



By Leroy Beckman

BY ISSUANCE of another of his famous executive orders, President Roosevelt has created for himself an advisory board consisting of 32 members. The President destroyed his Executive Council by consolidating it with the National Emergency Council, and at the head of that council sits Donald R. Richberg, who virtually becomes the President's "right-hand" man.

THE NATIONAL Emergency Council is now composed of the following members, subject to revision by the President: The President of the United States, all 10 cabinet members, the Director of the Budget, the secretary to the President, assistant secretary of the Treasury, the Administrator of Agricultural Adjustment, Federal Relief Administrator, chairman of the RFC, chairman of the TVA, chairman of the Home Loan Bank Board, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, the director of CCC, the governor of the Farm Credit Administration, the adviser on consumer problems, chairman of the NRA board, chairman of the Federal Alcohol Control Board, Federal Housing Administrator, president of the Export-Import Banks of Washington, chairman of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, chairman of the Federal Power Commission, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the governor of the Federal Reserve Board, and the executive director, Mr. Richberg.

EACH OF the 32 officials contained in the foregoing list have broad powers which may in turn be exercised by Richberg. This apparently places the executive director above the 10 cabinet members. As set forth by the President, Mr. Richberg is authorized to execute the function and perform the duties vested in the council by the President through such persons as Richberg himself shall designate, and he is further granted the privilege to prescribe such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary to effectively discharge the duties of the council, provided the President agreed. There is also provision for the executive director to avail himself of the services of officials and employees of any government department or agency.

WHEN WE consider the scope of activities under the National Emergency Council, or more exactly, under Mr. Donald R. Richberg, we begin to see power in the hands of an individual. We saw similar conditions with General Johnson as NRA administrator. Johnson gave and Johnson received, perhaps a little too much of the latter. Nevertheless, Mr. Johnson as an individual is responsible for a large portion of the concerted effort toward improved conditions. Comments have been made to the effect that power similar to

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J. R. Lang Elected Pi Nu Epsilon Head

Armour's chapter of Pi Nu Epsilon held its periodical meeting for the purpose of electing officers on Tuesday, November 13, at the Pi Tau Sigma fraternity rooms. The president-elect is J. Russell Lang, and his associate officers are J. K. Morrison, vice president-elect, and C. Grakavac, secretary-treasurer-elect.

Pi Nu Epsilon is an honorary musical fraternity requiring for membership at least two years of active service towards the advancement of music.

At this meeting no pledges were announced, but plans were made for pledging in the near future. A discussion was also held concerning the interhonorary banquet to be held Monday evening, December 17.

Name Committees for Senior Class

Elect Placement Committee By Departments

Performing the second duty of his new office, A. E. Lauchiskis, president of the senior class, appointed four committees last week. A fifth committee, organized to aid in the placement of graduates, was elected by the various departments following the meeting of the class held a week ago last Friday.

The four appointed committees and their members are as follows:

Jewelry: E. N. Searl (chairman), A. E. Christoph, M. C. Forsyth, J. R. Lang, F. Henke and B. Jones.

Announcement: W. B. Ahern (chairman), L. W. Davidson, R. D. Armsbury, W. W. Henning, S. Bernstein and L. W. Biegler.

Cap and Gown: J. N. Weiland (chairman), R. J. Maci, A. J. Rosen, K. O. Stoecking, J. L. Roberts and A. N. Wolf.

Photography: J. M. Bard, G. W. Wheaton (co-chairmen), J. F. Humiston, J. De Boo, B. Rigoni and C. M. Zukowski.

The placement committee which was elected last week by the departments of the senior class is a new and original idea. Each department elected one man to the committee, whose duty it will be to decide the advisability of publishing a graduate information book. This book will contain pictures and short biographies of the members of the senior class.

The group will also co-operate with the faculty placement committee, and in this manner it expects to have greater success in the placement of graduates.

The members of the committee are as follows: L. J. Beckman, R. F. Berger, L. R. Kerlin, S. S. Granger, R. L. Friede and C. P. Grakavac.

Fraternity Group to Hold Meeting

To get a closer relation between the Institute and the fraternities is the aim of the fraternity affairs committee which is headed by professor D. P. Moreton. This committee, which is already functioning, has invited, by means of letters, alumni representatives of the various fraternities here at school to sit in on a meeting to be held tomorrow, November 21.

The primary aim of the meeting is to review the whole situation at the present time. Since the rules governing the fraternity situation at other schools do not apply here, the committee can act in any manner they see fit, and for this reason the aid of the fraternities is solicited.

McCormack Attends A.I.Ch.E. Convention

Professor H. McCormack, director of Chemical Engineering, attended the three day meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers at Pittsburgh last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Professor McCormack is a member of the Institute's committees on local sections, student chapters, and legislation. In addition to the customary technical sessions of the entire group at which papers of interest were presented, each of the individual committees held separate meetings.

