

ALUMNI PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

President Hal Hansen of the Industrial Relations Alumni Association announces the activation of an Alumni Placement Committee, with Mel Mendel as chairman. The purpose of this committee is to provide alumni members with opportunities for placement in the industrial relations field.

Alumni members who are interested in this placement service should forward a resume of education and experience to Mel Mendel, 635 South Kenmore, Los Angeles 5. Employers who are interested in securing the services of trained industrial relations personnel should also contact Mr. Mendel at the above address. Of course there is no charge for this service to either alumni or employers.

QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING INTEREST IN ADVANCED STUDY

Because considerable interest has been shown recently in an advanced course of study in the Certificate Program and also in a scholarship program, an Advisory Group of the Alumni Association has developed a questionnaire to measure this interest. At the meeting on February 24, a preliminary questionnaire was distributed. Based on the results of this survey, a revised questionnaire was developed, a copy of which is enclosed herein.

There is little doubt that advanced courses will soon be offered in such areas as recent developments in labor law, health and welfare, prepaid dental and medical plans, and workshops in grievances and arbitration. The problem now is to determine exactly what format should be followed to best meet the needs of the Association. It is hoped that your cooperation in replying to the questionnaire will help us to decide these problems. It is now anticipated that we will start the program this summer with a Grievances and Arbitration Workshop if sufficient interest is shown.

Another subject on which your opinion is sought concerns the possible creation of a scholarship fund. Through this fund the Alumni Association would sponsor deserving individuals in the Certificate Program.

As soon as the questionnaires are completed and returned to us, we will report the results in the IR News.

PREPAID DENTAL CARE CONFERENCE - April 29 and 30

Because prepaid dental care has become an important new fringe benefit in collective bargaining relationships, the Institute will co-sponsor with the Alumni Association a community-wide conference on prepaid dental plans. The April conference at the Statler-Hilton will study costs and quality of dental care, facilities available, and alternate approaches to dental care. Leading authorities in the field will be on the program. Already scheduled are:

- Dr. Walter J. Pelton, Dental Director and Chief of the Division of Dental Resources, U.S. Public Health Service.
- Max Schoen, D.D.S., Director of the Dental Group (Schoen, Sakai, Simms, and Eisman) which has the service plan contract for Los Angeles with the ILWU-PMA Welfare Fund.
- Harold Klein, Administrator, Retail Clerks - Food Employers Council Dental Program
- Milton Jeanney, President, Employers Labor Relations Council, Inc.
- Murray T. McNeill, D.D.S., Dental Director, Retail Clerks #770 - Food Employers Council Dental Program.
- Mrs. Goldie Krantz, Fund Secretary, ILWU-PMA Pension Fund.

PREPAID MEDICAL CONFERENCE - May 13 and 14

Plans are now being made for a conference dealing with prepaid medical plans. It will be held at the Surfrider, and will include the economics and quality of prepaid medical care; labor-management interest in prepaid medical care; recent developments in health insurance and in prepaid group practice in Los Angeles. More details about this conference will be included in next month's IR News.

CARSTENS MAKES THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

It has been a long time in getting here, but recognition has finally been given to our traveling Labor Program Administrator, Art Carstens. Commenting on one of Art's recent speeches, the Wall Street Journal said:

"Arthur Carstens of the Institute of Industrial Relations at UCLA says one year off in seven at full pay for the family bread-winner would 'cut down the toll of pressure which makes widows of half the nation's women.' Instead of widows, they probably would become divorcees, for no woman could stand her husband getting in the way at home for a whole year at a time."

The latter comments added by the Journal staff rated space for Art's theories in "Pepper and Salt", the Journal's humor column. Personally, we think Art's theories merit a better rating, but then, we don't operate the Journal!

