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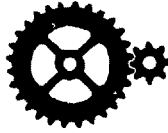
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## E. C. P. D.—AND YOU

The fifteenth of March (the famous Ides) this year was a fateful day for the College of Engineering. Though the results aren't known at this writing, only good is expected, a good report on the quality of instruction offered, as evidenced by faculty, equipment, and graduates, at the College. The report will come from the accrediting committee which inspected us on the fifteenth and sixteenth on behalf of the E.C.P.D. and whose pronouncement will determine whether or not we go on the list of recognized colleges of engineering.

So you see, much depended upon the Ides of March, 1937. In the College there was a general sprucing up as the date approached. No matter how efficient a person or a department, there's always some setting things to rights if company is coming.

The E.C.P.D. is not a new agency of the Government; Washington hasn't got 'round to that, yet. The engineers are a jump ahead of outside investigation. The letters stand for Engineers' Council for Professional Development, a banding together of seven great technical societies—American Society of Civil Engineers, American Institute of Mining & Metallurgical Engineers, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the National Council of State Boards of Engineering Examiners—to scrutinize the profession and make sure that it's on its toes, up to snuff, and all that.

Such self-searching is a way to win the confidence of the engineers and the public. Of course it takes in engineering teaching.

The purpose of the E.C.P.D. expressed in its Fourth Annual Report dated last October is "to enhance the status of the engineer by improving the quality of the engineer through (1) selection and guidance of those

who seek to enter engineering schools, (2) formation of criteria for college engineering, (3) encouragement of training of the young engineer of post college age, (4) recognition of engineers who have met suitable standards."

The E. C. P. D. expresses the idea that commencement is really what the word implies. Engineering graduates are encouraged to keep after themselves, not to let down, but to complete their education and make themselves real engineers. The Council's suggestions of study courses, its lists of general and technical books to read, its group discussions—these are some of its prods to young men to give themselves that kick in the pants that seems to determine whether a fellow will achieve distinction or just get along. It plans to recognize achievement—another incentive to attain it.

Ohio State University is on the examining, as well as the examined, end of E.C.P.D. Two of our faculty members, Professors D. J. Demorest and F. W. Marquis, have been sent as members of accrediting committees to look over other schools of engineering. And the head man, chairman of the E. C. P. D. itself, is an Ohio State graduate, Professor Charles Felton Scott, who for many years was head of electrical engineering at Yale.

## ENGINEERS — AHOY!

Not sailors—unless you're going to be marine engineers. Seriously, what kind of engineering are you going into? The schedules for next autumn quarter are now out, and it becomes a problem especially for first year men to decide. Of the 528 freshmen this quarter, 120 are facing the sophomore year undecided. You need to get busy. See the dean and junior dean. Talk with some of the department chairmen.

In order to assist you, if possible, in making your decision, and to clinch it for you if you have already decided, we are planning to run in the June *Engineer* a departmental review from each of the chairmen.