Dr. Karl Compton Is Appointed Head Of Research Board

Civilian And Military Group Includes Many Technology Alumni

President Karl T. Compton was recently appointed chairman of the Research Board for National Security, which has been created to serve after expiration of the present Office of Scientific Research and Development, of which Vannevar Bush, '16, is director, until a permanent agency to direct government research is established. The new board is composed of civilian and military scientists whose responsibility it will be to direct research for the development of weapons for any future war.

Establishment of the new board was announced jointly by Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of Navy Forrestal, and Frank E. Jewett, '03, President of the National Academy of Sciences. Meantime a Committee on Post-War Research has recommended that the government establish a permanent agency charged with the scientific developments of weapons of war.

The interim board, which will operate until the new agency is decided upon, will according to announced plans, be composed of 20 civilian scientists, with an equal number of officers representing the Army and Navy.

Members of the executive committee of the board, in addition to Dr. Compton, the chairman, are Roger Adams, department of Chemistry, University of Illinois; A. H. Cottrell, Technology Alumni; Reuben Moulds, editor of the Tech; and of the dormitories, 5:15 Club, the dance will be held on Saturday, April 7, from 8:00 P.M. to midnight. Sponsorsed jointly by the dormitories and the 5:15 Club, the dance will be held in Walker's Morsel Hall. Music will be supplied by Reuben Moulds and his orchestra. Tickets for the dance will be on sale from Thursday, March 22, to Friday, March 30, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. in the lobby of the institute. The price will be $2.40 per couple, tax included.

Dance Open To All

The dance which is open to all students of the institute, will feature an elaborate show of spring flowers and greens in conjunction with tricky lighting effects. The decorations committee feels that the decorations will be even more effective than those at the Christmas dance. The whole of Walker Memorial Building has been reserved for the evening and all the lounges will be open.

Last J.P. Options To Sell Wednesday

The Junior Prom Committee has announced that a few remaining options for the prom will be on sale in the lobby of Building 10 next Wednesday, March 21, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The options cost $3.60 including tax and must be redeemed by Friday, April 30. Further plans for the dance, beyond the facts that it will be held on April 20 in the Imperial Ballroom of the Hotel Statler and commence at 8:00 P.M. have not as yet been announced. They are expected that the name of the orchestra will be announced. (Continued on Page 3)
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SAIPAN

The little island of Saipan today has communications facilities greater than those of Hartford, Connecticut.

Without this vast array of telephone, teletype and radio apparatus—much of it made by Western Electric—Saipan could not play its key part as an army, navy and air base in the great drive our fighting forces are making toward Tokyo.

When you realize that Saipan is only 190,000 people! has more communications equipment than a city of

TECH LEADS AGAIN

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CAN'T WE KNOW THE TRUTH?

The American public recently was informed that a curfew was to be placed on all places of amusement. The reason for this was cited as the saving of fuel and electrical power. But the real reason was not the saving of fuel but an attempt to cut down inflationary spending and to make the public realize there is a war to be fought and won.

The curfew itself is an excellent idea. The American Public has been notorious for free spending and for disregard of the war and its imports. Every person should cooperate with the government in this program cheerfully, recognizing it as a necessary measure. But is the American Public so immature that the government cannot tell them the truth about the measure? This is not the first time that the government has cloaked the reasons for a measure under a cloud of glittering generalities and high-sounding purposes. We feel that the people would be more willing to cooperate if they were told the cold truth instead of a lot of meaningless phrases. In this case the fuel saving resulting from the measure would be infinitesimal. We feel the people can take the truth and it is the government’s duty, as a “government of the people, by the people, for the people,” to tell them the truth.

Buy all the War Bonds you can—and keep them!
Outing Club Will Hold Elections

Square Dance Is At Memorial Hall Saturday

The elections meeting of the Technology Outing Club will be held in Room 6-120 on Thursday, March 22, at 5:00 P.M. The present executive committee has announced its nominations for the new officers, but nominations may be made from the floor before the elections take place.

The executive committee nominations are as follows: for President, DeForest W. Meehl, 2-45; for Director, Robert J. O'Donnell, 2-46; for Secretary-Treasurer, Rolfe E. Glover, 2-46; and for News Editor, Lyman B. Crittenden, 2-47. Immediately following the elections, movies of canoeing and rock climbing will be shown.

This Sunday, March 18, if the weather permits, the first trip of the Spring Term will be held. It is to be a bicycle trip to Mt. Nobsob, about 23 miles away. The cyclists should plan to be in front of Walker Memorial at 10:15 A.M. sharp with their lunches.

Tomorrow night, Al Smith will call the square dance which is being held at the Harvard Memorial Hall in Harvard Square. The ticket, priced at forty cents, may be purchased at the door.

