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## Snell to Receive Medal

**F**OSTER DEE SNELL, president of Foster D. Snell inc., New York firm of consulting chemists and engineers, has been named by unanimous vote of the council of the Society of Chemical Industry, London, to receive the Society's Gold Medal for 1949, according to an announcement made today by the Society. The Medal is awarded bi-annually by the Society's council to a person "who has attained eminence in applied chemistry." The medal was first awarded in 1896 and has since been awarded to only one American, Prof. Ira Remsen of Johns Hopkins University in 1904. The Society is a worldwide organization with headquarters in London and sections in the United States, Canada, and Australia. Dr. Snell will receive the medal at the Society's meeting at Manchester, England, July 13, 1949, when he will deliver an address on a phase of surface activity. His special field of personal interest is surface active phenomena, which embraces the action of soaps, detergents, wetting agents, and similar products. He has been engaged in applying science to the problems of industry as a consulting chemist in New York and Brooklyn for nearly 30 years and now heads the consulting firm bearing his name, which comprises nearly 100 persons. He was for many years honorary secretary of the American Section of the Society of Chemical Industry and has been its chairman.



**F. D. Snell**

A member of the American Oil Chemists' Society since 1929, Dr. Snell has been active in the work of the Soap Analysis Committee since 1939. He served three terms, from 1942 to 1945, as fourth vice president of the Society, in charge of the soap section. In 1948 he was chairman of the fall meeting at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City, November 15-17.

## Comments Invited

Any comments on the methods of the Fat and Oil Commission of the International Union of Chemistry as published by the Journal will be transmitted to the Commission for such action as they may care to take. Such correspondence should be sent before June 15, 1949. Address Dr. Foster Dee Snell, 29 W. 15th street, New York City 11.

According to announcement released by B. S. Van Zile, head of the Soaps and Detergents Laboratory of the UNITED STATES TESTING COMPANY, an actually standardized soiled fabric has been developed by the laboratory which, according to tests run during the past few months, meets every requirement for detergent tests on both cotton and wool fabrics.