

# GEORGE W. GREEN

1914 - 1962

George W. Green, Caltech's vice president for business affairs, died on July 21, of complications from a thrombosis of the internal carotid artery.

Mr. Green came to Caltech in 1947 as manager of the accounting office. He was made business manager in 1948, comptroller in 1952, and vice president for business affairs in 1956.

He was born in Batavia, Illinois, in 1914. He received his BS in Business Administration at UCLA in 1937, and became a Certified Public Accountant, State of California, in 1941. He worked with the accounting firm of Price, Waterhouse & Co., from 1937 until 1947, except for three years during World War II when he served as an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

At a memorial service in honor of George Green, held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pasadena on July 26, President DuBridges said:

"To those of us who worked closely with him, George Green's prime characteristics were enthusiasm, devotion, and integrity . . . He took special pleasure in dealing with tough problems, and when they turned out successfully — as they usually did — he literally radiated his pleasure . . . He believed deeply in the California Institute of Technology. He was devoted to its principles and its objectives. And he spent the past 15 years selflessly promoting these objectives.

"But he was far more than a local campus figure. He became active in national organizations of university business officers; he worked devotedly to learn from others, to help others, and to lead these organizations to work together on national problems—problems common to all universities.

"Because of Caltech's situation, he was of course interested in the relations between universities and the federal government, and he did much to promote agreement and unity among universities on problems of government contracts, taxation, federal aid to higher education, and others. He was widely regarded as one of the best and most valued and most respected university business officers in the nation. And he did much to bring to government circles a better understanding of university problems.

"But it is still not only for these reasons that we



shall miss George. We shall miss him because of the kind of man he was — friendly, unselfish, warm-hearted, anxious to be of service, always honest, always loyal to friends and associates. We shall miss him more and more as the days go by — and we come to realize what it means not to have George to turn to for friendly, thoughtful help in difficult problems and for confident, intelligent leadership.

"We have lost a great citizen, an able leader — and an irreplaceable friend. We can only be thankful that, though he is gone, the work he has done will live for a long time, and his influence and inspiration will continue to guide us for years to come."

George Green served on many organizations. He was a member of the Advisory Committee of the National Science Foundation's Institutional Grant Committee, and of the U.S. Public Health Service General Medical Research Program-Project Committee. He was a former trustee of the Institute for Defense Analyses, and was former Secretary-Treasurer of the National Federation of College and University Business Officers Association. He held membership in the Controllers Institute of America and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

He was past secretary and a director of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the Huntington Memorial Hospital, a director of the Atlas Federal Savings & Loan Association of Pasadena, a member of the Advisory Board of the Pasadena Salvation Army, a member of the Pasadena Kiwanis Club, and of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities.