New Chapters Receive Charters

At Lake Forest, Illinois, on February 9, Senator Laurence M. Gould, president of Carleton College, installed the Theta Chapter of Illinois at Lake Forest College. The charter was accepted by the chapter president, Harold R. Hutcheson, professor of English, in behalf of the fourteen charter members at a morning convocation in the First Presbyterian Church.

Adlai E. Stevenson, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and Herbert L. Block, political cartoonist of the Washington Post and Times-Herald, were elected to honorary membership in the chapter. Both Ambassador Stevenson and Mr. Block hold honorary degrees from Lake Forest College. The initiation of new members, four senior students and four alumni members, took place later in the afternoon at the home of William Graham Cole, president of the college. A reception, to which Phi Beta Kappa members in the community were invited, was followed by a dinner in Hixon Hall on the campus to celebrate the installation of the chapter.

Lake Forest had its beginnings in the early 1850's in the inspiration of several pioneer citizens of Chicago. These leading members of the Second Presbyterian Church saw the need for an institution near Chicago in which young men might be trained for the ministry. In 1857, the legislature of the State of Illinois granted a charter to the trustees of Lind University, as the college was then called. In 1865, the name was changed to Lake Forest University, and it is under this charter that the institution continues its corporate existence.

In 1961, 864 men and women were enrolled in the college, and 141 students were awarded the B.A. degree, the only degree that the college confers. A new calendar plan, which went into effect last September, provides for three courses each term rather than the five formerly carried by every student. The two-semester system has been replaced by three terms each year so that a student now takes nine one-term courses in a college year instead of the previous ten.

The 166th chapter of Phi Beta Kappa—Iota of Virginia—was installed at Hollins College on February 20 by William C. DeVane, president of the United Chapters. John A. Logan, president of the college and of the chapter, accepted the charter for the fourteen founding members in formal evening ceremonies in the college Little Theater. The installation was followed by the initiation of eight alumnae members and four members in course.

Located five miles north of Roanoke, Virginia, Hollins is a liberal arts college for women. The origins of the college go back to the 1840's when there was a ferment of liberal reforms in the country's history. Among these was women's education and Roanoke Female Seminary, later Valley Union Seminary, was an educational endeavor set up in 1842 to meet this need.

Through the years the status of the institution was changed from private to public to private control, and the name from Valley Union Seminary to Hollins Institute and finally in 1911 to Hollins College. The curriculum is drawn up with the idea that a common body of knowledge be held by all graduates, but with sufficient flexibility to allow the fullest development of the aptitudes and proficiencies of the student. In its concern for widening the horizons of the young woman of today, Hollins has developed a foreign study program—Hollins Abroad, Russian Area Study, and strong modern language offerings with emphasis on native-speaking faculty and modern language laboratory equipment.

The official installation ceremonies of the Fordham University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, Tau of New York, were held on the evening of March 1, in the ballroom of the University's new Campus Center. Whitney J. Oates, professor of classics at Princeton University and vice president of the United Chapters, was the installing officer. He also delivered the principal address, entitled "Aretē," the Greek word for excellence. Five honorary and six alumni members were admitted as foundation members.

More than two hundred guests attended the installation, including official (Continued on page 4)
Science and Government

HARRISON BROWN

The growth of science and technology, like the growth of agriculture before them, has resulted in dramatic changes in ways of life and in rapid increases in human population. Today, we who live in highly developed technological societies have become enormously dependent upon the continued smooth functioning of science and technology for our survival, just as our ancestors became dependent upon the smooth functioning of agriculture.

As our industrial society becomes increasingly complex, as our supplies of high-grade reserves decrease, as our population grows, and as military technological developments accelerate, our dependence upon science and technology will continue to increase. More and more we will find scientific and technological considerations entering into government decision-making processes.

In view of this rapidly growing dependence, it is important that we ask ourselves a number of questions. Is there adequate recognition of this problem in the legislative and executive branches of government and in political circles generally? How can governmental problems involving science and technology be adequately handled within the framework of democratic processes? Is the scientific community at large prepared to accept the increasing governmental responsibilities that will probably be thrust upon it?

Before I attempt to explore possible answers to these questions, I would like to discuss some of the dangers and penalties we face if we fail adequately to inject scientific and technological considerations into governmental decisions.

