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control of private enterprise, and government supervision depends upon information which accounting alone can provide. Miss Jane Goode, in your bulletin of February 4th, mentioned the insistence of the German Nazi government on sound accounting as an aid to efficiency in the national economy. We will not follow the German pattern, but it is quite clear that our government regards accounting with no less respect. To prove this point, it is only necessary to mention the record-keeping and reporting requirements of the laws relating to federal and state taxes, price control, priorities, wages and hours, social security, sale and listing of securities, regulation of railroads and public utility holding and operating companies. Government supervision of business will probably be with us for a long time, but it should be remembered that concerns required to adopt good accounting and reporting methods come to learn their value and are likely to retain them even if the requirements are later relaxed.

The shortage of accountants is bound to become more acute as time goes on, simply because the demands for accounting services are increasing in the absolute sense, not only in proportion to the available personnel. There is a great deal of talk about women taking on a large part of the burden. At the request of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, the City College of New York has instituted a special course to train women and older men who have bookkeeping experience in the fundamentals of accounting and auditing, to fit them for public accounting practice. At least one large firm, I believe, is conducting similar classes of its own. It seems to me that your organization could render a great service by stimulating interest among young women in college in taking the available accounting courses and fitting themselves as rapidly as possible for service in this field. Perhaps you have already done so. It seems to me that a letter from your officers to the Deans of Women in the universities where accounting courses are available might stimulate a good deal of interest among students who otherwise might not know of the new opportunities which are available in accounting. Let me say at this time, that the In-

stitute's staff will gladly cooperate with your officers in any individual placement problems which may come to your attention.

I do not wish to close without saying that I hope this appearance may be a means of maintaining a close relationship with your organization in the future. It seems so obvious that the whole accounting profession, and therefore every individual member of it, will benefit by the coordinated and cooperative action of all groups interested in its welfare, that I feel we should lose no opportunity to extend a helping hand to one another in any legitimate enterprise of value to the profession.

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Convention

In spite of grounded planes and September snowstorms, members from coast to coast met in the Palmer House for the annual convention and to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the senior society. Attendance of the women C. P. A.'s doubled that of the previous year's convention at Detroit with members coming from Los Angeles, Atlanta, Milwaukee, Wilmington, Indianapolis, Albany, Terre Haute, Aurora, New York City, Detroit and Portland, Michigan. Several out-of-town non-members who attended are becoming members and are planning to start A. S. W. A. Chapters in their home towns.

All but one of the A. S. W. A. Chapters were represented with Indianapolis having the largest out-of-town representation. The Los Angeles Chapter received the annual award given to the chapter that has accomplished the most during the past year. The award, a \$5.00 defense stamp, was promptly "earmarked" for the scholarship fund that the chapter has established at the University of Southern California.

Highlight of the Convention was the banquet and a huge birthday cake, rivalling in splendor most wedding cakes, and sufficiently large to furnish a sizable piece for each guest present.

Guest speaker at the banquet was Mr. John L. Carey. His speech was so fine we feel that those of you who were not able to attend should not miss it. Don't fail to read the parts of it that we have reprinted elsewhere in the Bulletin.