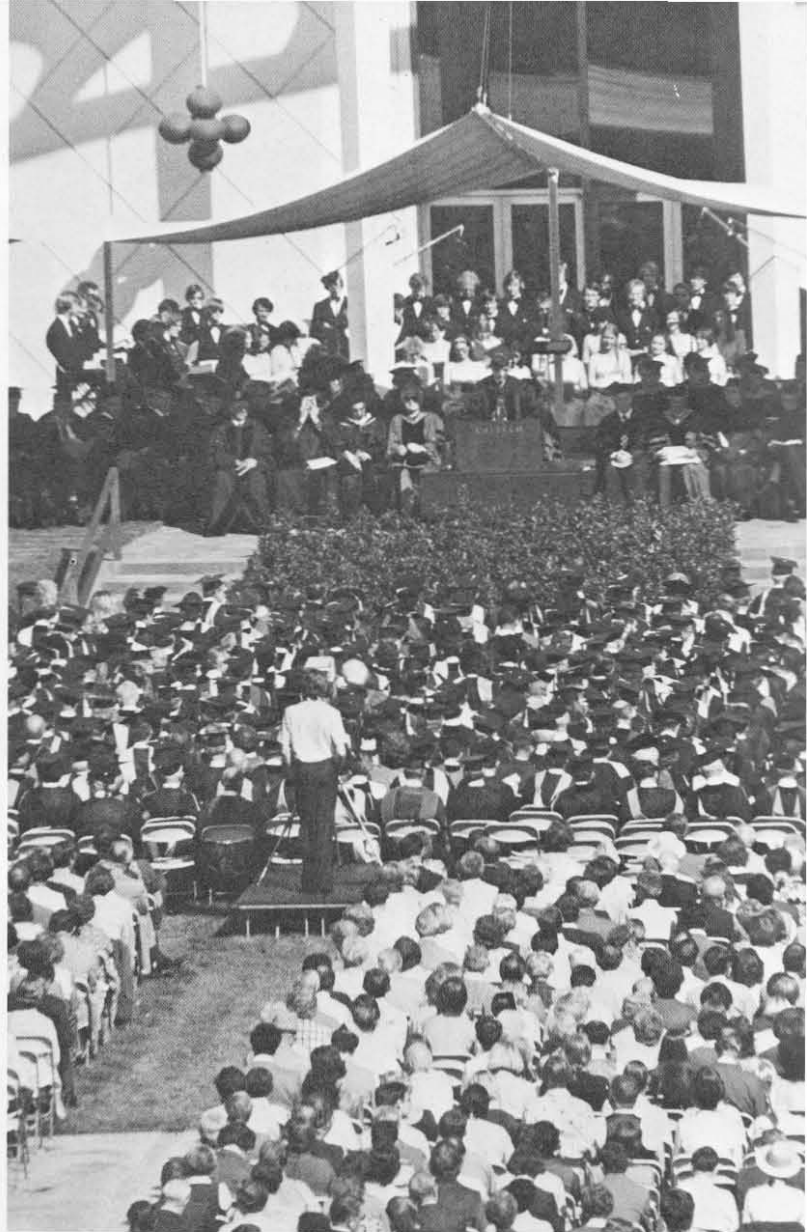It was Caltech's biggest celebration. Nearly 5,000 people came to the inaugural ceremony in the Court of Man.
