

### DELEGATES

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TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: D. LILLIE, G. BOEHLER, A. FISHBACK, T. MATSUSHIMA, F. COOPER, I. SCHLAFMAN, R. W. HICKEY, J. HENSLEY, J. JOHANNSON, U. SLOULIN, B. McMORROW (R. ROWLEY, MISSING).

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 27TH ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE — NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SANITARIANS, HONOLULU

by WILLIAM G. WALTER, *Past President, N.A.S.*

Many of us have dreamed about the Hawaiian Islands, but recently Oahu, Waikiki Beach, Diamond Head, luau and poi, leis and plumeria became realities for those who attended the 27th Annual Educational Conference in Honolulu.

Most of our group arrived by air and were greeted in true Hawaiian style by local sanitarians and others. Excitement ran high as we met old friends and made new ones.

Sunday morning we started the week in fine style when the officers and their wives enjoyed breakfast on the beach of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel as guests of the Coca-Cola Company. Later we at-

tended the church of our choice and several of us went to the Kawaiahao Church which is called the Westminster Abbey of Hawaii. Part of the service was in Hawaiian and one sensed the important role of religion in the lives of the Islanders.

Officers and board members spent most of the afternoon with the local committee in laying plans for the business sessions of the week. The evening social hour was on the 11th floor of the Princess Kaiulani Hotel, our headquarters. The view of the ocean, the surrounding city and the mountains was spectacular. We soon learned that one does not speak of directions as

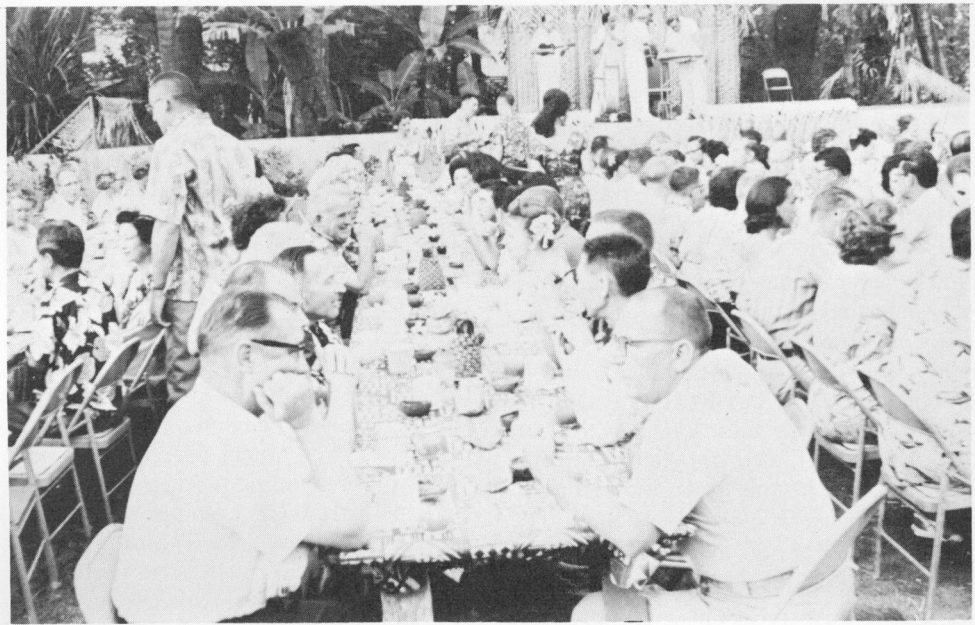
points of the compass but where things are in relation to such areas as the ocean (moana), Diamond Head, Waikiki Beach, or Pearl Harbor. Most of us wore suits and a tie that evening. We were informed by our hosts that when sessions started the next day, attire was to be very informal. If not, it was likely that ties would be snipped.

