Pauling at 85

INUS PAULING'S 85TH BIRTHDAY Was the occasion for a day-long seminar in the Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering February 28. "A Salute to Linus Pauling," organized by Ahmed Zewail, professor of chemical physics, featured scientific sessions (held in 22 Gates, the scene of Pauling's Chem 1 lectures), celebratory remarks by a large number of faculty and administration — and some reminiscing. Among the latter was Ed Hutching's after-dinner talk on "The Pauling Era at Caltech." Hutchings, who was editor of Engineering & Science from 1948 to 1979, had gathered for his talk a vast collection of photographs of the Pauling years — from 1922, when Pauling came here as a graduate student, to 1964, a period during which the two-time Nobelist (one for contributions toward understanding chemical bonding, the other for his peace efforts) left a singular stamp on the Institute. A few of the photographs from that remarkable era (and one not from that era) are reproduced here.



Above right: Pauling tries lecture experiment to be used in Chem 1 (1942).



Right: Pauling's office was crammed full of molecular models.

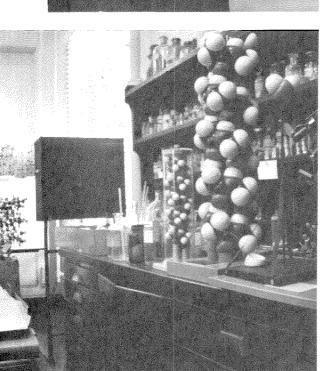


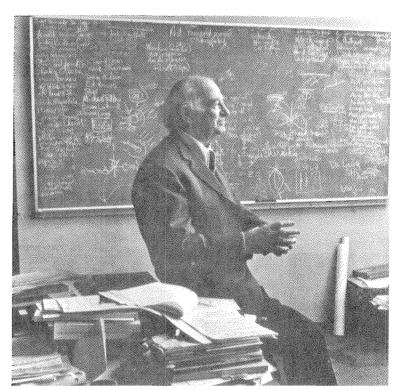
Left: Pauling is besieged by reporters after winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1963. Behind him is daughter, Linda Kamb.

Below left: Although he didn't officially graduate from high school, Pauling finally received his high school diploma 45 years late (1962).

Below: The blackboard in Pauling's office was always covered with notes, rarely erased.









After the Pauling era at Caltech, he relaxes at his Big Sur ranch. Pauling's latest book is How to Live Longer and Feel Better.