The most immediate danger confronting mankind is that of all-out nuclear war. This danger results in large measure from the tremendous mobilization of science and technology for military purposes that has taken place in both the Soviet Union and the United States since World War II. In little more than a decade and a half we have seen the development of atomic bombs, long-range jet bombers, thermonuclear bombs, intermediate range missiles, polaris submarines capable of carrying many megatons of explosives, and now intercontinental missiles capable of accurately delivering explosives in the megaton range half way around the world. The nature of the arms race, in which action breeds reaction, which in turn breeds new action, makes it appear inevitable that unless something new is introduced into the system, we rapidly will approach the time when both the Soviet Union and the United States will have invulnerable weapons systems capable of destroying each other as functioning nations.

I do not believe that under the circumstances either the Soviet Union or the United States would initiate a premeditated all-out nuclear attack designed to destroy the opponent. I think that the leaders of the two countries are guided more by common sense than by emotion, and would not knowingly take action that could lead only to the destruction of both nations. Nevertheless if developments continue in the future as they have during the last fifteen years, I believe that an all-out nuclear war involving the Soviet Union and the United States is, in the long run, inevitable. It will be a war which neither nation intends to precipitate. It cannot be stated just how it will come about or when it will come about, but we do know that the kind of situation toward which we are heading is basically unstable—that any major rocking of the boat, whether accidental, by the action of a third power, or by escalation, can trigger it. The most we can expect by continued vigorous participation in the arms race is a postponement of the fateful day.

Something new must be introduced into the system if we are to avoid destruction. In the fifteen years during which I have thought seriously about these problems, I have been unable to conceive of any solution that makes sense from a long-range point of view other than what is now referred to by both Premier Krushchev and President Kennedy as General and Complete Disarmament, within the framework of adequate inspections and controls. I have concluded that this is the goal toward which we must push rapidly and for which we must mobilize not only our political genius, but our scientific and technological genius as well.

We cannot achieve such a goal overnight. Many difficulties, both political and technical, lie in the path. Many problems must be solved. A series of stages must be devised, designed to stabilize the military situation as disarmament progresses and as inspections and controls are introduced into the system. But before disarmament can progress, there must be an agreement, and that agreement must be universal. Before there can be an agreement, there must be negotiation, and negotiation will take time. In the meantime, what do we do? I fear that we have no choice. We are trapped in the arms race, and until a reasonable agreement is reached and at ending it, we must pursue it—attempting to avoid rocking the boat unduly, and doing everything we can to introduce stabilizing elements into the system. In doing this, however, we must recognize that at best it is a stopgap measure—and a distasteful one at that. It is in this area that scientists can play an enormously important role. The task of maintaining military strength and at the same time restraining ourselves from provocative undertakings that might trigger military action is an extraordinarily difficult one. In my opinion the political, economic, and technical research and development effort to achieve a disarmed world should be as great as the effort now being directed toward the solution of problems of a purely military-technical nature. Our current efforts in this direction are woefully inadequate. Insofar as we can tell, the efforts of the Soviet Union are less even than ours.

Another potential region of disaster...
which involves science and technology is the economic development of the vast under-developed areas of Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The people of these areas have strong desires to improve their lot—to have enough to eat, to have adequate housing, clothing, and transportation, and at least some of the luxuries now possessed by people in the economically developed areas of the world. It is clear that if they are to attain this improvement, they must industrialize. Equally important, they must industrialize at a rate sufficiently rapid that marked economic improvement is apparent to the average individual during the course of his lifetime.

If development does not proceed at a sufficiently rapid rate, there is bound to be discontent and upheaval and the pressures will become great to adopt the political techniques that have been used by nations with rapid rates of development—specifically those used by the Soviet Union and by the Peoples Republic of China. Most of these areas may well negotiate their development within the framework of strict totalitarian control and quite possibly within the framework of Marxist-Leninist philosophy. In the future, the free nations of the West may well find themselves an island surrounded by a vast sea of Communist totalitarianism.

There are numerous areas of research and development, directly related to the problems of the underdeveloped countries, in which scientists and engineers can collaborate usefully with other specialists such as economists and sociologists. Many problems must be solved that are peculiar to the individual areas—problems of surveying and evaluating mineral resources, food production, water, transportation, communication, education, urban growth, and population control.

