

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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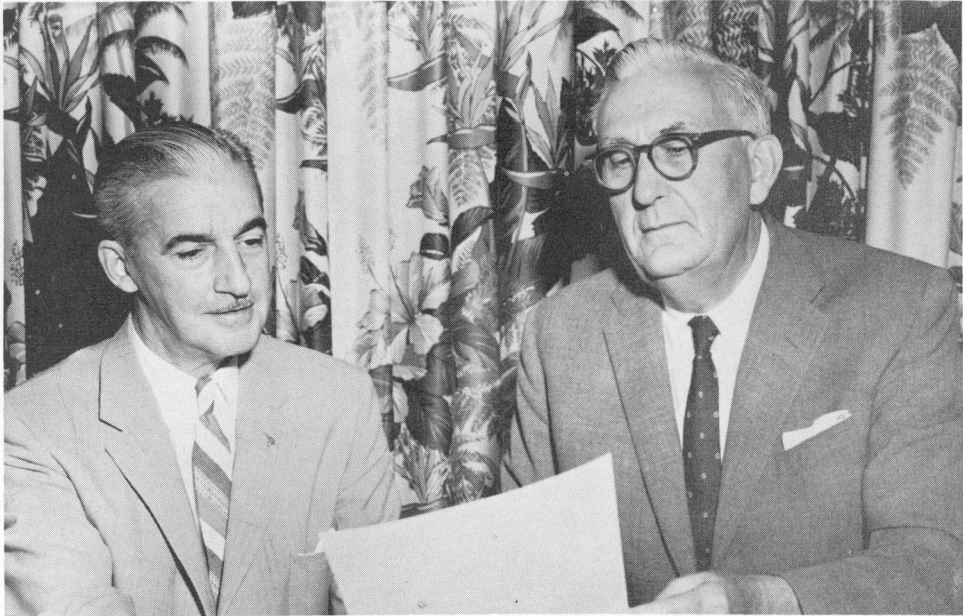
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Another annual educational conference has come and gone, its memories as an eminently successful one lingering on as with any truly satisfying experience. It is certain that every one who had the privilege of enjoying the wonderful facilities provided by the Deauville Hotel in Miami Beach, together with that southern hospitality, will remember them for a long time to come.

Some of the fine papers presented will be published in *The Sanitarian* from time to time; therefore, this report will be confined to the business aspects of the meeting. The Florida group under the able leadership of General Chairman Robert E. Henshaw was responsible for the excellence of the program as well as for the financial success of the conference. From a preliminary report by the Florida Finance Officer at the close of the meeting it appears that there will be approximately \$5000.00 profit to be divided equally between the Florida Association

of Sanitarians and the National Association of Sanitarians. If we may presume to borrow the U. S. Navy's time-honored phrase of highest praise it seems appropriate to say "Well done, Florida."—You have truly given California a mark to strive for when we meet in San Francisco next year.

The Board of Directors reaffirmed our support of the Sanitarians' Joint Council as well as the National Health Council and International Federation of Sanitarians' Organizations. The Board also authorized the establishment and operation of the much-discussed Resources Section. This section may receive funds from industry and foundations for the purpose of supporting scholarships, both undergraduate and at the graduate level, research, other worth-while projects, awards and the like. We were fortunate indeed in being able to prevail upon Mr. Armin Roth of Wyandotte Chemicals to head up this unit. Mr. Roth has been a real



Mayor D. Lee Powell, Mayor of Miami Beach is shown presenting Robert Henshaw, General Chairman of the 23rd Annual Educational Conference, with a scroll proclaiming the week of June 22-26 as Sanitation Week in Miami Beach.

friend of the National Association of Sanitarians over the years, giving freely of his time and support at every opportunity. Under his guidance it is believed that the Resources Section will be of incalculable value to the Association.

The democratic process in action in an orderly fashion was demonstrated upon two occasions. Professor William G. Walter of Montana State College was nominated from the floor for the office of 2nd Vice-president, and was elected. Prof. Walter is a very capable and a very fine person. The second episode occurred when the Board of Directors in special session over-ruled the Annual Educational Conference Committee's recommended site for the 1961 conference and selected St. Louis.

At this writing standing committee appointments have been made and it is anticipated that the committees will be in action at an early date. Whenever possible, your president has attempted to distribute committee membership throughout the Country. In some cases in which it is mandatory that a committee meet several times a year, notably the Executive Committee, this, of course, is not possible.

A special study committee was appointed to delve into the feasibility of merging or amalgamation of the various Sanitarians' organizations. This committee was charged with the responsibility of making a thorough study and reporting to the membership at the conference in San Francisco next year. This is strictly a fact-finding or research group, as the name implies, and it is believed that the report from this group will be of great value in helping us chart our future course intelligently.

Your President-elect, Roderick Kalling, will be coordinating activities between the National Association of Sanitarians and the California Association for next year's meeting, and your 1st Vice-president, Lt. Col. V. Harry Adrounie, as General Chairman of the Projects Committees, will without doubt do an outstanding job.

From time to time during the coming year progress reports will be made to the membership through the medium of *The Sanitarian*. In the meantime it would appear there is every reason to be optimistic for a year of continued growth, recognition and progress for the National Association of Sanitarians.