

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 32nd AEC BUSINESS MEETING

Although Resurrection City and the poor peoples' campaign was going strong while we were in Washington, D.C., the 32nd AEC probably was the most successful of all our annual educational meetings. For one thing, it was held in the nation's capitol and this location provided an opportunity for our delegation to meet with many Senators and Congressmen sometimes in their own offices. Also, many were able to visit Congress while it was in session and tour other historical points of interest. All these made for an educational meeting even beyond the professional meetings of the AEC. More than ever before, and this is the crux of all the AEC meetings, our speakers were excellent and NAS still is receiving comments on the outstanding meetings held and talks given by experts in various fields of environmental health.



Senator Ralph W. Yarborough, Texas, speaks to the NAS General Assembly about the position of the sanitarian in the Manpower Training Act of 1968.

## NAS Adopts Resolutions

Official action taken at the 32nd Annual Educational Conference of National Association of Sanitarians included resolutions for creating an active membership classification for workers in environmental health departments who are not now eligible to become active members. By-Laws Committee was charged with setting up such a classification to be presented for adoption by the membership at the 33rd AEC.

Further resolution recommended that

each state affiliate obtain a minimum of \$200 for each Annual Educational Conference through sale of advertising or exhibitor space.

Thanks were given through N.A.S. resolutions to the host affiliates -- Maryland, National Capital Area and Virginia associations; to Mrs. Mattie Coney, Indianapolis, Inc., Citizens Forum; to Keynote Speaker, Dr. Philip R. Lee; to AEC General Chairman, Francis J. Goldsmith; to exhibitors, and to the Ladies Auxiliaries of the three host associations, for their part in making the 32nd AEC a success.

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Philip Lee, Assistant Secretary of Health and Scientific Affairs, brought us all up to date on the reorganization of HEW and the Public Health Service. At the same time he himself got to know the most effective group in public and environmental health, the Sanitarians. Following the conference, your Executive Director, Nicholas Pohlit, was asked to meet with Dr. Lee to discuss many vital issues confronting the environmental field and especially the sanitarian profession. One of those issues is the need for support for schools with curriculum in environmental health and undergraduate training and a closer working liaison between NAS and the Public Health Service.

Senator Ralph Yarborough of Texas, member of the Health Committee of the Senate, gave an outstanding talk also. He was so impressed with the large delegation from Texas (host for the 1969 AEC which will be held in Houston June 22-27 at the Rice Hotel). The Senator has been extremely favorable to public health legislation over the years and encouraged us that the future looks bright for environmental health. You will be hearing more about him soon.

Many of the outstanding AEC talks will be published soon in the *Journal of Environmental Health*, including the talks by Dr. René Dubos, of Rockefeller University, and



Dr. Philip Lee, Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs, HEW, with NAS officers and Dr. Carruth Wagner, Assistant Surgeon General, PHS. Left to right, Nicholas Pohlit, Jerrold Michael, Dr. Lee, Dr. Wagner, and William Broadway.

Mattie Coney of Indianapolis who received standing ovation for her presentation of "A Good City Begins With You."

Sectional meetings were very successful and reports of each of these meetings will be published in this and future issues of the *Journal*. Key persons from all parts of the country took part and are in the process of developing guidelines for future work and study in such areas as the hospital environment, university and campus environment, food, state registration council, residency council and sanitarian internship and accreditation for undergraduate training in environmental health.

A meeting was held between a task force from the Food and Drug Administration and NAS for the purpose of developing a closer liaison between the two groups. Much of the groundwork was laid for future meetings about which you will hear during the year.

We nearly had 100 per cent representation by delegates from our affiliates. This takes in nearly the entire country now, the latest states to affiliate being Oklahoma, Arkansas and North and South Dakota.

Newly elected officers for the National Association of Sanitarians are Roger Lewis, president; John McHugh of New York City, president elect; Bill Broadway of Asheville,

32nd AEC delegates and NAS officers: Row 1: John McHugh, Roger Lewis, Ward Duel, Melvin Wilkey, Verne Reierson, Bill Broadway, Nick Pohlit; Row 2: Raymond Tyler, Sam Stephenson, Clare Schmutz, Clifford Gulley, Edward DeLouise, John Beck, William Kenley, Ralph Frazier, Tom Connors; Row 3: John Todd, Bernard Weintraub, William Irvine, Clifford Gulley, John Blaine, Leo Schuppert, W. H. Cranford, Avery Allison, Robert Muldrow; Row 4: Paul Laughlin, Dick West, James Brinda, Watane Ishikawa, Jim Wiesniewski, Oscar Haug, Harold Irvin, Lloyd Grannan, Harold Wittig, Eugene Theios, Darold Taylor, Curtis Heaton, James Callahan and Noah Squires.