The educational sessions began Monday morning with Reverend Teruo Kawata of the Kaiokoala Congregational Church giving the invocation followed by a welcome by Dr. Leo Bernstein, Director of Health for the State of Hawaii. Parts of this were filmed for television that evening, but just as it appeared on the screen someone stood in front of the TV set and since I was in the back of the room I completely missed seeing myself as others saw me. This was probably just as well for my ego. Space does not permit discussing the papers which were presented. Many of these will appear subsequently in our Journal and others will be made available through the Association office in mimeographed form. Suffice to say there was considerable interest in the "1962 Sanitarian Man Power Survey" panel. Since each of us is a statistic in this report I am sure that you will want to receive a copy and see where we stand in relation to training, salaries, and areas for improvement in our profession.

The highlight of the noon luncheon was the presentation of an impressive plaque to Mr. Bernard J. McMorrow, Director, Environmental Health Division, State Department of Health, and President of the host organization. For about a quarter of a century Mr. McMorrow has been working on behalf of the sanitarians on the Islands and it was with a great deal of pleasure that I was able to pay him tribute in the presence of his peers. In addition presidential citations were given to the chairmen of the local committees as well as to others in the NAS who have contributed above and beyond the call of duty in recent years, particularly in 1962-63.

Monday evening the social activity included a tea house party. It was a pleasure to remove one's shoes after a busy day, but the custom of sitting on the floor while eating with chopsticks readily separated the boys from the men and the girls from the women. Some fastidious individuals did not care for all of the dishes in the nine course dinner, but frankly, I thoroughly enjoyed all of them with the exception of the raw fish. I became quite adept with the chopsticks and have a picture to prove it. Many of the dances which were presented on various occasions throughout the week were performed by young people who were pupils of outstanding teachers in the city. On this particular evening we enjoyed Japanese, Chinese and Tahitian dances. The costumes worn by the performers were beautiful and the dances were extremely well executed.

On Tuesday one of the panels dealt with "Environmental Health and Tourism in the Hawaiian Islands". In 1950 approximately 46,000 tourists stayed at least one night in the Islands. In 1962 the figure had risen to 365,000 visitors. Tourists now spend more than \$156 million a year in our 50th state. It seems quite likely that there will be a large increase in tourism following our session, because I feel confident that everyone who attended will be an outspoken emissary for the Islands. Tuesday evening the Hawaiian luau at the Queens Surf was an exceptional experience. The feast was on the beach and we had an opportunity to see them open the pit where the pigs had been cooked in true Hawaiian style. Again this meal was different, but delicious. I did note that there were many dishes of untouched poi left on the table, but the pork, chicken, sweet potatoes, banana bread, coconut pudding and coconut cake were consumed. Parenthetically, I should mention that our Executive Secretary went to the meeting alone but was so impressed with the climate, the hotel and the activities that he immediately called his wife in Denver and she arrived after her flight alone and over water in time for the Tuesday evening luau.



HAWAIIAN LUAU

Since the officers were kept busy during the day in educational sessions and special conferences, several of us found it necessary to get in our swim early in the morning before breakfast. On returning from surfing on Wednesday morning I fell off a wall on the beach and twisted my knee. This caused a great deal of pain and by noon I could not walk and required medical attention and a cane. As you can expect many stories quickly arose as to how the accident happened. Again space does not permit giving you the true story. However, I was able to preside at the annual business meeting. Several by-law changes were approved that make Past Presidents life members, increase the dues \$2 per year, that is from \$6 to \$8, and make the Walter S. Mangold Award Committee a separate committee with a chairman appointed by the President. The various officers reported on the activities of their committees and it was quite gratifying to note the progress which has been made during the past year. Immediately following the business meeting, the newly elected President, Frank Goldsmith, called a luncheon meeting of the new Board of Directors. In his President's Messages he will advise you of the activities which

he plans for the year. Following an outstanding afternoon educational session the group spent a "Night in the Philippines" at the Reef Hotel. Again the food was delectable and the dancing, singing, and music most enjoyable.

