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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Alumni Association and the Institute are opening their new years in a critical time in the history of our nation and our civilization, a time when the values of personal liberty and freedom of thought that we have cherished so much in the past are being challenged both in the world as a whole and within our own communities. More than ever educated men, scientists, engineers, and thinkers, must stand together and strive to insure the progress of civilization.

We Alumni of the California Institute have a great heritage, and we believe that one of the best ways to preserve that heritage is through continued cooperation and interest in the Alumni Association. No longer the struggling youngster that it was a few years ago, the Association is now a vigorous organization with much to offer its members. In fact we may boast with pride and with fairness that our Alumni Association offers more real benefits and more real opportunities in social and other activities than any other alumni body in the country — and at less cost.

This year we expect to have the largest membership in our history, and of course the larger the membership and the greater the extent of cooperation, the more successful our program will be. May we call to your attention some of the things we have in store.

1. A larger and more interesting Alumni Review. More Alumni comment on this phase of our Association's program than on any other, and interest is continually evidenced by readers and contributors alike. Increased revenues make possible more pages and better articles.
2. Monthly meetings, featuring subjects and speakers of great interest to Alumni in scientific and other fields.
3. The annual dance, featuring outstanding orchestras and held for the last two years at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.
4. The annual stag and field day. A day of recreation and fun, and a chance to renew old friendships.
5. The Seminar Week-End. This is another outstanding accomplishment of your Association and one almost without parallel among other American colleges. Over 500 Alumni and their guests attended the 1940 Seminar.
6. Alumni Directory. A new directory is scheduled to come off the presses this year, with complete data on all Tech graduates and degree-holders. This is another unique service of your Association.
7. Enlarged placement service. With the fame of the Institute constantly spreading, better positions are available for Tech Alumni, and the Association-sponsored Placement Office under the capable direction of Professor Clark and Miss Dierkes is always at your call.

We are sure that the above summary of Association activities, to mention none of our services to undergraduates, to the Institute's athletic teams, or to the Institute itself, will give you a picture of the considerable task we are carrying through, and suggest possibilities for even greater achievements.

Here's to a successful year!

THEODORE C. COMBS, 27, President.