

AEC Provides Exchange of Ideas



NAS hierarchy share a laugh with Senator Ralph Yarborough during his Sunday evening talk. Left to right: Melvin Wilkey, treasurer; Nick Pohlit, executive director; Yarborough; Roger Lewis, president; Dr. Peavey, Texas Association; John McHugh, 1969-70 president.

THE 33rd Annual Educational Conference and Annual Business Meeting of the National Association of Sanitarians concluded June 27 in Houston, Texas after a week-long review of the nation's environmental health problems and appearances by such well known experts as NASA's Dr. Charles Berry and several of his staff members from the Manned Spacecraft Center. At a time so near to the manned lunar landing, this program, plus a visit to the Center, was one of the main conference attractions. More than 100 speakers participated in the overall educational program.

Senator Ralph Yarborough told an enthusiastic Sunday evening audience that environmental pollutants are a prime concern of government, but only until it can be said with certainty that a given substance or industrial practice brings harm to the lives and health of human beings, can standards be set, controls prescribed, and cooperation solicited for what can be done by private citizens. Until then, the rhetoric about pollution will shift from that which is unsightly to that which is harmful without distinction and will be subject to rebuttal by industry and from a citizenry that is always reluctant to accept regulation simply on the basis of someone else's opinion. He also pointed out that legislation has been enacted to

cope with a good many environmental problems, but at the present time, appropriations for such programs is taking a back seat to Vietnam expenditures. In addition, he called for the National Association of Sanitarians to provide more leadership for congressmen in the environmental health field.

Presentations by Senator Ralph Yarborough (D. Tex.); Stuart Clarke, Career Development, U. S. Dept. of HEW; Arthur Atkisson, Jr., University of Southern California, and others from outside the N.A.S., emphasized strongly that they believed a change in the name of the association would be in order because of the expanding horizons for sanitarians. The General Assembly voted to submit the name of National Environmental Health Association to a mail ballot of the entire association membership. Results of that mail ballot will be published in the next issue.

The educational program and association business was punctuated with several gala social events contributed by Pepsi Cola, U. S. Brewers Association, Nieco Air Screens, and Yeomans Bros. These functions provided an opportunity for attendees and their families to all get together in a social atmosphere. In addition to making new friends and renewing acquaintances, these informal occasions

provide for a free exchange of ideas on topics of mutual professional interest. They are very much appreciated by everyone who attends the yearly conference.

The exhibit area is another section of the conference which provides an opportunity for free exchange of ideas and informal conversation with suppliers of products, with specific organizations, with government bureaus, and others.



Exhibitors displayed many educational items in Houston.

Popular booths at the 33rd AEC were the Automatic Merchandising Association, which offered free coffee, and the Coca Cola booth which also provided samples. A prize of \$50 was given to one person who visited all the booths. The name was selected through a drawing at the banquet on Thursday evening.

Accomplishments of the General Assembly included passing amendments to the bylaws to give associate members voting rights; to establish sections within

the organization to identify special areas of interest and diversification of duties; to confer on each past president of the association an ex-officio, non-voting membership on the Board of Directors; to give power of establishing dues to the Board of Directors in order to meet the financial needs of the association. The General Assembly rejected a proposed bylaws amendment that would place election of officers on a mail ballot. A complete set of current bylaws will be available shortly.

A highlight of the first general session was presentation of a message to the association from President Richard M. Nixon. The greeting is reproduced on the cover of this publication. The association also adopted a resolution commending Nixon for his action in establishing the Environmental Quality Council in recognition of the need for an overall view of action by all government agencies toward environmental control. This office should make it possible to establish liaison directly between the office of the President and the nation's environmental health personnel.

The Registration Committee was raised to Council status by resolution. Another action called for health departments to incorporate accident prevention and injury control into their programs—for sanitarians to apply their knowledge in accident prevention and for the National Association of Sanitarians to take the lead in urging proper recognition of and

This session of the NAS general assembly accomplished most of the decisions.



legislation toward a safer environment. Further resolution recognized the sanitarian's ability to judge quality and to make independent decisions for recommending equipment. The National Examination for Registration of Sanitarians used by the American Public Health Association was accepted as the N.A.S. official examination and is recommended to the states for adoption as the national professional examination.

The Board of Directors acted to continue deliberations on forming a new organization in conjunction with the International Association of Milk, Food, and Environmental Sanitarians, but to make a firm decision one way or the other within one year.

