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Mr. Stuart R. Ward, Executive Secretary  
Commonwealth Club of California  
The Hotel St. Francis  
San Francisco 19, California

Dear Mr. Ward:

Thank you very much for your letter of 28 December inviting me to address the Commonwealth Club of California on a mutually acceptable Friday luncheon date.

I would be pleased to have the opportunity to talk to your Club and I hope that I may be able to do so sometime later on. At the moment, however, other commitments prevent me from making a final decision and giving you a specific date.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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December 28, 1960

Dear Sir:

Will you please consider this letter a continuance of our original invitation to you to address the Commonwealth Club of California when you may be visiting San Francisco.

We would very much like to have you give us the opportunity to see if we cannot get together on a mutually agreeable Friday luncheon date, on which our members could have the privilege of hearing you speak.

A telephonic or telegraphic reply collect would be welcome at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Stuart R. Ward  
Executive Secretary

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The Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director of Central Intelligence  
2430 E Street  
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*PS - you may possibly recall our conversation two years ago at Asilomar WACNC Conference in which you indicated a willingness to speak to us at next trip west? -m*

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*A Few of the 3,000 Distinguished Speakers Who Have Appeared  
Before the Commonwealth Club of California Since 1903*

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Prime Minister Mohammed Ali  
Archbishop of York  
General H. H. "Hap" Arnold  
Prime Minister Clement Attlee  
President Celal Bayar of Turkey  
President David P. Barrows  
General Bromwell Booth  
Arthur Brisbane  
Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown  
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Admiral Arleigh "31 Knot" Burke  
President Nicholas Murray Butler

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Henry Ford II  
Secretary James Forrestal  
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Admiral William F. Halsey  
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Explorer Sven Hedin  
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President Conrad Hilton  
President Herbert Hoover  
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## THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

*(Information Prepared Solely for Submission to Invited Speakers)*

**MEMBERSHIP:** 8,500 men; some 6,000 of whom are located within 40 miles of San Francisco, the balance being California citizens residing from Mexico to Oregon.

**FOUNDED** in 1903:

- (1) To provide an open forum for the discussion of disputed questions;
- (2) To investigate state, national and international problems and aid in their solution.

**PREVIOUS SPEAKERS:** All United States Presidents, from Theodore Roosevelt to Harry Truman, inclusive. (Some other noted speakers are listed on attached memorandum.)

**FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** All speakers pay their own expenses; the Club has never paid either honorarium, hotel, or traveling expenses to a speaker.

**BROADCAST:** Friday Luncheon addresses are broadcast by delayed transcription to network of sixteen stations (including a 15-minute interview made following the talk for several important stations) which covers California.

**PRESS:** When material is made available by a speaker, a mimeographed summary of his salient points are sent San Francisco Bay Area and other key California newspapers (for release at hour of speaking).

**PUBLICATION:** Highlights of Friday luncheon addresses are published in the Club's weekly, "The Commonwealth"; circulation 9,500.

Just a few

OF THE HUNDREDS OF ILLUSTRIOUS SPEAKERS WHO HAVE BEEN HEARD BY MEMBERS OF

THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1903\*

Konrad Adenauer  
 Clement Attlee  
 Wm. Jennings Bryan  
 Admiral Arleigh Burke  
 Nicholas Murray Butler  
 General Mark Clark  
 General Brent Constant  
 James Earl Ray  
 Admiral Chas. M. Coote, Jr.  
 Cecil B. deMille  
 John Foster Dulles  
 John F. Kennedy  
 Abba Eban  
 Edward A. Filene  
 Henry Ford II  
 Henry Forrester  
 James Forrestal  
 Arthur Godfrey  
 Sam Hays  
 Billy Graham  
 Gen. Leslie R. Groves  
 Admiral William F. Halsey  
 Archbishop Edward J. Hanna  
 Archibald Noyes  
 William Hearst, Jr.  
 William Herbert  
 Victor Herbert  
 Conrad Hilton  
 David Starr Jordan  
 Queen Juliana of the Netherlands  
 Nikita Khrushchev  
 F. H. LaGuardia  
 Henry Cabot Lodge