Thursday was set aside for tours and personally I hope that this pattern is followed in the future. It seems that three days of well planned and diversified papers, panels and discussions are adequate for NAS meetings. The tours on Thursday allow one to participate in the planned activity or to have the day to himself. Many went to the Kodak Hawaii Hula Show and others on the pineapple cannery tour. In the afternoon many took the Pearl Harbor cruise. While waiting for the cruise to start, we were entertained by young brown-skinned lads diving for coins. The only one I saw who was unsuccessful was a boy who attempted to retrieve a penny thrown in by our newly-elected First Vice President. As we cruised around the harbor and listened to the December 7, 1941 episode described, we had plenty of time to give serious thought to that occasion and what has happened in the 22 intervening years.



LEFT TO RIGHT: DR. FRANK GOHR, PROFESSOR WALTER S. MANGOLD,  
LT. COL. V. HARRY ADROUNIE

## RECIPIENTS OF THE MANGOLD AWARD

The official program closed with the Aloha Awards Banquet Thursday evening. Bob Nekomoto who was the general chairman for the entire meeting, did an outstanding job as master of ceremonies. As has been the custom for many years at other meetings the Hawaiians presented all of the officers and their wives with leis. This pleasant task was performed by the official hostess, the charming Miss Miranda Yokoo. Among the awards made to various individuals were honorary citizenship and keys to the city of New Orleans presented by George Boehler of Louisiana in behalf of the mayor of that city, red felt hunting hats, which have been the symbol of the Washington State group for several years, to several of the local committee chairmen, and a case of champagne from the California chapter to the host organization to help them recover from the headaches developed while performing their many assignments. The Honorary Membership Committee, under the chairmanship of Hayes Evans, is to be complimented for

its selection of Dr. A. Harry Bliss of the University of California at Berkeley as an honorary life member. Personally I was pleased to receive a monkey pod replica of a poi pounder from the Sheraton Hotel, but my greatest thrill came when I received a beautiful gold wrist watch from Mr. James Cawley of Airkem, Inc. Mr. Cawley has done an outstanding job participating in several affiliate meetings during the year and is now on his way to Tokyo to speak on various aspects of environmental health. It will be remembered that he and his company put a great deal of time and effort into the many activities relating to the hospital ship, HOPE, and Jim has been on board for several humanitarian trips.

The highlight of the banquet was the presentation of the Mangold Awards. Unfortunately, Dr. Joseph Goldfarb, chairman of this committee, was unable to attend. As President, I had the honor and privilege of presenting impressive plaques for distinguished service in the field of



**DR. WILLIAM WALTER PRESENTING CERTIFICATE OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO  
DR. A. HARRY BLISS**

environmental health to Lt. Col. V. Harry Adrounie and to Dr. Frank A. Gohr. As is well known both of these men have made notable contributions in the field of environmental health through their activities in the National Association of Sanitarians. I am sure it was gratifying to both of them that Professor Walter Mangold was there in person to offer his congratulations.

With a great deal of pleasure, relief, and some satisfaction for what I may have accomplished, but also with a bit of regret, I turned over the Presidency for the coming year to Francis Goldsmith. He has some progressive plans and I feel confident that with the assistance of President-Elect James Doyle, First Vice President John Todd, and Second Vice President Fred Cooper that the Association will continue to move forward in the field of environmental health. Mr. William V. Hickey of the Public Health Committee of the Paper Cup and Container Institute, Inc. presented the new President with an engraved gavel on behalf of the *Health Officers News Digest*. Since I received one of these gavels last year, I know that the new President will find frequent opportunities to use it in Association business in the coming year.

Some of us were fortunate to spend several additional days on the island. My only regret was that Mrs. Walter and I could not extend our leave despite newspaper and bus strikes. It is a beautiful spot and those who went to some of the other islands indicated that one should include such tours in order to get a complete picture of this South Pacific paradise.