Orientation sessions and completely open business sessions contributed to a successful business meeting since almost all delegates participated in discussions and voting on major issues of business in directing the association's activities for the coming year. Only two affiliated state organizations were not represented. All members and affiliated organizations are urged to participate fully during the year and the years to come in order to continue these favorable conditions toward progress.

Charles Gillham, Lake Charles, La., was elected as second vice president; and other officers moved up the ladder. Officers for the year are: John McHugh, New York, president; William Broadway, North Carolina, president-elect; Verne Reiersen, Oregon, first vice president; Charles Gillham, second vice president; Melvin Wilkey, Colorado, treasurer. Nicholas Pohlit, executive director, was

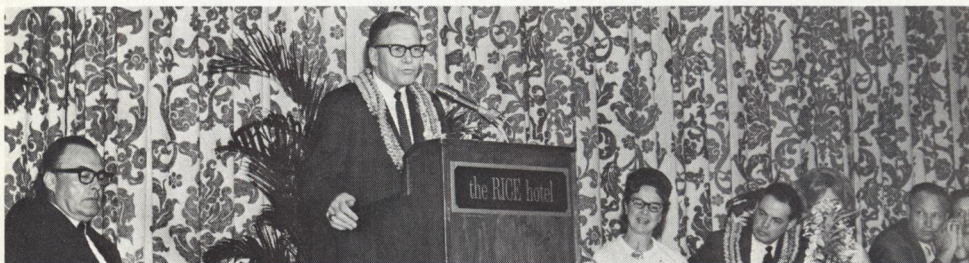
given a vote of confidence by the directors. A resolution was adopted commending him for his outstanding contribution to the sanitarian profession in acquiring funds to implement a nationally recognized undergraduate program and for his diligence in obtaining these funds in spite of almost unsurmountable hurdles. As a result of his efforts, sanitarians have been included in the Allied Health Professions Personnel Training Act, and approximately \$200,000 have been granted to various universities and colleges for the purpose of developing environmental health educational programs. Mr. Pohlit was awarded a \$500 per year salary increase as a result of the resolution.

The Vermont Association of Sanitarians petitioned for affiliation. As soon as their credentials are examined by the N.A.S. executive committee, a formal announcement will be made in the *Journal of Environmental Health*.

A first draft script of the recruitment film to be produced by Economics Laboratory was submitted to the Board of Directors for suggestions. The script will be finalized by September 1, and filming is to be completed by October. The film is scheduled for release by January 1, 1970. This should be a worthwhile tool in drawing students into environmental health curriculums. It is directed to high school students and those in the first two years of college, but will be available also as public information.

A new recruitment poster produced by National Association of Sanitarians was on display in Houston, and it is available from the office of the Executive Director.

Roger Lewis, 1968-69 president, said a few farewell words to banquet goers. Listening are William Broadway, president-elect; Mrs. Lewis; John McHugh, incoming president; Mrs. McHugh; Charles Gillham, newly elected second vice president; and Mrs. Gillham.





Opening AEC session found these men in the spotlight: Dr. John Middleton; John McHugh; Congressman Robert Eckhardt, speaking; Roger Lewis; C. C. Johnson, administrator, CPEHS; Dr. C. A. Pigford; and William Broadway.

Presentations by specialty experts and workshops proved to be useful to those attending the educational conference. Presentations arousing special interest were housing, planning, pollution control, hospital and health care facilities, swimming pool maintenance, and accident prevention. As many of these presentations as physically possible are presented in this issue. Others will be printed in succeeding issues.

The meeting was highlighted by such outstanding speakers as Senator Ralph Yarborough; Bob Eckhardt, Texas congressman; C. C. Johnson, administrator of the Consumer Protection and Environmental Health Service; Dr. Herbert Ley of the Federal Food and Drug Administration, and Dr. John T. Middleton of the National Air Pollution Control Administration. Their presentations are also included in this issue.

Resolution Number II

Title—

Commendation To Mr. Nicholas Pohlit For His Outstanding Contribution To The Sanitarian Profession By Acquiring Sufficient Funds To Implement A Nationally Recognized Undergraduate Program For The Profession And For His Exemplary Performance To Achieve His Objectives In An Aura of Discouragement, Futility, And Exasperation.