Actives Present at Chi Epsilon Pledgings

Meeting last night at the Triangle fraternity house, the Armour chapter of Chi Epsilon, national honorary civil engineering fraternity, pledged A. Lester and B. Rigoni, of the senior class, and R. R. Johnson, a junior.

The active and alumni members present were well satisfied with the ignorance shown by the pledges.

ALUMNI CONVENE AT MEDINAH CLUB TOMORROW NIGHT

Hotchkiss, Cunningham Will Report on Progress

TO HEAR MUSIC CLUBS

Meeting at the Medinah Michigan Avenue Club this evening at 6:30 p. m. for their annual winter banquet, Armour alumni will renew many old friendships with their classmates, the faculty, and the trustees. Each class has been planning to get their gang together for the affair to help make it a great success, and with a well planned program already assured it undoubtedly will be.

One of the outstanding features of the evening besides the banquet itself is a musical program to be presented by the one hundred members of the Armour glee club and orchestra under the leadership of Mr. O. Gordon Erickson. Many of the alumni perhaps have not had the opportunity of hearing these musical organizations, and it will be their first treat of hearing this active group at Armour present one of their well known programs.

Mr. James D. Cunningham, president of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Willard E. Hotchkiss, president of Armour Institute, will address the alumni at the banquet, and the report of the Public Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees will be read.

Also on the program for the occasion is the consideration of changes in the constitution of the Alumni Association. The changes desired are ones that will make the Alumni organization more effective in its service to Armour Institute and to the alumni as a whole.

Professor John J. Schommer, president of the Armour Alumni Association, and Professor D. P. Moreton, secretary, have been responsible for most of the arrangements for this annual gathering.

Eta Kappa Nu Plans Initiation Ceremony

Plans for the inquisition of pledges and the initiation banquet held by Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical engineering fraternity, have been made.

Inquisition of pledges will be held at the Beta Psi fraternity house, at 3337 Michigan avenue, Friday evening, November 23.

The annual initiation banquet will be held at the Medinah Michigan Avenue club on Tuesday evening, December 4. Members of the faculty and about fifty alumni are expected to attend in addition to the active members and pledges.

Miracles Happen, The Dead Arise, Freshmen Show Some Life at Last

When a sophomore divests a freshman of that material which is used as a protection against the elements and sundry, by the portion of the human anatomy which is used for locomotion, that is not news, but when a freshman departs a sophomore, well, that's the height of something or other.

"Today we will avenge ourselves," said the freshmen. But no revenge. Time and time again that hackneyed phrase broke the silence. When the crucial moment arrived the freshmen gradually disappeared. But last Friday the worm turned, in fact it made several complete revolutions, the net result of which was the loss of one pair of pants by a sophomore. To a sophomore this is more than embarrassing as well as unusual, especially this early in the season. That little incident brings to mind the old problem of whether "pants" is a common noun, or not, being singular at the top and plural at the bottom.

'In the Zone' Will Be Given Friday

Next Friday at 10:30 a. m. the Armour Players will present their first drama of the year, "In the Zone." The scene takes place during the war on board ship. A suspected spy—presence of submarines—all help to create a tense atmosphere.

The cast of characters as corrected from last week is as follows:

Yank T. F. Jones
Ivan M. Pantone
Smitty A. Kulpak
Scotty R. Weissman
Swanson H. Bauermeister
Driscoll S. Miner
Davis A. S. Schreiber
Cocky E. C. Hoyer

Director—Professor Walter Hendricks.

A number of the cast have already played before the Armour student body and will therefore be well versed in the art of entertaining such a group of drama seekers.

On account of the expenses attached to a play of this sort 10 cents admission will be charged. The cast will work every night this week so the play should be well worth the slight admission fee. Classes will be excused that period.

Seniors Ready to Sell Dance Bids

Heading the coming parade of class dances, the annual Senior Informal will take place December 7, at the Shoreland hotel, 55th Street and the lake.

In former years the seniors have had the honor of introducing the social season, and so this year are keeping up the tradition. Techawks and their partners will dance to the music of Bill Paden's ten-piece dance band, well-known in Chicago's collegiate life. Bids will be \$1.50, ready for distribution this week.

W. A. Trudelle is chairman of the committee in charge of the dance. On the committee are J. J. Ahern, L. A. Cullen, M. C. Forsyth, F. J. Meyer, J. M. O'Connor, and R. H. Wittekindt.

To advertise the dance, a poster contest is being held. The student who executes the best poster will get one bid as the first prize, while the second and third prizes are half bids. The deadline for the contest is Friday, so all posters must be in on that day.

F.P.E.S. to Hear Talk at Meeting Tomorrow

All junior and senior Fire Protects will be excused from class tomorrow, November 21, at 10:30, so they will be able to hear Mr. Grant Bissell at a meeting of the F. P. E. S.

Mr. Bissell is state agent for the Aetna Fire Insurance Company. He will speak on the life and problems of a state agent. The meeting will be in the electrical lecture room.

The members of Honor A will hold a meeting in the Tau Beta Pi rooms at one o'clock tomorrow.