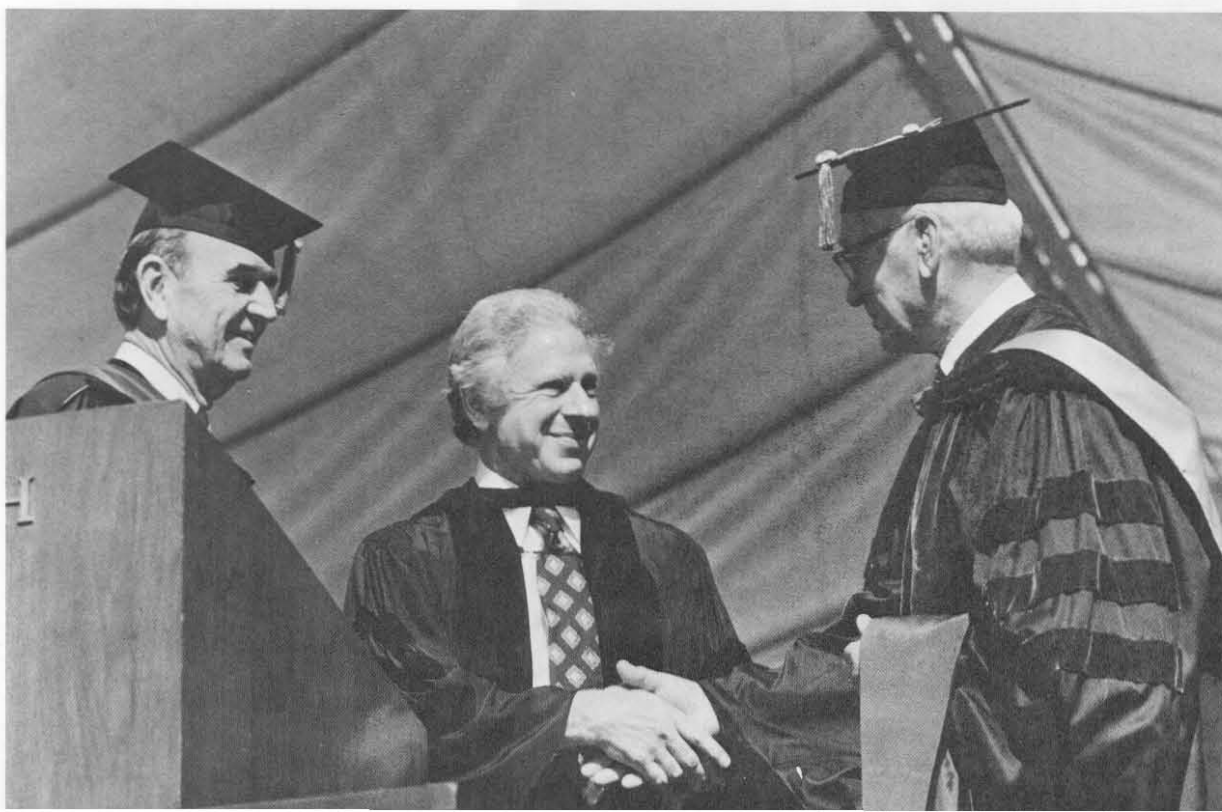
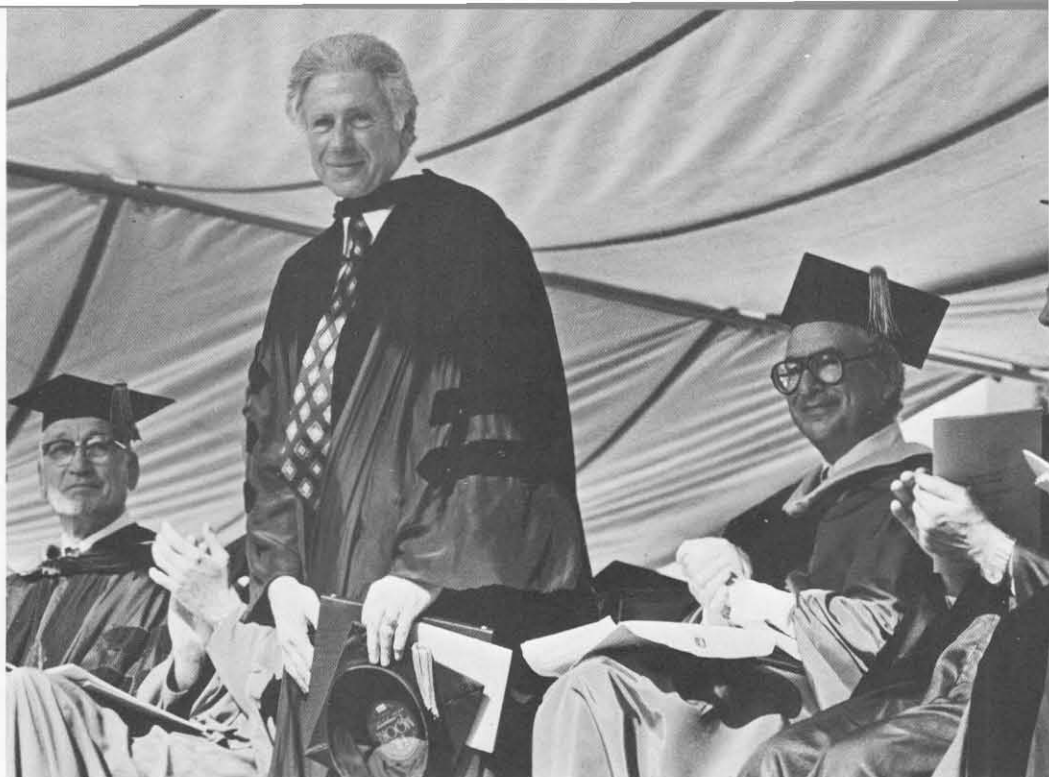# Inauguration of the President