Roger Lewis, newly elected president of NAS, gives his acceptance speech.

N.C., 1st vice president, Vern Reiersen of Portland State College, 2nd vice president, and Melvin W. Wilkey of Aurora, Colorado, treasurer.

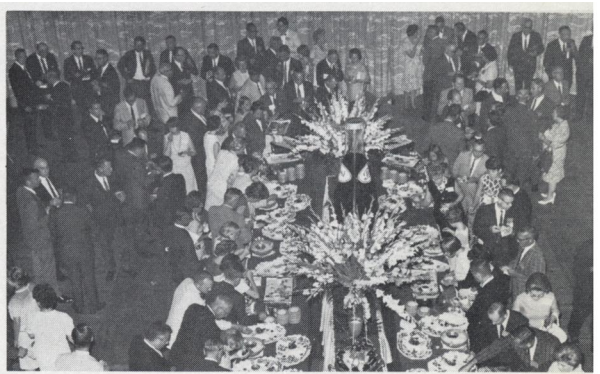
Probably the most heated session of the AEC Business Meeting occurred when the proposed amendments to the By-Laws came before the Assembly. One amendment proposed was a change in definition and terminology in the various classes of NAS membership. When the smoke cleared, the Board requested the By-Laws Committee to further study our problem areas and have a proposal ready for their review by the first of 1969 in order that time would permit a thorough review prior to the Houston meeting in June.

(Regarding forming a new association made up of NAS and IAMFES), a lengthy discussion was held by the Board of Directors on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon as to the problems involved. The Board heard Reports of the Ad Hoc Committee which is made up of Professor William Walter; Fred Cooper, John Todd, members of the Executive Committee and officers of NAS. The consensus of the Board was that every effort should be made to bring the two organizations together, but at the same time the Board asked that a better communication system be developed

to appraise the membership of what is happening. It was felt by the majority of the Board that things were happening too rapidly and without full knowledge of the total impact of such a merger.

Newly elected President, Roger Lewis appointed a committee to continue the merger study. Committee members are John McHugh, President-Elect, NAS; John Todd, Chairman, Executive Committee; and Dr. William Walter, Professor and Head, Dept. of Microbiology, Montana State University.

But good meetings don't just happen. They take much planning and total support from all involved. The 32nd AEC had both. Making possible periods of relaxation and



Once again the Pepsi Cola Company entertained NAS with its annual Pepsi Cola Social Hour during the 32nd AEC. Included in the gala affair were buffet dinner and cocktail party.

opportunities to meet conferees and speakers more informally were several loyal supporters of NAS, including the U.S. Brewers Association, Pepsi Cola Company, the Yeomans Company and National Restaurant Association, more specifically, John Barrett, and Roger Powers, U.S. Brewers Association; Steve Gullo, Pepsi Cola Company; Jim Jump, the Yeomans Company. All these persons lived up to their reputation of providing NAS with the commercial and professional support so necessary for us to reach the public and provide outstanding professional meetings such as the 32nd AEC.

Likewise, the Host Committee, Frank Goldsmith, George Prime, Dale Treusdell,



Francis Goldsmith, 32nd AEC General Chairman, chats with John Barrett of the U.S. Brewers' Association, Lois Williams (Miss Environmental Health) and Nick Pohlit, NAS Executive Director.

Jim Musser and many others contributing to the work of that committee, made the success of the meeting possible. It is this kind of behind-the-scene organization and work, which allows our annual meetings not only to continually improve and provide the sanitarian and others with professional stimulation and inspiration.

Nor can one forget the outstanding cooperation and work from such persons as the secretaries from the Public Health Service, namely, Lois Williams (Miss Environmental Health), Stephanie Smith, and others who helped so much.

During the meeting, the Executive Director was honored with a Life Membership

in the NAS, and a three-year contract beginning Jan. 1, 1969 and expiring Dec. 30, 1971. Both of these the Board of Directors approved unanimously.

A petition to affiliate was received and accepted for review from the Uniform Services.

