

Highlights of 20th Annual Educational Conference NAS

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A momentous decision which had been brewing for the past several years was made during the 20th Annual Educational Conference of the NAS held in Chicago, Illinois this year, and that was the moving of the National headquarters from Los Angeles to Denver, Colorado. The decision received the unanimous approval of the General Assembly and it was felt by all that a more centralized headquarters location augured well for the future of the organization.

Along with this move, it was necessary to also transfer the Executive Committee to the new headquarters; and a further change was the consolidation of the offices of Executive Secretary and Managing Editor of THE SANITARIAN into one full-time position. Nicholas Pohlit, RS, of the Colorado Affiliate, was selected to fill this dual position. The well wishes of the entire organization are extended to Member Pohlit for the difficult task of reorganization facing him. Franklin Fiske of Denver was appointed chairman of the Publications Committee.

The transfer will not take place until January 1, 1957. National Treasurer W. W. Kimsey, RS, of California was appointed to carry on at headquarters until the transfer is effected. (Since the preparation of these highlights by Mr. Grego, Mr. Kimsey was forced to resign from the position to carry on the Headquarters work, due to a family tragedy. He will however, serve during 1957, as Treasurer.)

(Mr. Norman Hauret, with the aid of a committee, has been appointed by President Jackson to carry on the work of Headquarters during the interim period. — *The Editor*)

For his many years of service to the organization in various capacities . . . as President and Executive Secretary . . . Roscoe C. Davis, RS, was fittingly honored during the Conference by being conferred the title of Honorary Member. Furthermore, he was appointed as the Historian for the organization, in acknowledgment of his unstinting service during these many years, and also in recognition of his vast store of background of the organization. In addition, he was made a member of the Interim Committee on International Affairs, a position he will be very well qualified to fill inasmuch as it was he, in collaboration with the late Stanley W. George, CSI, of the Canadian Sanitary Inspectors Association, who several years ago started the movement to form a World Federation of Sanitarians. As a result of their efforts and of others who followed them, the forthcoming Conference in Seattle, Washington in 1957 may see the culmination of their dream, when the Canadian Sanitary Inspectors Association and the NAS members get together, either in Seattle or in Vancouver, B.C., for a possible federation.

There follows a brief summary of the actions taken during the business sessions of the Conference:

The following officers were elected for the ensuing fiscal year:

President E. Russell Jackson, Florida
(Automatically assumed the Presidency by reason of his position of President-Elect during the past year)
President-Elect..... Hayes Evans, Washington
National Vice-President..... Franklin Fiske, Colorado
National Treasurer..... W. W. Kimsey, California
(Reelected for a second term)

Regional Vice-Presidents:

Region No. 1..... Frank Gohr, California
(To fill the unexpired term of Vance C. Fleming)
Region No. 2..... T. Claude Baker, Oregon
Region No. 6..... Robert Henshaw, Florida
Region No. 8..... R. D. Kalling, Wisconsin

Department of Registration Members:

M. M. Miller, Colorado
Hyman Fishback, Colorado
(To fill the unexpired term of Franklin Fiske who was elected National Vice-President)

The Annual Educational Conference site for next year, selected last year at Boston, is Seattle, Washington. President-Elect Hayes Evans stated that the Washington Affiliate has been working very diligently ever since it won the bid, and that excellent progress has been made so far. One of the very important highlights of next year's Conference, of course, will be the possible creation of a World Federation of Sanitarians. This may come to pass when the Canadian Sanitarians get together with the NAS, either in Seattle or Vancouver, sometime during the Conference.

New York was selected as the site of the Annual Educational Conference in 1958, following a very cordial invitation extended by various high New York government officials. The bid for New York was submitted by Member John A. Anastasi, RS, President of the New York Affiliate.

The educational part of the Conference was well attended and consisted of a number of interesting and timely subjects. The session was opened by General Chairman Bernard T. Kelly, RS, President of the Chicago Chapter, Illinois Association of Sanitarians, NAS, while the honor of introducing the Honorable Richard J. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, fell upon Frank J. Broucek, RS, President of the Illinois Affiliate. Mayor Daley heartily welcomed the delegates to Chicago and spoke very highly of the important work being done by Sanitarians throughout the country.

A moment of silence was observed for members who passed away during the year. Among such departed members were Dr. W. H. Haskell, an Honorary Member of the organization for the last several years; Edward McLarty, Past President; Hugh Kidder, By-Laws Committee member for the past several years, and Stanley W. George, Chairman of the Interim Committee.

The titles of the various papers given were carried in the pre-Conference issue of THE SANITARIAN. As soon as the various talks are transcribed, they will be submitted to THE SANITARIAN, for publication.