Dramashop Meets Tues. Tryouts To Be Held Soon

Professor D. M. Fuller has announced that the Dramashop will hold its initial meeting of the term on Tuesday, March 20, at 5:00 P.M. in Room 2-176.

All interested in any aspect of the drama are invited to attend this meeting, especially members of the Class of 1947. Tryouts for this term's production, the name of which will be announced at the meeting, are to be held on Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23, between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 P.M.

Crews Preparing For Navy, Harvard

Now that the always new and strange feeling of being on the water for the first time in months has blown over, the Tech crews have settled down to earnest preparation for the three-cornered race with Navy and Harvard on April 28. At the moment there are five crews out on the Charles, three of which are composed of heavies and two of lightweights. Last Thursday the ice cleared enough to permit the shells to row up to Harvard for the first time this year and now that the upper Charles has also melted there remains a long stretch of water, free for the crews to practice.

Plans for the race with Columbia on the Harlem River in New York have been changed. The race, previously scheduled for June 9, has been moved up a week to June 2.

Managers Needed

A shortage of managers has slightly hampered the work up at the boathouse, so any new men interested in becoming a crew manager should go to the boathouse any afternoon about 5 and see Marshall Tullin.

Emerson Cup Tourney Will Begin Monday

The Varsity Squash Team will journey to New Haven for a match with the Eli's this Saturday. The outcome should be very close because Tech will be playing without its top two men, Roy Sonnenbord and Tom Hewson. In the other match with Yale, the Tech team smashed to a 5 to 0 victory, but that was on home courts and with a full team. The lineup for the match is as follows: Bill Peirce, number one; Ralph Scherer, number two; Bob Toperzer, number three; Glen Dorflinger, number four, and Pete Wright, number five.

On Monday two tournaments are to begin: the Emerson Cup tournament for the Institute Championship, and the J. V. Tournament for all non-juniors. The matches will be played off as soon as possible, with the finals scheduled for Friday, March 30. The cups will be awarded along with the letters for the Varsity and numerals for the winning Intramural team at the annual Squash Banquet to be held on Monday, April 2.

A MEMBER
OF
THE CLASS
OF
1845

Spickness and spanness were de rigueur in the colleges of the 1840s. This portrait depicts a member of the Class of 1845 attired for the Junior Prom. Observe the height of his stock and the costly ruffles on his shirt.

In that same year, 1845, the Mexican War was imminent. Railway Express service was 6 years old. The colleges were few. Now, a century later, America is fighting a global war, the colleges are counted by thousands, and our service is nation-wide.

Today, the colleges are training students for the armed services; and the rail and air facilities of Railway Express are being largely utilized for the speeding of war-goods shipments. So, to help all concerned, please do three simple things with your 1945 home packages and baggage: Pack them securely—address clearly and adequately—avoid abbreviating state names.
...resuming his prattle again after a short absence, the man-about-tech says that all the excellent readers successfully weathered exams and the subsequent vacation and extends his hearty welcome to all the freshmen that one sees wandering bewildered around the corridors.

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Tech Glee Club
To Sing March 24
Reuben Moulds Orch. Will Play For Dance

At 8:00 P.M. on March 24 the Technology Glee Club will open its concert schedule for the spring term with a concert in Walker Memorial. The Wellesley College Choir has been invited to be the guests of the Glee Club at the concert and dance which will follow the singing. A number of new songs will be sung by the Glee Club in a program which will also include several soprano solos by a guest soloist. Reuben Moulds' thirteen piece orchestra will provide the music for the dance which will be open to all, and refreshments will be served.

Though the schedule of concerts for the term is still somewhat indefinite, it is expected that joint concerts with Westbrook Junior College and Simmons College will probably be included. The Glee Club will finish its program of singing for the term in its annual appearance with the Boston "Pops" Orchestra.

Thorkilsen Is Made Regimental Cmdr.

Harold Thorkilsen, 6-45 has been appointed the Regimental Commander of the V-12 Unit for the Spring Term. The other officers as follows: Ralph P. Cramer, 6-45, Regimental Adjutant; John R. McDowell, III, 2-46, First Battalion Commander; and William W. Pockman, 6-45, Second Battalion Commander.

The Company Commanders are as follows: 1st Company, John L. Hertig, 6-45; 2nd Company, Nicholas V. Mumford, 6-45; 3rd Company, Donald K. Walsh, 6-45; 4th Company, James B. Haaglund, 6-45; 5th Company, Victor Ragni, 2-46; 6th Company, Francis X. Donohue, 6-45; 7th Company, Robert P. Whorf, 10-44; 8th Company, Theodore S. Church, 2-46; 9th Company, Donald P. Straug, 6-45; and 10th Company, Harold V. Rover, 6-45.