

## REPORT OF EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SANITARIANS, INC.

By F. S. Jimison, Past Executive Secretary.

THE Post-war Problems of Sanitarians" was the keynote of the Eighth Annual Conference and the following report and the papers that will later be published in THE SANITARIAN bring to light many of the problems in the Sanitarians' field. The future growth of our Association depends on the service the Sanitarian can give, not only to his own community, but to the nation as a whole.

The conference was held at the Hilton Hotel, Long Beach, California, September 17, 18 and 19th, 1944.

The registration started Sunday, September 17th at 1:00 P.M. and continued to 5 P.M. The registration of Delegates, Members and Guests totaled 208.

The Utah Section was ably represented by its delegate, N. W. Pickett. Fellow Sanitarians, who knew Mr. Pickett's ability to handle things, gave him the job of presiding over a section of the program on Monday. He did a very fine job, too.

Mr. Kurt Kreider of the Pennsylvania Section was present. Mr. Kreider is now with the Armed Forces.

Sunday evening's entertainment, sponsored by "Bob" Plunkett, was outstanding and enjoyed by all present. Just a little dewy.

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### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

10:00 A.M. — Opening Session. John L. Gluth, Chairman.

Official Greeting by Clarence E. Wagner, Mayor of the City of Long Beach:

"It is with genuine sincerity that I bid you welcome to the City of Long Beach on the occasion of the Eighth Annual Conference of Sanitarians. As Mayor of the City of Long Beach, I have looked with pride upon the accomplishments of your organization in professionalizing your work.

"The city is cognizant of your post-war planning program in health work and you are to be commended for it. We wish you a pleasant and enjoyable stay in our city and we sincerely hope that you will have a harmonious as well as constructive Conference."

The "Key to the City" was presented to President F. J. Shortridge.

Greetings by Frank W. Stewart, M.D., Health Officer, City of Long Beach:

"It is indeed a pleasure in these days of world tension, that are filled with slogans of political and patriotic vision, to welcome you to our city and give you a new one 'Forward for Others.' We are familiar with 'Better Things for Better Living,' 'Eventually, why not now?' and it was a great Italian patriot who said, 'Love is a fire that goes out unless it lights another fire.'

"We are all cognizant of your cooperation in the post-war planning and your forward looking viewpoint towards more healthful life and pleasanter surroundings. It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you to our city and extend to you all a word of welcome, and at the same time thank you for the inspiration you will give us towards living on a higher plane of brotherhood and helpfulness."

"May your sojourn in Long Beach be one filled with memories of inspiration for doing the task assigned to you in a spirit of the highest plane of living and of happy hours spent here."

11:00 A.M. — Post-war Problems in Sterilization, by Frank M. Schweng, M.D., Turco Products, Inc., Los Angeles.

Dr. Schweng presented an excellent paper which will be published soon in THE SANITARIAN.

NOON—Luncheon at Mon's, was attended by 175 members and guests.

2:00 P.M.—The Work of the Quarantine Station and Its Relation to Public Health of the City, County and Nation, by Capt. Robert H.

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Heterick, Medical Officer in charge, Terminal Island, California.

The information given in Captain Heterick's lecture was instructive and educational. Hope to publish an article by Captain Heterick soon.

3:15 P.M. — Post-war Construction Problems in Housing, Industry and Public Works, by Frank J. Connolly, Manager, Southern California Chapter, Associated General Contractors of America.

This paper is to be published in an early issue of THE SANITARIAN and is a real *Eye Opener*.

4:15 P.M.—A Sanitarian in Private Industry, by W. C. Weymouth, Sanitarian, Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc., Santa Monica, Calif.

Mr. Weymouth gave us an idea of some of his problems. His paper is published in this issue.

7:00 P.M.—Annual Dinner—Marine Room—"Bob" Plunkett as Master of Ceremonies, did a fine job.

\* Speaker of the evening was the Honorable LeRoy Dawson, Judge of the Municipal Court of Los Angeles.

Judge Dawson is a very able speaker, known to thousands of radio listeners as well as law violators. He gave everyone some serious things to think over and at the same time a real, genuine old-fashioned U.S.A. laugh. Thanks, Judge Dawson, for a very outstanding evening—one that will long be remembered.

There was also fine music and dancing.

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Sanitarians talked over plans of the eighth annual conference just before it convened in the Hilton Hotel. Left to right, seated: Fred J. Shortridge, president, Vallejo; F. S. Jimison, executive secretary, Los Angeles; Hugh Kidder treasurer, Los Angeles; and John L. Gluth, conference chairman, Long Beach. Standing: Clifford F. Baughman, Bakersfield; Walter S. Mangold, Berkeley; and F. D. Sweger, Los Angeles, members of board of examiners, and Frank W. Barker, housing committee, Long Beach.

\*Emery E. Olson, A.M., J.D., Training Manager Lockheed Aircraft Corp. and Dean of the School of Public Administration, University of Southern California, was our scheduled speaker for this dinner meeting, but on Tuesday before the Conference, Mr. Olson asked to be excused as he had received an emergency call from Washington, D. C. "Of course," we said, "Business Before Pleasure." The program committee and "Bob" Plunkett went to work at once and the Honorable Judge Le Roy Dawson accepted our invitation to be the dinner speaker.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19—General Business Sessions. President F. J. Shortridge, presiding.

Utah Sanitarians were welcomed and a new section was added to the N. A. S. Harold A. Young, R.S., and F. D. Sweger, R.S., founders of the N.A.S., were voted Honorary Memberships, in

appreciation for their services to the organization.

Alvin F. Meyer, Captain, Sanitary Corps, Post Medical Inspector, A.A.F. Overseas Replacement Depot, Kearns, Utah, gave a talk on "Possible Post-war Utilization of Discharged Armed Forces Technicians," which is published in this issue.

Later a special resolution was adopted, setting forth a plan to aid Veterans who are being discharged and wish to enter the sanitarian field of employment with Health Departments.

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Newly elected officers are:  
President—Edward Beale, R.S., San Diego, Calif.

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Wm. L. Nunes, R.S., Los Angeles, Calif., was elected to fill vacancy caused by the death of Frank E. DeGross, R.S. Term expires 1945.

F. D. Sweger, R.S., Los Angeles, Calif., was re-elected to Board of Examiners.

A vote of appreciation was given to John L. Gluth, Conference Chairman, and to all committees for the excellent job done.

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The duties of the Managing Editor of THE SANITARIAN have, during the last few years, increased to such an extent that it becomes necessary for me to devote all my personal time to the development of THE SANITARIAN. Therefore I presented my resignation as Executive Secretary of the National Association of Sanitarians, Inc. The officers and directors present accepted my resignation and appointed H. H. McMillan, R.S., of Los Angeles County Health Department, to be your new Executive Secretary.

I wish to thank each and everyone who cooperated with me and I sincerely solicit your continued support as Managing Editor of your mouthpiece, THE SANITARIAN.

**THE SONG IS ENDED BUT THE MELODY LINGERS ON**

*By "BOB" PLUNKETT, R.S.*

*Vice President of the So. Calif. Section*

**A**FTER the headaches have subsided from one of the finest conferences ever held, we must pause and take time to express our appreciation of those fine organizations that contributed so generously to make such a meeting possible. Most scientific organization functions lack that "extry" something to make them really worthwhile other than just an educational program. On behalf of the National Association of Sanitarians, I wish to thank the advertisers in our