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With the present Filipino members of the AOCS (Joe Vibar, M. Carlos, Jr., and B. Sison) we are forming what might be the nucleus of an Oil Technologists' Society in the Philippines. Dr. Sison, industrial research director of the National Institute of Science and Technology, and his staff will cooperate in this effort.

It should be added that other developments in the oils merit consideration in this column. For example, castor oil and other drying oils are being developed to replace imported oils for the local paint industry. Such matters as these will be reported at a later date.

Great Britain Harold Jasperson

New Hon. Secretary of the Oils and Fats Group of the Society of Chemical Industry is H. Lavery, one of the senior members of the Unilever Research Laboratory, Welwyn. The new Chairman is W. D. Raymond, O. B. E., Assistant Director in charge of the Foods and Drugs Division of the Tropical Products Institute. Dr. Raymond has played an important part in the aflatoxin investigations (referred to in the opening session of the AOCS Toronto meeting).

Following the usual pattern, meetings will be held during the winter session 1965/1966 in London and the provincial cities of Liverpool, Leeds, Huff and Cardiff on subjects of scientific and technical interest in the field of fats and oils. The speakers include D. H. Lea, a past Chairman, who will discuss autoxidation of edible fats and food lipids and D. Chapman, who will discuss the liquid crystalline nature of phospholipids. Both men are well known to members of the AOCS.

A notable project underway at this time is the mechanization of the loading of copra for export. An American engineering firm has been commissioned to make the

engineering study and design the first such automatic copra loading plant. This will replace the traditional manual loading of copra into the ships. If carried out, this would reduce considerably the cost of exporting copra. More important, however, insofar as the oil industry is concerned, is that a very rigid control of the quality of export copra can be expected. This would be possible since it was the plan to ship copra only through these proposed copra loading terminals under the supervision of the Philippine Coconut Administration, a government agency.

However, there are important economic considerations regarding the project such that the government decided to suspend further work temporarily. Thousands of stevedores depend for their livelihood on the copra export business; unless the government makes provisions for their immediate employment, it would be unwise to go into it at this time.

Another project being undertaken by a group of coconut industrialists, in cooperation with the Kao Soap Company of Japan, is the manufacture of coconut oil chemicals, starting with the production of fatty alcohols for the detergent industry. This is still under negotiation.

Emeritus Member Dies

E. G. Williams (1917) New Orleans, La., died Oct. 2, 1965. Mr. Williams became an Emeritus member in 1963 when he retired from service as a public chemist after 54 years in his profession.

While not quite a Charter Member of the National Cottonseed Analysts Association (the original AOCS), within the years of his membership, an active one, he witnessed the growth of the Society to its present large membership, so widely expanded from the days when, in his own words 20 members at a New Orleans convention was "a nice crowd." Total membership at that time was about 30 men.

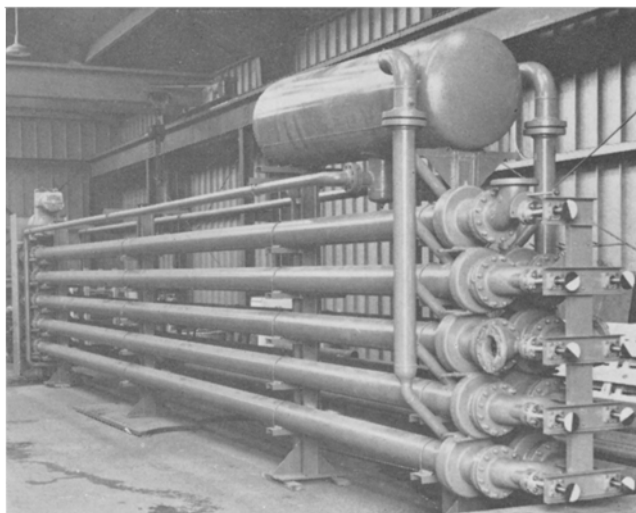
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