Gershun Receives Doctorate in Law

Ted Gershun, a senior engineer in the mechanical section, has received a doctorate in law from Western State University in Fullerton. He will now take the State Bar Examination in July.

Gershun, who has been with Bechtel since 1973, already holds a BS in mechanical engineering from the University of Iowa, an MS from the University of Washington, and a PhD from the University of Minnesota.

Gratsinopoulos Elected Toastmaster Governor

Chris Gratsinopoulos of Toastmaster Club 587 at the Los Angeles Division has been elected governor of Toastmaster Division D. He will assume office in July when he steps down as Area D-4 governor.

In his new post, Gratsinopoulos will coordinate the activities of 26 clubs in four separate areas.

Gratsinopoulos has been a member of Toastmasters since 1972.

More Employee Information On California Anti-Nuclear Initiative

(The following letter, mailed to members of Bechtel's Senior Management, is reprinted here as a source of additional information for Bechtel employees.)

You received an informational note recently about the nuclear power plant ban on the June 1976 California ballot. That letter included examples of some action Bechtel employees may take, should they wish to do so on a volunteer basis, independent of inspiration by the Bechtel organization.

The following two examples may also be of informational interest to you and to employees who may ask what they may do under the California Political Reform Act as volunteers:

1. An organization, "Citizens for Jobs and Energy," under seven co-chairpersons (including former Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown; Kermit Smith, past State chairman

Division Engineer Goes Out of His Way To Welcome Cambodian Refugees

The influx of Southeast Asian refugees in Southern California is of particular concern to one Los Angeles Division engineer who is going out of his way to make things easier for Cambodian emigrants.

David Kreng, an electrical engineer with the substations group, is a Cambodian national who twice a week travels to Camp Pendleton to help Cambodian refugees adapt to their new surroundings.

Kreng, who has been with Bechtel since 1968, first came to the United States in 1961 when his father was first secretary at the Cambodian embassy in Washington, D.C. Since that time he has earned a BSEE from Ohio University and a masters in management from West Coast University in Los Angeles.

Today, Kreng is a chairman of the Southeast Asian Refugee Council, and president of the west coast region of the Khmer Solidarity Association — a nation-wide, nonpolitical Cambodian social organiza-

of the Sierra Club's environmental initiative campaigns; Sig Arywitz, head of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor; and Katherine Dunlap, past president of the Los Angeles League of Women Voters) exists to oppose the initiative. Anyone interested in performing as a volunteer is free to make his or her interest known to that group at this address:

Citizens for Jobs and Energy 6535 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90048

2. While Bechtel and others will contribute to support "Citizens for Jobs and Energy," additional small volunteer contributions are permissible. Any employee wishing to take part as a volunteer contributor is free to do so. Some employees may feel that the committee would find it helpful to be financially supported by many individuals, donating small amounts.



David Kreng, who helped coordinate Los Angeles Division drive to aid Cambodian refugees.

tion that is now concentrating all its efforts on offering assistance to Cambodian refugees.

"Most of these people arrive with only the clothes on their backs," Kreng said. "Many have lost their families, and only very few miderstand any English at all.

"We're trying to orient them to life in the United States. We teach some basic English, and give them a rough idea of customs and traditions in this country."

Kreng and his organization were instrumental in clearing the way for these people to enter the United States.

"We appealed to President Forth, the United States Government, and the American people for compassion and help in evacuating some 5000 Cambodians who had fled their country," he said. "These people have lost everything but their lives and hope.

"As a result, 1500 Cambodians are now at Camp Pendleton, and hopefully more will be activing shortly.

"Right now the critical problem is finding clothing and sponsors." Kreng said. "These people need shoes, coats, sweaters, and blankets as well as personal items such as soap and toothpaste. Starting over again is very hard for them but they are happy to be in this country where they can raise their children in freedom."