

# The Month at Caltech

## *Scientists of the Year*

Maarten Schmidt and Jesse L. Greenstein, staff members of the Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories, have been named 1965 California Scientists of the Year by the California Museum of Science and Industry for their roles in the discovery of quasi-stellar radio sources.

The award, made by the museum and the California Museum Foundation to provide public recognition to individuals who have made the most noteworthy contributions to the advancement of knowledge, has been given annually since 1958. Dr. Greenstein, professor of astrophysics, and Maarten Schmidt, professor of astronomy, are the third and fourth Caltech faculty members to receive the award. William A. Fowler and Frank Press are former winners.

## *State Advisors*

Clarence R. Allen, professor of geology and geophysics, and interim director of Caltech's Seismological Laboratory, and George W. Housner, professor of civil engineering and applied mechanics, have been named to head two committees of scientists and engineers to advise the state government on geological hazards in California.

Dr. Allen's 11-man committee will advise on methods of collecting scientific data and of initiating investigations to cope with threats of earthquakes, landslides, and floods.

Dr. Housner's 10-man committee is to advise on the internal organization necessary to conduct worthwhile earth sciences programs, to recommend on budgeting problems, and to define the proper balance of responsibilities between state and local agencies in protecting the population from natural hazards.

## *Development Officers*

Lyman G. Bonner, rocket propellant expert and development director of the Hercules Powder Company's explosives department, will become director of foundation relations, associated with Caltech's Development Office, on July 1. Dr. Bonner, a Caltech alumnus (PhD '35), is a brother of James Bonner, professor of biology here. He will assist faculty members in identifying foundations interested in

their fields of endeavor and will assist President DuBridge in seeking general foundation support.

Dr. Bonner received the U.S. Navy's highest civilian award — The Distinguished Public Service Award — for developing new propellants for rockets and guided missiles during World War II. Before joining the Hercules Powder Company 20 years ago, he was a fellow of the National Research Council at Princeton University; a research assistant at both the U.S. Rubber Company in Passaic, New Jersey, and the Geophysical Laboratory in Washington, D.C.; and assistant professor of physics at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

E. Curzon Fager, Jr. has been appointed director of corporate relations of Caltech's Development Office. He will be liaison between the Institute and the corporate community, working to stimulate interest between the two, and to obtain corporation support for research projects. Mr. Fager has been associate director of development since 1958.

David E. Dangler, formerly assistant to the general manager of the Vegetable Oil Products Company in Wilmington, California, (now Foremost Dairies, Inc.) has joined the Development Office as associate director of corporate relations. Mr. Dangler received his BS degree from Yale University in 1942.

Theodore C. Combs, Caltech alumnus (1927) engaged in property development and management, will act as associate director of corporate relations in the Development Office on a limited-time basis. Mr. Combs is a member of the board of directors of the Alumni Association, and has held various other offices in the association, including that of president in 1940.

William C. Cassell has been appointed director of income trusts for the Development Office. He is responsible for the organization and administration of the program of deferred giving and bequests. Mr. Cassell has been serving as assistant to the treasurer of the Claremont Colleges in Pomona. He is a graduate of Pomona College and was formerly with Hornblower and Weeks, members of the New York Stock Exchange.