Without any reservations, it can be said that the Washington Association of Sanitarians did an outstanding job of planning and conducting the 21st Annual Educational Conference held in Seattle this past month. Everyone present, members, exhibitors, speakers and guests, were sincere about their statements of tribute to those responsible for the fine meeting. It was indeed “A coming of Age” for the NAS.

The conference was well attended. A total of 214 sanitarians registered for the meeting with about half from the Washington Association and the other from states across the country — from Hawaii to Florida. One hundred ten exhibitors were listed as representing 35 commercial firms having exhibits in the hotel. Seventy-nine wives also attended some of the functions such as the boat ride and the banquet. Fifty-six other guests were present to attend the educational conference. A grand total of 513 persons were registered by the busy and efficient ladies at the registration desk.

Even the weather cooperated with those responsible for the Conference. By ordinance, Mayor Gordon S. Clinton of Seattle, in his greeting to the Assembly, ordered that nothing but the best of weather—cool and refreshing—be provided during the conference.

Miss Zoe Ann Fritz, our Miss Sanitarian for 1957, added to the glamour present at the Conference. Miss Fritz, Miss Hooper and Miss Fujioka were very pleasant and helpful to the conduct of the registration table. Thanks, girls, for your faithful assistance.

At the General Meeting on Thursday, the officers for the next year were elected. Hayes Evans of Seattle, shown above, becomes President; Franklin Fiske from Denver, Colorado, was elected President-Elect; Walter Kimsey of Burbank, California was elected National Vice President and Melvin Wilkey of Denver, Colorado, Treasurer.

Bids for the 1959 Conference city were received from Miami, Florida; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Bozeman, Montana by the AECC Committee. It was the vote of the Board of Directors that the 1959 meeting be held in Miami. Next year’s meeting will be held in New York City.

A progress report on the 22nd Annual Conference was presented by Jim Cawley, Gerard Riley and Mark Redner. From this report it appears that the New York Association is well on its way to making the 22nd Annual meeting an educational and financial success. Keep up the good work.

One of the conference highlights was the Wednesday noon luncheon attended
by 130 Canadian visitors and most of the NAS members registered at the conference. The Canadian Institute of Sanitary Inspectors was holding its Annual meeting in Vancouver, B.C. the same week as the NAS meeting. The Canadian sanitarians and their wives came by train to Seattle to join with us for a luncheon program and the first Congress of the International Federation of Sanitarians' Organizations. The principal speaker was Dr. Brock Chisholm, Past Director General of the World Health Organization. Following Dr. Chisholm's stirring talk on "Responsibility for Health" the first Congress was convened. A complete report on this great event, the first meeting of IFSO, will be printed in the next issue of "The Sanitarian."

At the banquet on Thursday evening, the annual presentation of the Mangold Award took place. Selected as the joint recipients of this award were Professor Milton M. Miller of Colorado and Floyd M. Miller, Past President of the NAS from Louisiana. These two outstanding sanitarians were presented medallions with appropriate inscriptions as their award for faithful service to the NAS in helping raise the professional status of sanitarians.

The exhibits were the best in several years. Thirty-Five exhibitors showed the latest thing in the field of sanitation. The booths were well attended by those present at the conference. Many fine comments were heard about the wonderful opportunity the sanitarians had in gaining knowledge about exhibitors products and exchanging thoughts. The exhibitors are to be complimented on the important part they played in making the 21st Annual Educational Conference a big success.

The entertainment at the banquet was of high caliber. Mr. Aksel Hoskinson, a world known internationalist, surely had his audience under control to the last word. Miss Pat Suzuki topped a real bill of singing with her fine range of voice and selection of songs. See the July 22, 1957 issue of "Time" for a run down of this little girl with a big voice, who according to critics will be in real big time shortly.

In the line of recreation, a pleasant boat trip on Lake Washington, through the government lock and into Puget Sound was enjoyed by the many present. An ample supply of beverages and a bounteous buffet was arranged for service on the S. S. Virginia V, by the Washington Association of Sanitarians. Everyone seemed to enjoy the cruise and though entertainment included a raid by pirates (a sly way of advertising the forthcoming Seafarer Maritime Celebration), at latest report all cruisers made land safely.

It seemed like old times with Mark Nottingham and Doc Pryor present at the meeting. Both aided with festivities in grand style. Mark was at his best when he personally presented corsages to all the ladies who attended the banquet.

Because of the brilliance, timeliness and practicality of the papers and articles that were presented at the Seattle conference, it has been decided by the editorial board to print as many as possible in full in coming issues of "The Sanitarian".

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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

How unusual for so many Past Presidents to be in attendance at this 21st Annual Educational Conference. Of course everyone will recognize the above dignitaries, they are: Top Row—Dr. J. S. Goldfarb, M.D.; C. W. Clark; M. P. Mondala; F. M. Miller. Front Row—C. F. Baughman; A. H. Bliss; R. C. Davis.

The Bremerton Story, a new approach to school lunch service, was an outstanding presentation on the program. This food service was demonstrated at the Thursday luncheon with the meal being served with the compliments of the Bremerton School, and the Reynolds Aluminum Company.

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