Our plane arrived in Seattle early on the morning of July 3 and Mrs. Walter and I spent several hours with Jack Hatlen, chairman of the Publications Committee, and John Fish, Regional Vice President. We discussed many things and just before leaving on our train I was asked what I felt was the outstanding highlight of the session. At that time I was unable to designate one since there had been so many wonderful experiences. However, after arriving home and looking at some of our pictures and discussing various events, it seems that one thing now stands out above all else -- the hospitality of the Hawaiian sanitarians. Many of them met us at the airport and some were there when we left. If we wanted any special information or assistance in making purchases one of them was always at our service. My wife indicated that the



**GEORGE BOEHLER, DELEGATE FROM LOUISIANA, PRESENTING ROBERT NEKAMOTO, GENERAL CHAIRMAN 27TH AEC, AN HONORARY CITIZENSHIP AND KEY TO THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.**

women's program was outstanding and the hosts and hostesses took an active part in planning the various activities. The Hawaiians were also conspicuous by their presence at the educational sessions. These along with three young men and Bill Braatz from American Samoa were the majority at some of the meetings. This is not mentioned in criticism of our mainland delegates but to emphasize that the Hawaiians took this conference very seriously. Because of their hard work and continuous attention to detail it is quite likely that this session will be a financial success as have been other recent conferences. And so as I did in closing the annual banquet, I again express my heartfelt appreciation for an excellent meeting to the general chairman, Bob Nekomoto, and to his colleagues who

chaired the various committees, namely Isao Matoi, Keio Fukunaga, Wataru Ishikawa, Yutaka Moriwaki, Abe Miyasaka, Tadashi Ogata, Fred Tan, Ivan Woo, and Fadamoto Iwashita. In addition, particular tribute must be paid to Miss Gwen Char who handled many of the details for the Inter Island Trade Wind Tours of Hawaii. Finally, I repeat, to all of those who had anything to do with the 27th Annual Educational Conference of the NAS — it was a job well done and I am certain that anyone who came there from the mainland is looking forward to another opportunity of visiting these islands and of renewing acquaintances. It was a wonderful way to end a term as President of this growing Association and I am proud to be a member. Aloha.

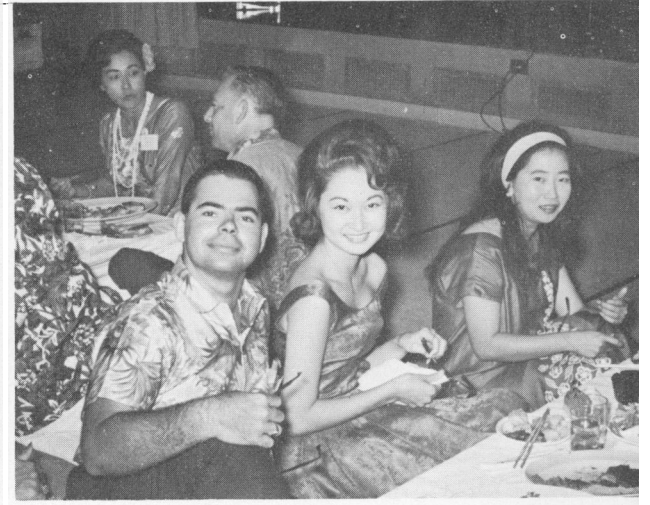
## **COMMENTS ON THE HAWAII CONFERENCE**

“The best in the West, *and* no better in the East. Everyone else will find it most difficult to live up to the wonderful convention you people sponsored.”

