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## SEMINAR WEEK-END, 1940

### ANNUAL ALUMNI SEMINAR

A record-breaking April heat wave which sent the Pasadena thermometer over the 94-degree mark apparently only served to boost attendance at the Third Annual Alumni Seminar Week-End held on the campus of the Institute April 13 and 14. Over 100 Alumni and guests were registered in the first hour, and total registration for the two-day conference approximated 500.

Enthusiasm and interest in the events, arranged under the supervision of Chairman Sid Bamberger '33, were about evenly divided between the keynote speeches and the departmental seminars held Saturday afternoon. Of particular interest to Seminar goers were Professor Horace N. Gilbert's discussion of "The Bankruptcy of Europe," Professor Theodore G. Soares' analysis of "Shall America Lead the Way?" and the Industrial Relations Seminar led by Mr. Arthur H. Young and Dr. Everett D. Hawkins.

#### DINNER DRAWS CROWD

Dinner at the Annandale Golf Club Saturday evening was attended by over 150 alumni and guests, who enjoyed the entertainment provided by strolling Mexican troubadours and a vigorous and enlightening address on "The Contemporary Foreign Policy of the United States" by Dr. Claude A. Buss of the University of Southern California.

Great credit for the success of the Seminar Week-End, which is almost without a duplicate in American colleges and universities, should go to the members of the committee of Alumni who sponsored and supervised this year's meeting, and to the faculty and teaching associates of the Institute for their cooperation in arranging facilities, leading discussions, and preparing addresses.

The general Week-End Committee was composed of Sid Bamberger '33, Chairman, H. Phillips Henderson '26, Jack Shield '27, Carl Anderson '27, and George Rice III '31.

The Program Committee comprised Fred Peterson '27, Chairman; Wesley Hertenstein '25, Campus Contacts; William Aultman '27, Introductory Speakers; Mark Serrurier '26, Apparatus; and Karl Hegardt '32, Dinner and Luncheon. Departmental Seminars were organized under the direction of Fred Hough '24, Edward Tuttle '28, Fred Schell '27, Edward Cornelison '25, Mike Brunner '25, and George Schroter '28.

#### RECORDS MADE

An unusual feature, tried this year for the first time, was the recording of the principle speeches for permanent records and for transmission to distant groups of Alumni who were unable to attend the meeting. These transcriptions have already been presented to Alumni groups in the North and East and pronounced of great interest.

Widespread publicity in Pasadena and Los Angeles newspapers was accorded the Seminar because of the timeliness of many of the technical and general topics discussed. Industrial relations, contemporary economic problems in this country and the world in general, vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, power through the disintegration of uranium, and the role of mineral resources in international relations proved especially large space-gainers.

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