Three resignations from the Executive Committee were presented by Ward Duel. These resignations, effective at the close of the 32nd AEC, were from Frank Goldsmith, John Todd and Jerrold Michael. Bob Brown of North Carolina objected strenuously to the resignations and asked for a vote of confidence for the three. They received a standing ovation.

Steve Gullo (far right), Pepsi Cola Company representative and Pepsi Cola Hospitality Hour host, poses with NAS Executive Director Nicholas Pohlit (center) and members of the Pepsi Cola Party.

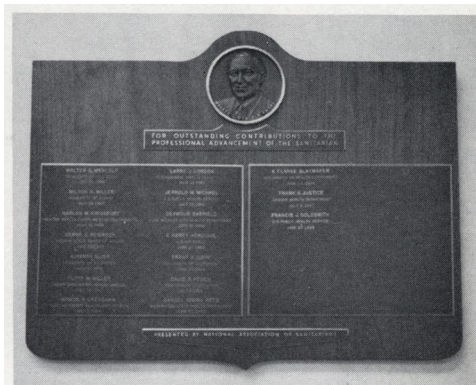


## FRANCIS J. GOLDSMITH RECEIVES MANGOLD AWARD

One highlight of the traditional NAS banquet held at the Annual Educational Conference in Washington in June was the awarding of the Walter S. Mangold Award to the outstanding sanitarian in the United States.

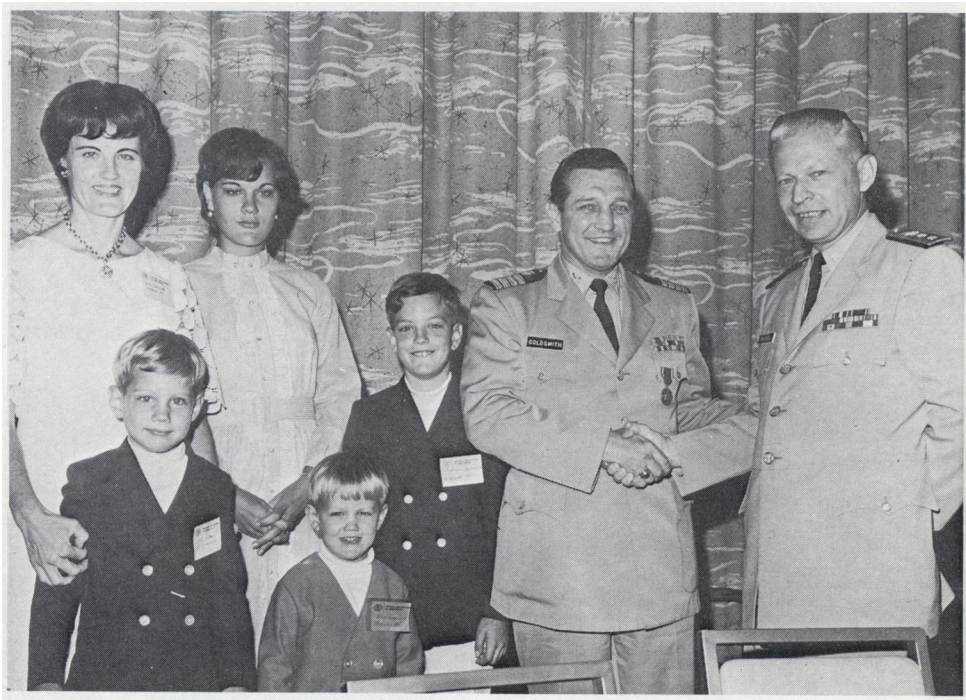
The Mangold Award was given by Assistant Surgeon General Jerrold M. Michael, Chairman of the National Association of Sanitarians Mangold Award Committee and himself a former recipient of the coveted award.

This year's recipient was Francis Joseph Goldsmith of the National Capital Area Association of Sanitarians. Mr. Goldsmith, a Past President of the National Association of Sanitarians who served as the general chairman of the 32nd Annual Educational Conference, was also presented the Public



The Walter S. Mangold Award. Francis J. Goldsmith's name most recently was added to the list of outstanding sanitarians.

Health Service Commendation Medal for his work in health planning and professional association liaison efforts with the Service's Bureau of Health Services.



Francis J. Goldsmith is congratulated by Jerrold Michael for receiving the 1968 Walter S. Mangold Award. With the year's outstanding sanitarian is his family, Mrs. Betty Goldsmith, and family.



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