

PREFACE

THE EMERGING OF OWEN D. YOUNG

Nothing more exciting comes to a country like ours than the emergence of a man from the mass of us to a place where the public begins to say, "Keep your eye on him. He looks like a leader." It is like watching an unknown ship come out of the fog into the full light of sunshine where she can be examined, rated, approved - or disapproved.

In the last ten years the country has had one authentic experience of that kind - a man coming to be generally recognized as possessing unusual gifts of leadership and the recognition coming by a road not cut out by organized road builders. The man is Owen D. Young.

There is no doubt that he has arrived. Nevertheless the arrival is a bewilderment to many. How did he get here? Where did he come from? What are his credentials?

The answers are more difficult because he is so hard to classify. All those who are not happy - and there are many - unless they have each of us in a niche and properly labelled scratch their heads when they seek to pigeon-hole him.

Big business? Yes, very big business, the Chairman of the Board of one of the greatest corporations in the country - the General Electric - an officer or director in a dozen foreign and domestic companies.

