

# John W. Hancock Heads Western Oil Association

Elected to Succeed Charles S. Jones Jan. 1  
Lists Four Major Problems Facing Industry

John W. Hancock, president of the Hancock Oil Co., has been elected president of the Western Oil and Gas Association, it was announced yesterday. He will take office Jan. 1.

Hancock will succeed Charles S. Jones, president of the Richfield Oil Corp., as head of the association which represents principal producers, refiners and distributors of petroleum products in the West.

### Lists Major Problems

Hancock listed what he believes the four most important problems facing the industry in the West:

One is the necessity of making clear that the oil industry has reduced its contribution to the Los Angeles smog problem to a point where it may be classed as minor.

A second is the need for elimination of direct Federal controls on the production of natural gas so that adequate supplies of that fuel can be made available at a reasonable price.

The third is the orderly, proper and equitable development of California offshore petroleum reserves to meet the increasing demands for these products and to provide additional revenues for the State.

### Depletion Allowances

And the fourth is the retention of historical depletion allowance for all natural resources, which encourages development and risk taking so that supplies and reserves will be available for both peacetime and defense purposes.

Named with Hancock were S. F. Bowlby, vice-president, Shell Oil Co., first vice-president; Olen Lane, vice-president, Continental Oil Co., second vice-president; T. H. Wallace, vice-president, Western Gulf Oil Co., treasurer, and Felix Chappellet, association vice-president and general manager.

Newly elected directors are: H. D. Campbell, president, Franco Western Oil Co.; E. B.



NAMED — John W. Hancock, president of Western Oil and Gas Association.

Hall, president, Drilling & Production Co.; James T. Wood Jr., vice-president, the Texas Co.; John A. Woodward, president, St. Anthony Oil Corp.

The following directors were re-elected: L. L. Aubert, president, Bankline Oil Co.; John S. Bell, area manager, Humble Oil & Refining Co.; F. W. Borden, vice-president, Sunray Mid-Continent Oil Co.; Harold L. Briggs, vice-president, Chanslor-Western Oil & Development Co.; B. E. Devere, president, Pathfinder Petroleum Co.; J. M. Feldman, president, Golden Bear Oil Co.; Charles S. Jones, president, Richfield Oil Corp.; W. M. Keck, chairman of the board, Superior Oil Co.; Fred M. Keller, president, Oceanic Oil Co.; Emil Kluth, vice-president, Pacific Western Oil Corp.; A. C. Mattei, president, Honolulu Oil Corp.; E. J. McClanahan, vice-president, Standard Oil Co. of California; Downs McCloskey, manager, California division, Amerada Petroleum Corp.; Ross McCollum, president, National Oil Co.; R. L. Minckler, president, General Petroleum Corp.; S. B. Mosher, president, Signal Oil & Gas Co.; Howard C. Pyle, president, Monterey Oil Co.; Herbert L. Reid, executive vice-president, Kern County Land Co.; William Reinhardt, vice-president, Union Pacific Railroad Co.; George Sowards, division manager, Ohio Oil Co.; David T. Staples, president, Tide Water Associated Oil Co.; Reese H. Taylor, president, Union Oil Co. of California; Jasper W. Tully, president, Reserve Oil & Gas Co.; R. R. Von Hagen, president, Lloyd Corporation, Ltd.

## March 5 Date Set for Trial in Bribery Case

Trial of George Turner, former chief field deputy to Supervisor Herbert C. Legg, and Theodore Hamlin, rubbish collector, on an indictment for bribery voted last Sept. 21, yesterday was set for March 5 in Superior Judge H. Byrton Noble's court.