

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE FOR 1950

The general affairs of the Institute marked time this year, as far as the President's office was concerned, but fortunately the Institute's fine condition is not critically dependent on presidential activity.

The situation at the University of California has caused considerable discussion and evoked strongly differing opinions from members of the Institute. While there was general agreement that a deplorable situation had been created by arbitrary actions of the regents, there was no agreement as to what, if anything, the Institute should do about it. (Several other scientific organizations, including the American Mathematical Society, have passed resolutions on the subject.) A committee, consisting of Paul S. Dwyer (chairman), M. A. Girshick, and Henry Scheffé, was appointed to report to the Council on the facts, and to make recommendations as to possible action.

Institute activities at the year's end were overshadowed by the news of the tragic deaths of Professor Wald and Mrs. Wald in India. It is needless to record here the central place of Wald's work in the progress of statistics in recent years. A proper appreciation will be published in a later issue of the Annals.

Five new Fellows were elected at the Christmas meeting: R. C. Bose, J. L. Hodges, Jr., O. Reiersøl, H. Rubin, L. J. Savage.

The following Nominating Committee was appointed to serve for the year 1951:

G. W. Brown, <i>Chairman</i>	G. E. Nicholson
K. J. Arrow	H. W. Norton
E. L. Lehmann	J. W. Tukey

The following is a list of committees of the Institute in 1950:

- Committee to Encourage Membership outside the United States*  
T. W. Anderson, *Chairman*                      M. Loève  
C. C. Hurd    J. Marschak
- Committee on Tabulation*  
H. O. Hartley, *Chairman*                      C. C. Hurd  
C. I. Bliss    A. N. Lowan  
F. W. Dresch    W. G. Madow  
C. Eisenhart    H. G. Romig  
H. H. Germond                                      I. E. Simon
- Committee on the Directory*  
J. W. Tukey, *Chairman*  
C. Eisenhart
- Committee on Statisticians in the Government Service*  
W. E. Deming, *Chairman*  
C. Eisenhart
- Committee for the Christmas Meeting*  
W. G. Madow, *Chairman*                      J. E. Morton  
M. H. Hansen    J. Wolfowitz  
M. Loève