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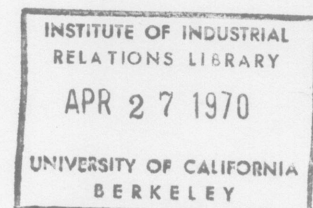
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 1970
Time: 6:00 p.m. - No Host Cocktails
7:00 p.m. - Dinner - \$3.75
8:00 p.m. - Speaker
Place: The Boardroom Restaurant
3361 West 8th Street
Los Angeles
Speaker: ARTHUR CARSTENS
Subject: WHO WILL BE THE DECISION MAKERS IN 1980?

For reservations please call Rita Sann at 825-3180 or return the enclosed card.

NEWS BRIEF ON SPEAKER FOR MAY

Arthur Carstens, Administrator of Labor Programs at the Institute of Industrial Relations, is a familiar figure to all of us. He has been an "institution" at the Institute since 1948, and has been in charge of a broad range of labor programs including summer schools, workshops and short courses for union officers, and conferences dealing with the varied problems of poverty, unemployment, job training, etc. He has played a significant role in the formation and organization of the California Council for Health Plan Alternatives, an outgrowth of the Institute's activities in effective health care programs. Mr. Carstens was Senior Fulbright Lecturer at the University of London in 1959-60 and a State Department Lecturer in a number of European and Asian countries. He has devoted much time to serving the public at large as a member of the Los Angeles Advisory Committee on Vocational Rehabilitation, the Los Angeles Manpower Development Center, the West Valley Occupational Center, and numerous other civic organizations. Arthur Carstens will be retiring from the Institute on June 30th this year. So it is au revoir to an old friend and warm wishes for the years to come!

Let us come in great numbers as a final tribute to a giant and an innovator in the field, among others, of worker's education.



PAST PROGRAM

Our speaker at the April meeting, Attorney Lester Asher from Chicago, described the events that led to the formation of the "Chicago Plan," an agreement that seeks to promote the employment of minorities in Chicago's construction industry. The protagonists in this modern drama on one of labor's most volatile fronts--the construction industry--were young militant blacks, among them members of the Blackstone Rangers and the Black P Stone Nation, and white building tradesmen and employers representing the "establishment." Against a background of mass picketing, occupied union headquarters, invaded AFL-CIO meetings, court injunctions and shutdowns of construction at job sites, the Coalition for the United Community Action was formed to implement the hiring of black trainees and journeymen in the building trades, to install on-the-job training programs for disadvantaged blacks, and to change apprenticeship training procedures to accommodate more persons from minority groups. The Chicago Plan, which was finally hammered out with the help of Assistant Secretary of Labor Arthur Fletcher, Chicago's Mayor Daley, and David Reed of Valley Community Organization, is an achievement that may well lead the way in other areas and sectors of industry, showing once again that cooperation is better than confrontation and that accommodation among the races is America's best investment in its future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. George Smith, President of the IIR Alumni Association has been appointed Deputy Director of Department of Industrial Relations, State of California.

Mr. Ben Nathanson, immediate past President of the IIR Alumni Association has been appointed a Member of the Employee Relations Commission for the County of Los Angeles.