All Freshmen and Sophomores interested in the "Cycle" are requested to report to George Wheaton, Editor, Thursday at 5 p. m., at the "Cycle" offices in Chapin Hall, 4th entrance.

Seek Revision in Evening Classes

Correlation of Studies to Be Undertaken

Investigation of the best suited and most rounded out curriculum for students is being extended to the evening school at Armour. Upper classmen will recall some of the changes that have occurred in the curriculum with respect to the general outline of their engineering courses since their freshman year. With the idea of giving the best to all students, work is under way to readjust the evening school classes, also.

Too Much Specialization

Heretofore evening classes have been to a great extent specialized subjects. In most cases, those attending the classes were adults interested in increasing their knowledge along the lines in which were working. No thought was given to the young man who was financially unable to attend the day school and who had an ambition to earn a degree.

Up to the present time there has been a lack of successive correlation of subjects being taught in the evening school. It is hoped that this defect will be remedied in the near future, so that anyone who is interested may complete two of his college years in the evening school. This will require four to five years of consistent night school attendance to accomplish and will be the stepping stone for many who unfortunately cannot attend the day school.

Will Add Subjects

Since the specialized subjects have always been popular to adult students, it is not likely that any of them will be discarded. In order to accomplish a night school program covering an equivalent of two years in the day school, many subjects not being taught at the present, will be added. The revision of the night school classes will necessitate the complete revision of the evening school bulletin which should be of great interest to those men who unfortunately must delay their education to provide financial assistance to themselves or their immediate relatives.

A.I.Ch.E. will Hear Carl S. Miner Friday

Carl S. Miner, director of the Miner Chemical Laboratories, is to be the guest speaker of the A. I. Ch. E., this coming Friday, Nov. 23, at 11:30. Mr. Miner will speak on the interesting topic "The Chemical Engineer on the Witness Stand."

This talk which is to constitute the first meeting of the society is to be one of the series of lectures voted on by means of a questionnaire that was passed out to junior and senior chemicals. The topics for these lectures are taken from those suggested by these questionnaires.

Jack Wieland, president of the A. I. Ch. E., has been putting forth much effort in trying to revive the club's activities. He also has plans for a debate on "The Value of Research," later in the semester.

A.I.E.E. Throws Ideas on Tossing a Smoker

Amidst a shower of erasers and chalk the members of the A. I. E. E. decided at last Friday's meeting to hold a smoker in the early part of December. Vice-chairman Auge was appointed to take charge of the affairs. No definite time or place has been set for the smoker as yet.

BLOUGH TO LEAVE INSTITUTE FOR A GOVERNMENT JOB

Dutton Assumes Duties as Chairman of Social Science Department

VACANCY NOT FILLED

Professor Carman G. Blough, chairman of the social sciences, will teach his last class at Armour on Nov. 28, and leave for Washington to take up his duties as security analyst for the newly created Securities and Exchange Commission. His chairmanship will be filled by Professor H. P. Dutton. As yet no instructor has been selected to fill the vacancy.

Will Examine Appraisals

This Securities and Exchange Commission was created to regulate security exchanges in the country and to supervise the issuance of the securities by corporations. Professor Blough's duties will be to analyze and supervise the examination of statements, appraisals, and other reports of the companies to determine whether they are correctly representing the facts which they propose to give to the public as a basis for the sale of their securities. If the department discovers a company making misleading statements or concealing important facts in its prospectus and other advertising or publications, it will be forbidden to sell securities until the department is satisfied that the statements are proper.

Leaves Commerce Group

Professor Blough's connection was established through his work which he performed in Wisconsin several years ago where he was involved in cases when he came in contact with the man who is in charge of the security regulation.

Besides severing his connection with the Institute, Professor Blough is also resigning from his duties with the Illinois Commerce Commission where he was employed rewriting and classifying accounts for electric, gas, and water companies since last summer.

Kiwanians Hear Two Music Clubs

Enlivening an already happy meeting of the Chicago Kiwanis club, the Armour Tech Musical Clubs made their second combined appearance of the season last Thursday. The Kiwanians proved to be quite adept in community singing themselves, and spurred the glee club to a pleasing performance of several of its old favorites and one new number, the ever popular "Sylvia."

Professor W. B. Ambary, former lecturer and instructor of English at the Institute, gave one of his inexhaustible stock of poems in the French-Canadian dialect.

The clubs' next joint appearance will be tonight at the Medinah Michigan Avenue club, where for the second successive time the alumni association of Armour Tech turns to "local talent" for entertainment at its semi-annual meeting. The glee club and orchestra gave a concert at the meeting last June.

Smoker Tomorrow By Alpha Chi Sigma

Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemical fraternity, will hold a smoker tomorrow evening at the Beta Psi fraternity house, 3337 Michigan avenue. It was originally scheduled for November 14, but was postponed because of the storm. Tech News smoker the same night.

A large turnout, composed of members, alumni, and junior members as guests, is expected. Mr. Van Doren, central division commander of the fraternity, will also be present. The evening will be spent in card playing, ping pong, and billiards.