On the domestic side, the upward spiral of science and technology will almost certainly give rise to a variety of problems of increasing severity. As a result of a multiplicity of technological advances, both our agricultural and industrial production per man hour of work have increased steadily during the past several decades. It would appear that productivity will continue to rise in the decades ahead and there is no obvious limit to the output per man hour which eventually can be achieved. Indeed, with proper application of technology, the time could well arrive when all of the essentials of life are produced by machines, with only a small component of human labor being involved.

As we come closer to such a time, many of the economic problems that already confront us will become greatly accentuated. Will laborers work substantially fewer hours each day or will total production be greatly increased? If total production is greatly increased, will the surplus production be primarily for domestic consumption or for consumption abroad? To what extent will workers gravitate to the services?

Many other questions can be asked about the interrelationships between our expanding technology and our economy. How large will our population become? It is growing rapidly and our eastern seaboard already has reached a population density equivalent to that which exists in Western Europe today. If this trend were to continue so that the entire continental area of the United States reached such a level of population density, which is quite possible, the total population would approach one billion persons, most of whom would live in cities. Although I sincerely hope that our population does not actually reach this level, it is clear that we have only begun to be affected by the tremendous problems associated with the growth and decay of cities—problems of housing and transportation, schools, urban renewal, sanitation, atmospheric pollution, recreation, and water. There also are the political and social problems associated with high population densities in vast, rapidly changing urban complexes.

Thus far I have discussed problems which confront our government and which involve, in one way or another, matters of science and technology. In some of the examples that I have cited, science and technology can be used constructively to help us arrive at solutions. In other cases, they are themselves creating new problems. I believe that the examples illustrate an important point that has marked bearing upon the ways in which we might choose to handle questions of science and technology in relation to our government: these questions are inextricably interwoven with the military, political, economic, and social problems that confront us. We cannot divorce one from the other. Under the circumstances, how should scientific and technological forces best be channeled for the common good?

In my opinion we do not need, nor should we want, a monolithic structure of science within our government. In relation to the problems I have cited, science and technology are tools or means to help attain ends, and should be utilized in conjunction with other equally important tools—polities, economics, and other social sciences.

Most of us would agree that government agencies which have problems of a scientific and technological nature should carry out their own programs of research and development. Much of this should be carried out in laboratories and institutions that are under the jurisdiction of the individual agencies; much should be farmed out to nongovernmental institutions by contract or grant. Some can be undertaken by other government agencies, better equipped to handle certain types of problems, on an interagency cooperative basis. The important point, however, is that individual agencies should bear the major responsibility for the solution of their own problems. I do not believe that this responsibility could be allocated effectively to any centralized scientific authority. This is, of course, much the way in which we have been operating. And most of us who are familiar with governmental scientific operations recognize that this diffuse approach is fraught with difficulty.

Some of these difficulties are now being ameliorated by the appointment of qualified technical persons to newly created policy-making or important policy-advisory positions. The creation within the Department of Defense of the position of Director of Defense Research and Engineering has had a considerable effect in helping to integrate scientific and technological considerations into high-level military decisions. The appointment of a Science Adviser to the Secretary of State has served to emphasize scientific and technical matters in relation to foreign policy. Still more recently, the Secretary of the Interior has appointed a Science Adviser, a position which, one might hope, may soon be elevated to the level of Assistant Secretary. The Department of Commerce is anxious to establish the position of Assistant Secretary for Science and Technology—a position which I very much hope Congress will create during its current session. When we couple these considerations with the fact that the National Science Foundation has been headed for some time by a scientist with considerable government experience, that the Atomic Energy Commission is now headed by a Noble Laureate, and that scientists are now in positions of considerable responsibility in other agencies and departments as well, it becomes clear that considerable progress has been made during the fifteen years which have elapsed since the last war.

It almost goes without saying that one of the most important of recent developments has been the establishment of the President’s Science Adviser and, associated with him, first, the President’s Scientific Advisory Committee and, second, the Federal Council of Science and Technology. I consider the latter of particular importance, for, made up as it

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Chapter Installations

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Fordham University is a Roman Catholic institution conducted by the Jesuits. Founded in 1841, it is located in New York City. Until 1905, the only college division was the undergraduate college of liberal arts for men. At present, the University has four other undergraduate and three graduate divisions, all of them coeducational, as well as an upper division College of Philosophy and Letters for students preparing to enter the Jesuit Order.

