected to the Caltech Board of Trustees. Mr. Percy is the fifth national trustee named by Caltech in a move to broaden the geographic base of its board membership. Bell & Howell, a Chicago firm, recently acquired the Consolidated Electrodynamics Corpo-



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ration in Pasadena through a merger, and also established the Bell & Howell Research Center here last year.

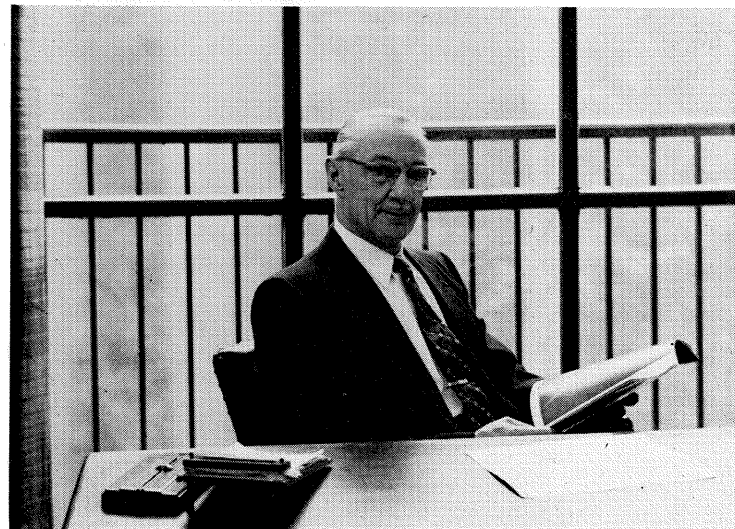
Mr. Percy has been with the company since 1936, when he entered its training program while attending the University of Chicago. He was elected to the board of directors in 1942, and in 1949, at the age of 29, he became president of the company.

In 1949 Mr. Percy was named one of the ten outstanding young men in the United States by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is chairman of the board of the Ford Foundation's Fund for Adult Education, and was chairman of the Republican Platform Committee in 1960. He is a director of the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York, the Harris Trust & Savings Bank in Chicago, and the Burroughs Corporation in Detroit. He is also a trustee of his alma mater, the University of Chicago.

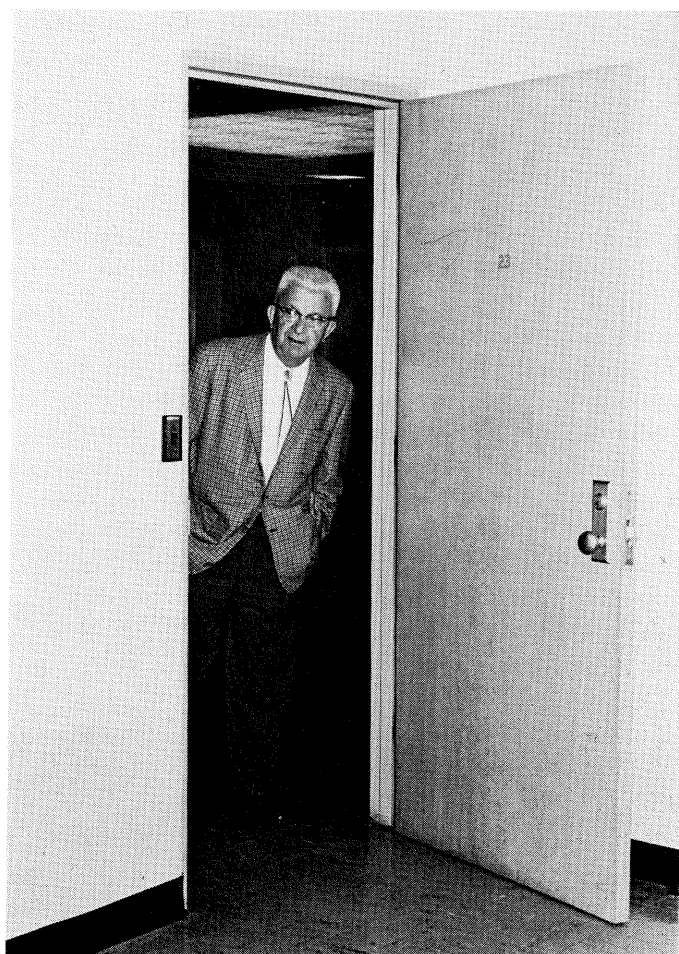


Retiring

Francis W. Maxstadt, Registrar of the Institute and associate professor of electrical engineering, retires after 42 years at Caltech. Dr. Maxstadt received his MS (1925) and PhD (1931) degrees from Caltech and has been serving as registrar since 1953.



Leonora S. Reno, secretary for the geology division, came to work as a substitute in 1926 and stayed on for 35 years. The Geology Club has just named a mountain in Antarctica for her — Mt. Leonora.



Floyd L. Hanes, athletic trainer, is retiring after 38 years on the staff. He was cross country coach from 1934 to 1947 and his squads took top conference honors in 1940-42 and 1945. He also served as track coach from 1943 to 1948.



Ernest G. Anderson, professor of genetics, has been at Caltech for 33 years. Dr. Anderson is known for his research in the field of cytogenetics, particularly in corn, where chromosomal modifications following exposure to atomic and nuclear bomb radiation are proving useful tools for corn improvement.