Clare Boothe Luce  
 Henry R. Luce  
 Harold Macmillan  
 Charles Malik  
 Guglielmo Marconi  
 Andre Maurois  
 George Meany  
 V. K. Krishna Menon  
 Richard Nixon  
 Ignace Jan Paderewski  
 Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit  
 King Paul of Hellenes  
 Rev. Daniel L. Poling  
 Manuel Queson  
 Walter Ruther  
 Syngman Rhee  
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 Sumner H. Slichter  
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 J. E. Wallace Sterling  
 Adlai Stevenson  
 Robert A. Taft  
 Norman Thomas  
 Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer  
 Benjamin Ide Wheeler  
 Dr. Walter White  
 William Allen White  
 Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur

\*Every President of the United States from Theodore Roosevelt to Harry S. Truman inclusive and all California Governors from Pardee to Brown have accepted invitations to speak to the Commonwealth Club of California.

# History

EDWARD F. ADAMS, noted editorial writer and founder of the Commonwealth Club of California, believed that a public problem is like a mountain—there are many ascents, but always one that is best. Adams was joined by Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president, University of California; Dr. Frederic Burk, president, State Normal School (predecessor of San Francisco State College); Supreme Court Justice William P. Lawlor; and John P. Young, managing editor, San Francisco Chronicle. The 1903 founding membership finally totaled 55 men whose ideals and foresight have lived after them.

SINCE the founding date, February 3, 1903, the Club has remained dedicated to its original objective: to "investigate and discuss problems affecting the Commonwealth and to aid in their solution"—to "maintain itself in an impartial position as an open forum for the discussion of disputed questions"—and "to influence public opinion in all proper ways in accordance with conclusions reached after due investigation."

# Legislative Accomplishments

- The Governor's Budget Law
- Small Claims Court
- Establishment of the Office of Public Defender in larger cities
- The State Judicial Council to unify and improve efficiency of the State Courts
- Banning of the "professional juror"
- Forbidding court reversals on mere technicalities
- The sponsor system of candidate nomination
- Voters' pamphlet on ballot measures
- Permanent voter registration

# The Commonwealth Club



"Dedicated to 'getting the facts' in matters affecting the public welfare."

THE Commonwealth Club is a men's organization of 8,500 Californians who enjoy honest contest and dispute for the rewards of truth. Its forte is unbiased candor in the examination of vital questions as they affect our communities, the State of California, our nation, and the world in which we live.

It is a Club that thrives on the energy of thinking men who like to "get the facts," disseminate them, and then translate them into action.

## Membership...

**QUARTERED** in San Francisco, with club rooms and library at the St. Francis Hotel, the Club attracts statewide membership—leading educators, lawyers, doctors, legislators, agriculturalists, labor officials, businessmen and others. The primary qualification is a desire to contribute creative thought and action for the common good. It is governed by annually elected officers and a Board of Governors, and solely sustained by initiation fees and annual dues.

**MEMBERSHIP** is classified as senior and junior (under 30 years of age), resident (within 40 miles of San Francisco) and non-resident (beyond 40 miles from San Francisco). Membership is acquired by formal application sponsored by a member and submitted to the membership for approval.

### DUES AND FEES

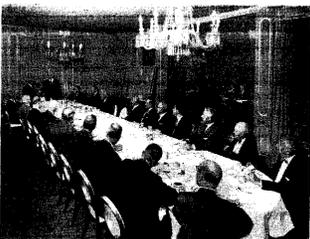
Senior Resident Members—Initiation fee, \$10.00; Dues \$21.00 per year (may be paid quarterly).

Senior Non-Resident Members—No initiation fee; Dues \$10.60 per year (may be paid quarterly).

Junior Members—No initiation fee; Dues \$6.00 per year.

Dues and Fees are payable in advance.