The University Library houses nearly 400,000 volumes. The main library building at Rose Hill was built in 1926. A new library building, which will have a capacity of 225,000 volumes and will serve all of the professional schools, is under construction at the new Lincoln Square campus in midtown Manhattan.

On March 1, a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was installed at Scripps College. Senator Gould presented the charter during a morning program in Balch Auditorium. Three honorary members were admitted to the chapter as foundation members. The chapter also elected one alumnae member.

A reception was held later in the day at the home of Scripps President and Mrs. Frederick Hard, followed by an installation dinner in Wilbur Hall. Professor Ruth Lamb, president of the chapter, officiated at the dinner and introduced the president of the Scripps College Alumnae Association, delegates from the area Phi Beta Kappa chapters and associations, and student representatives. Hallett D. Smith, chairman of the Humanities Division at California Institute of Technology, delivered the Phi Beta Kappa lecture after the dinner.

A privately endowed, liberal arts college for women, Scripps was founded in 1926. As the college stresses both the value of the individual and the importance of community life, enrollment is limited at present to 280 students. The core of the curriculum is a sequence of courses, known as the Humanities, a program in which the college pioneered and for which it has won wide recognition. The purpose of these courses is to acquaint the student with the problems and achievements of men in the past in order that she may understand the present and share in the continuing responsibilities of the future.

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The South in the New Nation, 1789-1819. By Thomas B. Abernethy. Louisiana State. $7.50.

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Stanton: The Life and Times of Lincoln's Secretary of War. By Benjamin P. Thomas and Harold M. Hyman. Knopf. $8.50.

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R. W. GERARD

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The Boundaries of Science. By Magnus Pyke. Barnes & Noble. $3.75.


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is of top-level administrators from all departments and agencies concerned with science, it gives us for the first time direct means for comparing and coordinating research and development endeavors on a government-wide basis. I believe that the Federal Council can assist in the creation of a more general awareness of some of the major problems which confront us, and in the establishment of coordinated inter-agency programs which, in turn, can help decrease the provincialism and narrowmindedness that still exist in some quarters.

Although a great deal remains to be done, the evidence indicates that this diffuse approach to the handling of science and technology within the executive branch of government can work.

We should not leave the question of science in the executive branch of our government without discussing the role of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, which is a quasi-governmental organization. It has contributed substantially during the last few years to the formulation of government programs. I would hope that in the future the Academy-Research Council might become the major channel for extra-governmental advice to individual agencies about specific aspects of their technical programs. I would hope, too, that the Academy-Research Council might become the major source of scientific-technical advice to Congress, which increasingly finds itself in need of counsel in scientific areas. In the past, Congressional committees have often obtained scientific advice in a rather haphazard way and the persons giving the advice have not always been as competent as one might wish. Congress is going to be concerned more and more during the years ahead with legislation involving scientific and technical matters. The establishment of a strong Academy-Congressional bond makes a great deal of sense, provided the Academy-Research Council strengthens itself so that it can handle the increased load in a systematic way.

In the area of foreign policy, scientists also are making useful contributions, both within the confines of government and without. A series of conferences between natural and political scientists of both East and West has been particularly useful. The conferences have been aimed at clarifying some of the major problems of international cooperation in science between the Communist and non-Communist nations. Formerly known as the Pugwash Conferences and now known as the Conferences on Science and World Affairs, they have been informal and unofficial. The results of the deliberations have been transmitted to our governments with the hope that they might be useful in approaching the problems of negotiation in these areas. I believe that these discussions have already proved useful and I hope that there will be many more such gatherings.

I believe that most of us would agree that science and technology are creating enormous dangers for our nation and for all humanity. Most of us also would agree that they present us with wonderful opportunities. Science and technology properly used can help create a world liberated from the scourge of war—a world in which most people are free and in which privation is eliminated. Whether or not this will happen will depend in part upon the way we scientists behave. If we work diligently with our colleagues in the social sciences, if we recognize that the political process is a fact of life within a democracy, if we offer freely of our help, if we are willing, even, to take the initiative—then there is a fighting chance that the free and abundant world may come into existence.