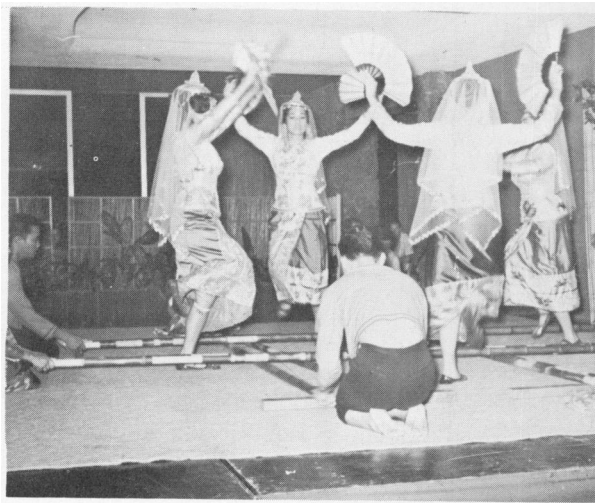
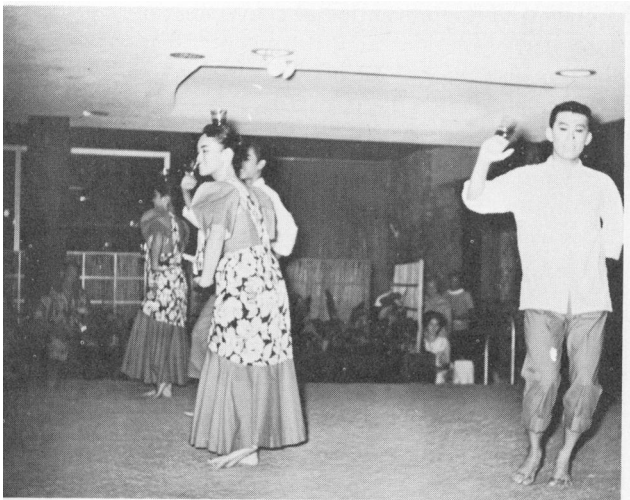
Harold Austin, Coca Cola Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

“As a Council Officer of the Texas Association of Sanitarians, I wish to extend our hearty congratulations to all of you for this splendid 27th Annual Conference. With a 20-year convention record, I say this is “the one.” Never before have I

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experienced such fine educational sessions and an exotic vacation in one package; and, at a price we can afford. Mrs. Fox and I will always treasure the memories of this meeting."

Lige Fox, R.S., Big Springs, Texas.

"Excellent!! Excellent!! Excellent!! 'Wow!'"

Lee Houser, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

"The most successful and most unusual conference I have attended. Thanks."

L. R. (Doc) Pryor, Los Angeles, California.

"The most educational of any convention which I have been fortunate to attend. Also, the hospitality is unequalled."

E. Douglas Pushard, Las Vegas, Nevada.

"After about 12 years of N.A.S. conferences, I can honestly say this is by far the best conference ever! The timing has been excellent — just enough technical sessions to justify the entry on the expense accounts, but still short enough to prevent boredom! The 6-9 p.m. evenings of recreation and dinner have been just right — still early enough for night club fans to attend the planned events and still provide time for those seeking

such additional entertainment. For those over the "hump of life" (120+ years), the chance for early bedtime I'm sure has been appreciated. Time for shopping, swimming, surfing, etc., has been provided in adequacy. Only one thing — not every geographic location is blessed with the environment of Hawaii. Spare time here is appreciated and fully utilized. I'm looking forward to a return visit, and you can be sure my entire family will be with me to enjoy it as I have! Best regards, and a sincere 'well done'."

Frank A. Gohr, Orinda, California.

"The educational section was excellent and the entertainment features the best yet. A very fine conference."

Loren O. Martin, Jacksonville, Florida.

"I think the recent N.A.S. Conference was very successful. It should have a terrific impact on the thinking of mainlanders toward the islands and their inhabitants. With such a meeting and show of friendship, the members who attended the conference will cherish the many memories of the wonderful programs and good times around the festive boards at the teahouse party, the luau at the Queen Surf, the night in the Philippines, and the banquet at the Princess Kaulani.

Forrest Walker, Tujunga, California.

### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Twelve Sanitarians needed to volunteer their services and work at Valley Forge. Housing in tent and Board will be furnished. Each member of the Environmental Health Staff must furnish his own transportation and uniform. Must be available at Valley Forge Park in Pennsylvania from July 15-25, 1964.

Those interested may contact Mr. Donald M. Higgins, Director Health and Safety Service, National Council, Boy Scouts of America, New Brunswick, N. J.

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procedures such as operation of the autoclave and the prevention of contamination of sterile solutions and instruments. Routine inspections include discussion of procedures with the operators.

After one year's operation with the revised tattooing ordinance, the operators are proud that they have learned and are using sanitary procedures.

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