**ACTIVITIES** for members include Friday general forum luncheon meetings, Study Section meetings in which members take active part, library and reading rooms, publications for members highlighting significant talks, Reports of Study Sections, Annual California Authors' Literature Medal Award and dinner. Two or more "ladies' days" are held each year.



Typical Study Section at a luncheon meeting in a private dining room at the St. Francis.



headquarters for The Commonwealth Club of California.



ABOVE—A Friday forum luncheon meeting at the historic Sheraton-Palace Hotel, for which speakers are carefully selected for eminence in their fields and platform ability. More than 2500 of these famous forum luncheons have been held since the Club was founded.

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RIGHT—The Club's Reading Room-Library is a part of the spacious and luxurious quarters on the 12th floor of the Hotel St. Francis.



## Activities...

**FOR OVER HALF** a century, the weekly Friday luncheon at the Sheraton-Palace has been a familiar and important part of San Francisco Bay Area life. Here domestic and world topics are discussed by authoritative speakers—enlivened by a question and answer period. The Club never pays a speaker an honorarium or expenses. Men of national and international stature address the Commonwealth Club, a much sought after opportunity.

The essential strength and interest of the Club centers in the Study Sections that cover the fields of foreign relations, government, public affairs, science, business, economics, and agriculture. As many as 26 of these groups are active, each with its own chairman and recorded minutes. The fact finding reports of the Sections are published for membership distribution and made available to government, business and civic organizations. The reports have significantly influenced numerous state and national decisions.

Income from the Club's \$335,000 Permanent Fund is used for research on public problems, resulting in such achievements as the books—"The Legislature of California" and "California Social Welfare"—now used in college courses.

**RADIO COVERAGE**—The addresses at the Friday forum luncheon meetings are broadcast statewide through a network of many radio stations.

**PUBLICATIONS**—All Club members receive "The Commonwealth" (weekly), the Annual Progress Report containing important information, and the reports and recommendations of Study Sections. Election ballot measures are studied and reported upon. The membership votes thereon are widely quoted. Additionally there are many special reports and papers.

A few of the more than 500 informative and important publications and reports received by members of the Commonwealth Club since its founding:

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| Relation of Employer and Employee (1941)        | Jacobson Embroidery (1941)                        |
| Good Roads (1938)                               | Radio in Education (1942)                         |
| Railroad Commission—Amalgamation (1942)         | Education and Mass Transportation (1945)          |
| Problem of the Prisoner (1921)                  | Atomic Bomb (1945)                                |
| Mexican Immigration (1921)                      | U.S. and Western Europe (1948)                    |
| Art, Letters and Music (1927)                   | Fair Labor Act (1928)                             |
| Hydraulic Miners vs. Valley Farms (1929)        | Tax Problems of Cities (1952)                     |
| State Water Plan (1931)                         | U.S.-Russian Relations (1952)                     |
| Compulsory Unemployment Reserve (1932)          | Prevention Small Cities Property Ownership (1952) |
| Hostile Immigration (1935)                      | U.S. Asia Policy (1953)                           |
| Who Should Drive? (1935)                        | Educational Trends (1955)                         |
| California's Plan and Air Mail Challenge (1936) | African Problems and U.S. Policy (1955)           |
| Permanent Registration (1936)                   | Middle East Policy (1955)                         |
| November Ballot Procedure (1936)                | Bay Rapid Transit (1957)                          |
| Game Management (1939)                          | Alcoholic Delinquency (1957)                      |
| Good Neighbor Policy (1939)                     | New Frontier School Communities (1958)            |
| Compulsory Health Insurance (1939)              | Reforest Custer Lands (1959)                      |

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February 6, 1961

*AWD/mb*

Dear Sir:

Thank you heartily for your letter of January 17th.

The Luncheon Program Committee has asked me to send you this present communication to assure you that if and when you make a visit to San Francisco in the coming months, our invitation to address a Friday luncheon of the Commonwealth Club of California on any mutually agreeable date still stands.

Also, we would welcome a telegraphic or telephonic (Douglas 2-4903) reply collect at any time.

Cordially yours,

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