Hirshfeld Advises Engineers To Influence Thought Of Community

Suggests Closer Study of Social And Economic Questions By Students

That engineers and engineering students should devote a larger portion of their time to the study of current political and economic problems was the advice of Prof. W. D. S. Hirshfeld, head of the department of mechanical engineering, in the concluding lecture of his series of recent afternoon lectures.

Dr. Hirshfeld stressed the need for a closer study of these problems, saying that it was only by dealing with social problems and affairs that engineers would make use of the power of logical arguments in their study of the sciences in order to make their influence felt in the larger community.

He asked afterward in an interview that this advice must be carried out.

Dr. Hirshfeld recommended that the engineers, in government and industry, organize meetings for the discussion of social and political questions, develop the habit of questioning statements, of asking reasons for opinions, of making people answer the question, a little differently.

In solving these problems, however, the engineer must have a thorough knowledge of his science, he said.

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