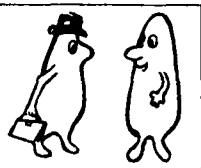


New York Tidbits



- Fire trucks sped to the Americana Hotel Wednesday afternoon during the meeting when a fire was detected at the bottom of a freight elevator shaft. There was no major damage, but the smoke odor was evident to persons throughout the hotel.

- AOCS' new national secretary Norm O.V. Sonntag of Glyco Chemicals Inc., followed Herbert Fineberg of Ashland Oil Co. to the podium during Wednesday morning's session on synthetic fatty acids. The 6-foot-7 Sonntag, billed at the inaugural luncheon as AOCS' tallest member, glanced at the shorter Fineberg, and noted that while the two men have been speaking at AOCS meetings a long time, "we haven't seen eye-to-eye for years."

- Allen Allured, publisher of McCutcheon's directory on detergents and emulsifiers, showed up in the Princess Ballroom registration area Wednesday seeking guidance on how to register. Led by a staff member toward registration chairman Ernie Gilmont, Allured quickly found himself the target of entertainment chairman Augie Rosetto. Allured and Rosetto had been college classmates a few decades ago at Kenyon College in Ohio. "I haven't seen him in I don't know how many years," Rosetto said.

- Reactions to "A Chorus Line" were mixed among AOCS members who acquired tickets through Henry Salomon's efforts. Some were disappointed at the lack of costumes, and scenery, or by the fast-paced dialogue and, to some, erratic sound system. Others enjoyed the introspective look at the lives and personalities of persons trying to survive a chorus line audition. Almost everyone praised the dynamic dancing.

- Winners of prizes in the President's Club drawing held during the Wednesday banquet were: Ray McGowan, a set of golf irons; S. Krishnan, a tennis racket; and Dave Berner, a "Pong" game for his television set. Berner also was technical program chairman for the meeting. All AOCS members who recruit at least one member during the preceding year are automatically eligible for the drawing held at each annual meeting.

- Forty-three persons submitted resumes at the AOCS Placement Center and, coincidentally, employers listed 43 job openings. Approximately a dozen interviews were held in the center; others may have been held elsewhere. Some job applicants reported after interviews that their prospects look good, but no specific hirings were reported to the placement Center by the end of the week.

- The 800 to 900 persons who attended the Sunday evening mixer at the New York meeting emptied 324 bottles of wine and consumed 250 pounds of cheese, 200 loaves of French bread, 50 pounds of English biscuits and 300 pieces of fresh fruit.

- Wednesday afternoon's National Program Planning committee meeting was perhaps the best-traveled committee session. The meeting began in Vendome 9, then because of a large attendance shifted to Loire 4 & 5, then had to vacate because of a schedule conflict and finally settled in Mal Maison 6.

- Approximately 700 persons attended the Wednesday evening banquet, highlighted by the presentation of the Award in Lipid Chemistry, the President's Club drawings, introduction of New York local committee members, and entertainment by the Kane Sisters and comedian Jackie Eagle. Eagle, a short, rotund performer, described himself as a "low-fat" comedian. ●

NRA, EPA agree on effluent guidelines

Agreement has been reached between the National Renderers Association (NRA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding effluent guidelines limits for the independent rendering industry.

The revised effluent guidelines were published in the May 23 Federal Register for public comment through June 22. Table I shows the limits agreed to.

The Best Practical Control Technology 1977 (BPT-1977) for existing plants are essentially the same as originally proposed by EPA in January 1975. Performance standards for new plants are to be equivalent to the existing Best Applied Control Technology (BAT) 1983 guidelines. The compromise sets more stringent limits on new plants than the NRA had wanted, but EPA accepted a higher ammonia limit in the BAT 1983 guidelines (to take effect Jan. 1, 1983). That ammonia limit was raised from 0.02 to 0.07 pounds per 1,000 pounds of raw material.

NRA estimates somewhere around 70 independent rendering plants will be affected by the regulations when they become final.

TABLE I
NRA, EPA Agreement

Regulation category	Pollutant category	Effluent limit ^a -lbs. per 1000 lbs. raw material
BPT-1077 Guidelines for existing sources	BOD ₅	0.17
	Suspended solids	0.21
	Oil & grease	0.10
	pH	6.0 to 9.0
Performance standards for new sources ^b	Fecal coliforms	Maximum at 400 MPN/100 ml.
	BOD ₅	0.09
	Suspended solids	0.11
	Oil & grease	0.05 ^c
BAT-1983 guidelines for existing sources ^b	Ammonia	0.07
	BOD ₅	0.09
	Suspended solids	0.11
	Oil & grease	0.05 ^c
	Ammonia	0.07

^aAverage of daily values for 30 consecutive days. EPA agreed to these limits and will propose them in the Federal Register. A public comment period will follow, after which limits are to be finally promulgated by the EPA.

^bThe pH and fecal coliform limits are identical to those shown for the BPT-1977 guidelines.

^cEPA to propose two alternatives: oil and grease limit be either deleted or the monitoring requirement for any discharge be made optional. ●

NBS color guide available

The National Bureau of Standards has announced publication of "Color—Universal Language and Dictionary of Names" as an aid to paint manufacturers, interior designers, the building profession, and others who have need for color information.

The document combines and updates two previous NBS publications, "The Color Names Dictionary" and "The Universal Color Language." Single copies cost \$3.25 (Order Stock No. 003-003-01705-1) from Supt. of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. The publication may be purchased with Centrol Color Charts for a combined price of \$18. Order number is SRM #2107, available from Office of Standard Reference Materials, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C. 20234. ●