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The San Francisco Chapter meets weekly for lunch at the Fraternity Club, 345 Bush Street, on Mondays.

## C.I.O. ORGANIZER SPEAKS TO ALUMNI

LABOR'S View of the Industrial Future and the Taft-Hartley Act" was the speaker's subject at the first dinner meeting for the 1947-48 year in October. Mr. John A. Despol, international field representative with the United Steel Workers of America, said that he was speaking both as a union organizer and as a private citizen on the premise that he believed thoroughly in civil liberties and the right to speak out against any impending dictatorship, whether it be political, church, capital or labor.

The platform of the C.I.O. includes among its planks: a guaranteed annual wage; more social security; international control of atomic energy; and the spending of more money on education.

A constant threat to our future, said Mr. Despol, is the infiltration of Communism into our society. The C.I.O., under the leadership of Phillip Murray, who is a staunch Catholic, is waging a bitter fight against Communism. Labor's attitude on the Taft-Hartley Act is that it is a legislative monstrosity incapable of enforcement and a measure over which even the authors are in disagreement concerning the meaning.

Approximately 30 minutes of questions and answers concluded Mr. Despol's part of the meeting.



## LIEUT. GOVERNOR WILL SPEAK AT DECEMBER ALUMNI MEETING

LIEUTENANT Governor Goodwin J. Knight will speak at the December 4 dinner meeting of the Association. "America Comes of Age" is his topic, to consist of a critical analysis of current national problems.

Preceding Lieut. Gov. Knight on the program is Frederick C. Lindvall '28, youthful professor of electrical and mechanical engineering, chairman of the Division of Civil and Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics, and a member of the Executive Committee. Dr. Lindvall will briefly discuss "Current Engineering Interests at the Institute."

Lieut. Gov. Knight, whose talk, it is expected, will be transcribed and broadcast later in the evening of December 4, is a Stanford graduate. He received the bachelor's degree in 1919 following 19 months of Naval service.

Upon his graduation, he received the Telluride Scholarship grating him a year of study at Cornell. Knight then returned to Los Angeles, where he practiced law until 1934.

In 1933 he purchased a Mojave Desert gold mine. Developing the property, he operated it successfully until 1936, when he sold one-half interest. Knight's employee relationships of that period are still considered a model of good mine operation. His mine was not troubled by strikes and work stoppages prevalent in that area.

Appointed Judge of the Superior Court in Los Angeles County in 1935, he faced 5 contenders for this office in the elections of 1936. Knight defeated them all in the primaries, and was opposed in 1942.

Knight was elected Lieutenant Governor in the fall of 1946, and assumed office last January.

## With the Board

WE have mentioned how the affairs of the Association have grown in number and complexity. One means of assuring that there always will be experienced members of the Board is that of replacing only part of the membership each year. This has served well but even so it has been difficult for new Board members to take hold quickly. To remedy this situation, Don Clark suggested along toward the end of the 1945-46 year that a pamphlet describing how the Board works and what it does would be very helpful. The writer was then a member of the Board without portfolio and so he took on the preparation of a Manual of Operations.

The draft prepared at that time was turned over to Harold Huston at the beginning of the 1946-47 year and he labored hard and long collecting comments and advice of past and present members of the Board. In June 1947 when Harold's term on the Board expired he turned over to Jim Bradburn, his successor, a pile of Manual papers about an inch thick, saying the job of collecting was done and from then on, the editing, rewriting, and compiling could receive full attention. Jim Bradburn has secured the aid of Earl Burt whose job it now is to distil from this mass of notes the essence of wisdom and experience which went into their preparation and to present this essence clearly and briefly. Having seen how Earl gets things done the writer has great confidence that there will soon be a Manual of Operations for the Board of Directors and officers of the Association, and that it will be a good one.

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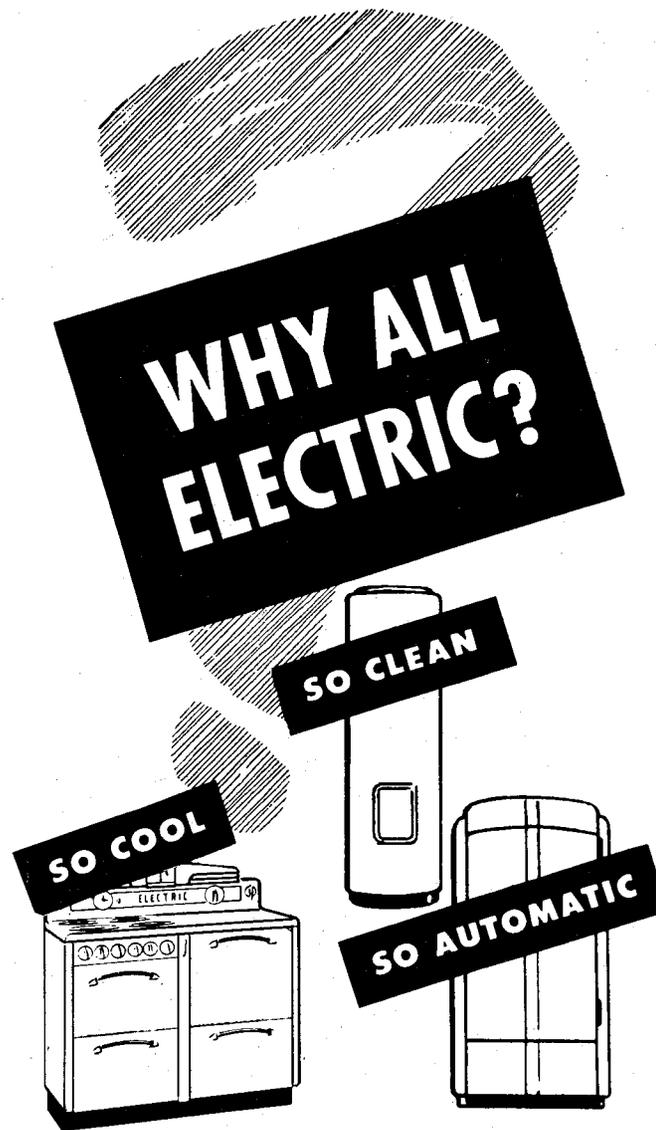
You've heard of the difficulty experienced occasionally when a person has tried to give away dollar bills or to sell five-dollar bills for a dollar. As you know, the Association By-laws provide for the remission to chapters of a fraction of the membership dues paid to the parent association. This provision is to encourage the formation and activity of alumni chapters wherever there are enough Tech men to warrant. The only requirement to receive remission of the sum due is that a chapter notify headquarters of its membership each year; a check is then sent to that chapter. Yet in some cases, the director in charge of chapters frequently asks chapters more than once if they want the money. As this is written one or two chapters still can obtain financial aid for their activities by writing to Doug Sellers, care of the Alumni Association. And we might add, Doug will be glad to see that the money is forwarded promptly.

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### DAVID PRESSMAN '37 NOW DOING RESEARCH IN NEW YORK

DR. DAVID PRESSMAN '37, American Cancer Society senior fellow, who has been doing research work at the Institute on immuno-chemical radio activity tracers on tumors and tumor tissue, is continuing his work in New York City at the Sloan Kettering Institute Memorial Hospital. After receiving his doctorate here in 1940, Dr. Pressman remained at the Institute as a research fellow from 1940 to 1942 when he became a senior fellow in the Chemistry Department. During the past year he has been a research fellow of the Cancer Society, carrying on work under a Cancer Society Grant.

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