October 27, 1978

Some pictorial highlights
from the inauguration
of
Marvin L. Goldberger
as Caltech's
fourth chief executive

The new president gets his first congratulations from R. Stanton Avery, chairman of the board of trustees (left), and Arnold O. Beckman, emeritus chairman.

Applause for President Gold-berger from Arnold O. Beckman, chairman of the board of trustees emeritus; Murray Gell-Mann, Nobel Laureate; and Alumni President John Fee . . .

. . . and from his wife, Mildred, and two sons, Joel and Samuel . . .

. . . and—in their own special way, of course—from the students, who lowered this banner during the ceremony.

Linus Pauling, professor of chemistry emeritus and Nobel Laureate, elicits a reaction from three spectators, who are still too young to understand why grown men dress up this way.

More than 500 guests attended a dinner on the night before the inauguration, and the Goldbergers managed to greet most of them.

Tables for more than 850 luncheon guests filled every corner of the Athenaeum. Governor William Scranton and Mrs. Scranton, who is a member of the Caltech board of trustees, work their way through the west patio.
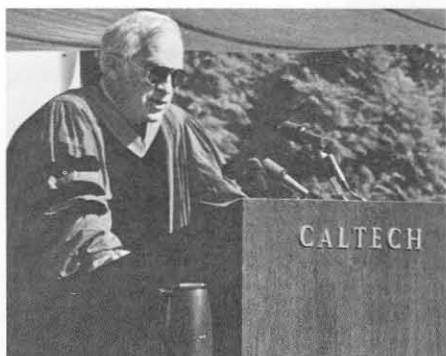

A smiling, newly installed President Goldberger strides down the Olive Walk toward the post-inaugural luncheon.
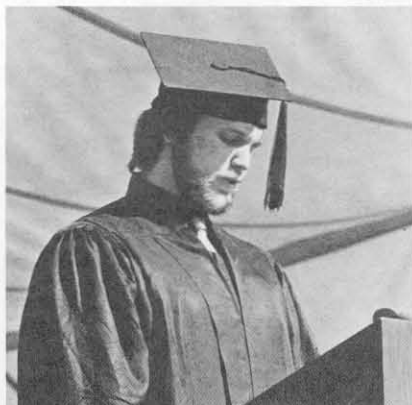

The Averys, the Goldbergers, the Gell-Manns, and Fred Anson, who was chairman of the presidential search committee, lunch at the end of a job well—and happily—done.
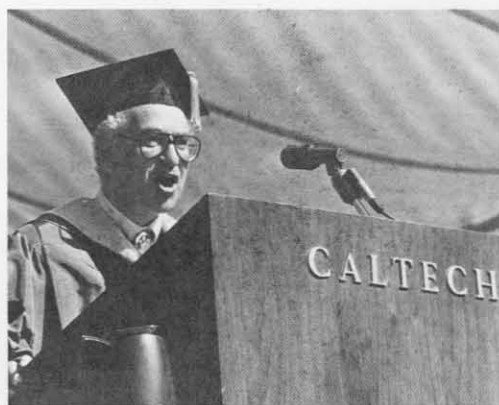
James J. Morgan, *Professor of Environmental Engineering Science; Chairman of the Faculty*

The faculty presidential search committee had a strong sense that the new challenges and opportunities at this point in Caltech's history called for a president who was an intellectual leader, with an excellent reputation as a scholar . . . who would manage the Institute with judgment in selecting people, reasonable accessibility to the faculty, and a willingness to listen . . . who had a genuine interest in students and teaching and a feeling for academic life. We are happy indeed to have found the president who embodies all of these qualities. Dr. Goldberger—Murph—the faculty welcomes you to Caltech.

Raymond G. Beausoleil, Jr., *President of the Associated Students*

In spite of the enormity of the responsibilities conferred upon him today, Dr. Goldberger has remained both amiable and approachable. He has promised that, whenever possible, his office will remain open to all, and he is not unwilling to talk over lunch at Chandler Dining Hall. As a representative of the undergraduates I have emphasized our reactions to his accomplishments. It should become apparent that he is equally responsive to the needs of the entire Caltech community.

Murray Gell-Mann, *Robert Andrews Millikan Professor of Theoretical Physics; Nobel Laureate, Physics 1969*

You all know that he has made enormously important contributions to the theory of fundamental physics . . . but his interests and achievements have been extended to many other fields. He was, for example, a member of President Johnson's Science Advisory Committee, chairman of some of its panels. It has always been natural to make Murph chairman or president. He is an obvious person for a leader—first of all because he enjoys it so much. For another thing, he does a splendid job without being obnoxious —except occasionally to people who really deserve it.

Leonard I. Beerman, *Rabbi, Leo Baeck Temple, West Los Angeles*

Bless this Institute and bless its president; guide and guard them. Grant unto him a wise heart, and grant unto him also a generous portion of humor— much needed in Pasadena, and in other parts of this very somber world in which we have been fated to live. And give to him, and to all who serve with him in the quest for knowledge and wisdom, the courage to be humble and the muscle to be compassionate, so that whatever their minds and hearts seek to do, they may do with all their might.

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