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Alumni  
Term  
Members  
Corporation

Robert C. Sprague, President of the Sprague Electric Company of North Adams, Massachusetts, and Edwin D. Ryer, Vice-President and Director of the Barbour Stockwell Company, Cambridge, have been elected alumni term members of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, it was announced last night by Dr. James R. Killian, Jr., President of the Institute. Selected in a national ballot of M.I.T. alumni, Mr. Ryer will serve until June 30, 1958; Mr. Sprague fills the term of the late C. Adrian Sawyer, which expires on June 30, 1955.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in 1920, Mr. Sprague received the degree of Master of Science from M.I.T. in 1924. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1920 to 1928, including four years of service as construction officer in the Office of Naval Constructor, Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company. During his naval service, in 1926, he founded the Sprague Specialties Company, now the Sprague Electric Company, in North Adams, Massachusetts.

Mr. Sprague, a resident of Williamstown, is President of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts and former Chairman of the

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Board of the Radio-Television Manufacturers Association. He is also Chairman of the Board of the Herlec Corporation of Milwaukee and Director of the Sprague Products Company of North Adams (Mass.).

During World War II he was a member of the Electronics Equipment Industry Advisory Committee to the Munitions Board and the War Production Board Advisory Committee on Electric Condensers. He was also a member of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Committee on Postwar Reconversion.

He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and a member of the National Association of Manufacturers and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sprague is Chairman of the Board of the Pine Cobble School, Williamstown; trustee of the North Adams Hospital; and Senior Warden at St. John's Church, Williamstown. His clubs include the Chemists and Engineers of New York and the Algonquin of Boston.

Mr. Ryer, a graduate of M.I.T. in the class of 1920, has been with the Barbour Stockwell Company since 1933 when he became Sales Manager and Vice-President. Prior to joining the Cambridge firm, he had been associated with the General Electric Company, Lever Brothers Company, and the Standard Accident Insurance Company (Detroit and New York).

He is immediate past President of the M.I.T. Alumni Association and has served the Association in many ways - as a member of the Advisory Committee on Athletics from 1936-38, the Honorary Membership Committee from 1939-42, Vice-President from 1942-44, Class Agent from 1940-46, and a member of the Personnel Committee from 1946-51. Last year he served as President of the Association and as a member of the Alumni Fund Board.

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Mr. Ryer makes his home in Duxbury; he is a member of the Duxbury Yacht Club and Director of the Jordan Hospital in Plymouth.

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