Preamble—

The foundation upon which a profession is built provides the base for erecting that structure desired, designed, and developed by its owner-occupants. While its style, size, and shape uniquely characterize the inhabitants, its soundness and durability substantially depend upon the solid foundation of educational programs. For years, Sanitarians have had the desire and design, but not the financial resources to support construction. Patiently, the Sanitarian awaited the opportunity to acquire the necessary funds. Eventually, the Eighty-ninth Congress passed the Allied Health Professions Personnel Training Act (89-751) which provided monies for curriculum development and trainee assistance for such professionals as Sanitarians. The National Association of Sanitarians lent its support to assist in the passage of this bill. However, in spite of agreements, programs for Sanitarians were omitted in the initially developed regulations. Ultimately, after much effort by Mr. Nicholas Pohlit, they were included, and since that time approximately \$200,000 have been granted by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to various universities and colleges for developing environmental health educational programs. Because of his unswerving service, the profession finally has its foundation to complete building its professional development structure and the first academic program has been inspected for the Association's accreditation.

WHEREAS—

The cornerstones of all professions are those academic programs designed to provide learned individuals in those principals and concepts unique to the profession.

WHEREAS—

Professional educational programs afford practitioners the opportunity to achieve

more specific identification, provide individuals the adit into the profession and achieve peerage among the professions.

WHEREAS—

The development of educational programs is so costly that schools of higher education can not risk the investment without assurances that student demand will recover the monies or that grant funds are available to support the program.

WHEREAS—

The Sanitarian had been frustrated in all his past efforts to acquire sufficient financial support to attain a nationally recognized and implemented professional educational program.

WHEREAS—

When monies became available under the Allied Health Professions Personnel Training Act to support such developmental programs, the Sanitarians, while included in the said Act, were omitted from programs for consideration.

Because Mr. Pohlit could not be dissuaded, discouraged or disgusted, he worked with members of the United States Congress and DHEW to attain eventual coverage for Sanitarians.

Therefore Be It Resolved That—

The entire membership of the National Association of Sanitarians commends Nicholas Pohlit for his continuing superior services and for his landmark contribution to all Sanitarians by securing sufficient funding to implement a nationally recognized professional educational program for Sanitarian students.

And Further That—The Officers, Board of Directors and

This legal assembly of Association members, in recognition of his sustaining high level performance of leadership and management, and in appreciation for his valuable services, directs that his salary be increased \$500 per year over and above the amount so stated in his existing contract beginning July 1, 1969.

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N.A.S. Applauds Nixon for Environmental Council

The Environmental Quality Council was established by President Richard M. Nixon on May 2, 1969 to advise and assist the President with respect to environmental quality matters; to recommend that federal programs take environmental effects into account; to review monitoring of environmental changes in order to meet demands; to foster cooperation between different levels of government and with private organizations in environmental programs; to promote scientific knowledge and technological advancement regarding environment; to stimulate public and private participation in programs and activities to protect against pollution of the nation's air, water, and land and its living resources.

Members of the Council are the Vice President; Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, HEW, HUD, Interior, and Transportation. Other department and agency heads may be delegated to serve at the President's request.

The Presidential Action also established a Citizen's Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality to consist of not more than 14 members and a chairman, all appointed by the President, to serve as an advisor to him and the Environmental Quality Council.

It seems logical that some of the nation's leading environmentalists from the ranks of the National Association of Sanitarians should become members of this Advisory Committee. A beginning liaison between the Office of the President and the Association was begun with the 33rd Annual Educational Conference

in Houston, with a greeting from the White House and a return resolution commending Nixon for his action in establishing the Environmental Quality Council.

The resolution adopted by the General Assembly cited Nixon for his wisdom and positive leadership in establishing the new council and committee to assure the attainment of the highest level of health for all Americans, and for his recognition of the complex environmental health problems, a concern shared by NAS.

The Assembly resolved that the National Association of Sanitarians "commend Nixon for his dynamic leadership which will help provide the highest quality of environment for all Americans by establishing the Environmental Quality Council and the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality.

"And that the resolution be forwarded to President Nixon with N.A.S.' expression of sincere interest in his program and offer of assistance.

"And that we pledge ourselves to the achievement of the highest health status attainable for all mankind through the provision of the optimum level of quality environment."

The resolution was submitted by Francis J. Golsmith, a member of N.A.S.' Executive Committee and was under-signed by the National Capitol Area Association, the Maryland Association, the Delaware Association, the North Carolina Association and the Virginia Associations of Sanitarians. It was unanimously adopted by the Assembly.

First Session of the N.A.S. General Assembly heard greeting from Nixon which appears on the cover of this publication.



