

ASSOCIATION NEWS

THE SAN FRANCISCO MEETING

FEBRUARY 5-8, 1967, SHERATON-PALACE HOTEL

The American Mosquito Control Association has grown in membership and geographic coverage since it was founded in 1935. It now has members in more than 100 countries and is truly international in its impact. The theme for this conference which is being held jointly with the annual meeting of the California Mosquito Control Association, is "WORLD-WIDE MOSQUITO CONTROL." Special attention will be given to an exchange of information that may be useful to mosquito control and mosquito borne disease eradication programs in many parts of the world. Invitations have been extended to the World Health Organization, to the Communicable Disease Center of the U. S. Public Health Service, and to the U. S. Armed Forces to discuss the special problems being met in vector and pest mosquito control throughout the world. The outstanding progress already made toward world-wide malaria eradication will be reviewed and attention will be directed to the technical problems which protract eradication and which invite new technical approaches to supplement the present attack procedures. A report will be presented of the present status of *A. aegypti* eradication in the Americas. The importance of filariasis and the need to suppress its vectors will be a feature presentation. The epidemics of encephalitis which have taken place in the United States and elsewhere will be reviewed, and a special, illustrated, program feature will report the spectacular results obtained by emergency low-volume aerial spraying in arresting the 1966 Dallas epidemic.

An assessment will be made of the information being accumulated through painstaking research which tends to incriminate increasing numbers of mosquito species as vectors of specific diseases, in addition to being of general public health and economic importance by reason of

their pestiferous attack upon man and animals. The question has already been asked: "can we dismiss any of these 'flying hypodermic needles' as of importance only as nuisances?"

Reports are invited of new developments of a practical nature in equipment, materials and techniques which can contribute immediately to more effective or more efficient mosquito control. Long range research which may point the way to improved future mosquito control or mosquito eradication will be represented by a number of papers.

Early indications are that attendance will be greater than normal and that a record number of papers may be submitted. Annually there has been objection to the holding of concurrent sessions, and the program committee will limit the number of such sessions to the minimum that will provide time for the papers submitted. To accommodate the maximum number of "submitted" papers and to allow for some discussion, members are being asked to present orally only a summary or abstract of their papers, preferably in an extemporaneous fashion, the full text of which will be printed in the "Proceedings" of the meeting to be published by the California Mosquito Control Association (or in "Mosquito News" or other journal, if the authors so prefer). Authors are encouraged to bring a supply of mimeographed copies of their papers to the meeting, for the convenience of those present who may have immediate use for the detailed information.

Each association has named a program committee which functions as a joint committee. The committee members are as follows:

For AMCA: George T. Carmichael, P. Bruce Brockway, Jr., Thomas D. Mulhern, Chairman.

For CMCA: Stephen M. Silveira, Fred

DeBenedetti, James W. Bristow, Chairman, Richard F. Peters, Consultant.

The program is organized in three categories, by direction of the program committee.

Mr. James W. Bristow is arranging all sessions and events of primary interest to Trustees and Commissioners of local mosquito abatement agencies. Special sessions are scheduled for Monday afternoon from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m., and on Tuesday morning there will be an 8:00 a.m. breakfast followed by a session to 12:00 noon. A bus tour of San Francisco will be held on Tuesday afternoon.

Trustees and Commissioners are strongly urged to submit papers and suggestions for these sessions. They have been designed especially for those who are on the governing boards of local agencies, and who are anxious to know what is going on from a policy standpoint, and how problems of policy have been solved by governing boards of other agencies. Mr. Bristow reports that one subject already submitted for pro and con discussion is "should county or state health departments have the entire responsibility for control of mosquitoes?" This discussion should engender great interest.

The first plenary session on Monday

morning, and the "invitation" technical concurrent sessions on Monday afternoon and on Wednesday afternoon are being arranged by Thomas D. Mulhern.

Richard F. Peters has accepted responsibility for arranging all of the submitted papers in session, panels, and symposia, depending upon the subject matter and the numbers of papers involved. This arrangement cannot be completed until after December 15, the final date for the return of titles, as requested by the circular letter which was sent in October to all members of AMCA and CMCA.

C. Donald Grant, Chairman of the local arrangements committee, advises that excellent arrangements have been made for the meetings, and that entertainment facilities in San Francisco are unsurpassed.

E. Chester Robinson, Chairman of exhibits, reports that the commitments already obtained insure that there will be an excellent exhibit of commercially available aids to mosquito control.

For further information about the meeting, to which all who are interested are invited, write to:

Ted G. Raley, Ex. Sec., AMCA, P.O. Box 278, Selma, Calif., or

W. Donald Murray, Ex. Sec., CMCA, 1737 W. Houston Ave., Visalia, Calif.

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

Sunday, February 5:

All day—AMCA Board of Directors Meeting, registration, committee meetings.

Monday, February 6:

Morning—Opening general session

Afternoon—Concurrent session—Invitational technical papers
Concurrent session—Trustees and Commissioners

Evening—Hospitality hour and banquet

Tuesday, February 7:

Morning—Trustee's and Commissioner's breakfast

Concurrent session—Trustees and Commissioners
Concurrent session—Submitted presentations

Afternoon—Concurrent session—Submitted presentations
Concurrent session—Submitted presentations

Wednesday, February 8:

Morning—Concurrent session—First half-Business meeting, CMCA
Second half-Business meeting, AMCA

Concurrent session—Submitted presentations

Afternoon—Concurrent session—Invitational Technical Papers

Concurrent session—Meeting AMCA Board of Directors

MOSQUITO CONTROL ACT OF 1966

On August 4, 1966, Mr. Patten introduced in the House of Representatives Bill #H.R. 16841, which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce for review.

This bill would provide for "the control of mosquitoes and mosquito vectors of human disease through research, technical assistance, and grants-in-aid for control projects." It would appropriate to the U. S. Public Health Service for each of three years beginning July 1, 1966 the sum of \$3 million to support investigations, studies, demonstrations, research and surveys by the PHS; and for aid and support to State and local governments, and other public and private agencies and institu-

tions, in the conduct of such research and demonstration. It would also allocate funds to states for control on the basis of the extent of the mosquito control problem in each of the states; such funds to be on a 50-50 matching basis in support of plans submitted by the states making application for aid.

A copy of the bill can be secured by writing your representative in Congress, and members of AMCA who desire to express a viewpoint relative to this bill may write Mr. Glenn Stokes, Chairman, AMCA Legislative Committee, Jefferson Parish Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 1047, Metairie, Louisiana.—T.D.M.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The position of Superintendent of Field Operations with the Morris County Mosquito Extermination Commission, P. O. Box E, Morris Plains, New Jersey is to be filled. The duties include: Under direction, the planning, scheduling and supervision of the Inspection-Spraying Program, the Drainage, Water Management and River Snagging and Clearance Program, Inventory, Reports, and Maintenance of Plant and Equipment. Degree in Engineering, Forestry, Entomology, or equivalent, plus five years' of supervisory experience in the practical application of all phases of mosquito control techniquis required. Civil Service. Salary \$9,400.00-\$12,220.00. Submit resume and references.