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If there existed any ill feeling against Dero and the new order of things, it was not visible or open at the faculty meeting on September 12. I do hope for his sake and for the sake of the university that any soreheads who may still be around will keep quiet and watch developments. A much better thing to happen would be for them to gradually disappear, to fade away like General McArthur's old soldiers. As I told you, if all the Twelve Apostles had been given control of the university, some few of our self-important teachers would have objected to their lack of presidential ability. Wouldn't it have been tragic if your successor had gone into office with his hands tied by the few militant objectors on our campus? And wouldn't the university have soon shown signs of decay and deterioration? I think your estimate of the number of objectors is about right, approximately 5% of the whole group. But a few dissidents can raise a mighty big cloud of dust or, changing the figure, a pretty big stink, sometimes. The self-seeking ones on the three occasions when a new president was being chosen have acted as if they were pulled by the same wires. Puppets they are and were, no matter how loudly they talked about the importance of choosing their candidates. Fortunately, on no occasion did any of them assume that I was important enough to seek my advice or to try to get me to join in on their schemes. A very excellent investigation would be the underhanded ways that some of the faculty used in 1937, 1955, and 1969. It would be a study in what not to do in similar circumstances. Old-fashioned moralists would have enjoyed having such a story, for it would give such an excellent opportunity to exclaim, "Take warning and govern yourselves accordingly." Rarely do such objectors learn anything; they just keep on bobbing up and showing their self-importance.