AEC Banquet Was Star Time

The Annual Banquet of The National Association of Sanitarians was really an "Awards Dinner" with the presentation of the Walter S. Mangold Award to Dr. Ben Freedman as the highlight.

As lights flashed and hands clapped together, the Awards were presented in numbers to outstanding sanitarians who have made their mark on the profession. Jerrold Michael, chairman of the Mangold Award Committee, who did not attend the conference because of other pressing business in Washington, flew in especially to present his committee's award to the most outstanding nominee for the special recognition. Dr. Freedman and his charming wife were aglow as he received the award and as he acknowledged his wife's contribution to his career.

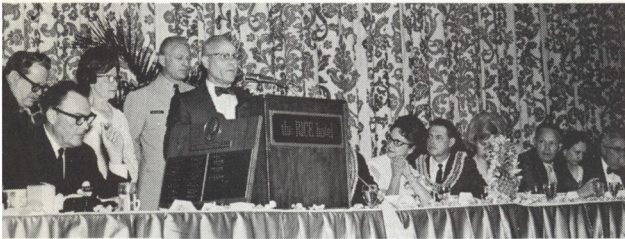


Vernon Sloulin from "Big Sky Country" gave hosts gold nuggets for their trouble.

Nick Pohlit, Reuben Wende, Lou Hollar, and Roger Lewis look happy as Texans are presented pen sets in appreciation of the work they did on the convention.



state. Dr. C. A. Pigford, Reuben Wende and Lou Hollar received Schaffer Desk Pen sets as did Roger Lewis. Lewis also was presented with a commemorative wrist watch by Airkem, Inc. The Hawaiians were there, as usual, with their leis and pineapples. . . . and orchids for all diners.



Highlight of the banquet program was presentation and acceptance of the Walter Mangold Award. Dignitaries are, left to right: Dr. Joseph Goldfarb; William Broadway; Mrs. Ben Freedman; Jerrold Michael; Dr. Ben Freedman; Mrs. Roger Lewis; John McHugh; Mrs. McHugh; Charles Gillham; Mrs. Gillham; Lou Hollar.

The Host Committee from Texas received a number of citations for their untiring efforts in setting up the convention and making conferees comfortable during the week-long steam bath in Houston. Montana provided the king-pins from Texas with a little friendly "Big Sky Country" competition and a gold nugget award for their efforts in "trying" to make Texas the Number 1 convention



Innovations in awards were also forthcoming. The first *Journal of Environmental Health Award* was presented to



Joe Martin accepted Journal award for his crew and for his own efforts in evaluating manuscripts.

Joseph Martin and his San Bernardino County (Calif.) Health Department for their efforts in rating manuscripts submitted for publication. Lyco Systems, Inc. presented the first two Star Crystal Awards for outstanding contributions by sanitarians to Garnett H. DeHart, Georgia Dept. of Public Health, and to William H. McClure, South Carolina Food Pro-



Harold Neff at podium presents Lyco Star Crystal Awards to Garnett De Hart, standing left; and William McClure, standing right.

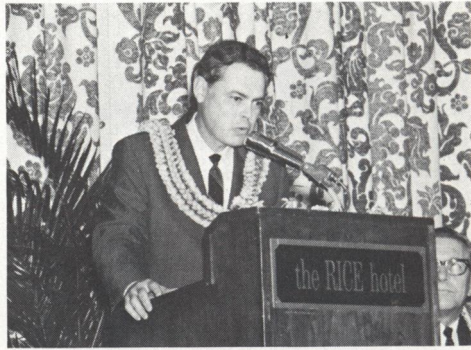
M. C. Nottingham calls out names of past presidents since 1949.



tection Program. M. C. Nottingham presented all past presidents since 1949 with plaques denoting the year of service and featuring a gavel. A hardwood gavel was presented to the incoming president, John McHugh. Honorary memberships were

awarded to Jerry Fox, Senator Ralph Yarborough, and Al Stevenson.

Mrs. Nicholas Pohlit (Marian) and Mrs. Roger Lewis (Shirley), were given presidential citations for their contributions to the association (getting along without their husbands' help at home). Owen Braugher should have (but didn't) receive a citation for his part in the entertainment following the banquet. He lost his shirt instead! And a good time was had by all.



John McHugh debuts as president during banquet festivities. NAS welcomes his leadership for the coming year.



Albert Stevenson received his honorary membership certificate at special ceremony in Washington. Presenting the award is Byron Brown, left; looking on is C. C. Johnson, who was one of the outstanding speakers at the AEC.

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