

## Fats & Oils News

### NRA marks 50th year

More than 500 persons attended the National Renderers Association's 50th anniversary convention in Chicago this past fall.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block was featured speaker, telling the group that the farm economy was improving which would improve markets for all industrial products incorporating tallow and its derivatives.

Officers of the association are Murray Couture, chairman of the board; DeWayne Ehler, first vice chairman; Ed Wieland, second vice chairman; and Dean Specht, president.

Registrants came from throughout the United States and more than a dozen foreign nations.

### Brazil increasing crush capacity

Brazil's crushing capacity is twice that of its soybean production and will become even larger when two more 1,000-ton-per-day plants are finished.

USDA estimates Brazil's 1982 crushing capacity at 27 million metric tons a year; soybean production in 1982 was 12.8 million metric tons. In 1979, crushing capacity was about 12.6 million metric tons a year, USDA estimated in the June 1983 issue of Foreign Agricultural Circular—Oilseeds and Products (FOP 6-83). The surplus crushing capacity is one reason Brazil has expanded soybean imports in recent years, USDA said, permitting crushers to bring in soybeans if the oil and meal produced from them was exported.

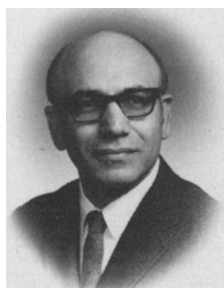
### News Briefs

**Donald F. Smith** has been named president of the Harshaw/Filtrol Partnership, a specialty chemicals venture combining Gulf Oil's Harshaw and Kaiser's Filtrol Corporation. . . .

**Rodney H. McKenzie** has been named general manager of specialty chemicals in Nalco Chemical Company's Process Chemicals Division. . . . **Ahmad Moustafa**, R&D director at Miami Margarine for 25 years, has retired from that firm to begin a consulting practice operation from 2476 Little Dry



Donald F. Smith



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Run in Cincinnati. . . **Guy Poschelle** of Expertise Inc., in Atlanta, has been named Meccaniche Moderne's agent for the United States and Canada in sales of soap making and finishing lines. . . . **David B. Min**, associate professor of food science and nutrition at Ohio State University, has received an appreciation plaque from the Korean Society of Food Science and Technology; Min is president of the society's North American chapter and presented several seminars during August and September in Korea. . . . **Donald M. Godell** has joined Wurster & Sanger Inc., in Chicago, as a project manager. . . . **Charles W. Gehrke** of the University of Missouri-Columbia has been named 1984 president of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists. . . . **John H. Sanders**, vice president of Eastman Kodak in Kingsport, Tennessee, will serve as president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers during 1984. . . . **Terryl F. Johnson** of Cook Paint & Varnish Co. in Kansas City, Missouri, has become the 62nd president of the Federation of Societies for Coatings Technology. . . . **John Schrank** has retired as vice president of Martin Gillet & Co. in Baltimore. . . . **CPC International** of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, has announced plans to rebuild, expand and modernize production facilities, including rebuilding its Argo, Illinois, plant and the Best Foods plant at Bayonne, New Jersey. . . . *Food Institute Report*, Oct. 1, 1983, reported that the American Can Co. of Greenwich, Connecticut, is marketing a new multi-layer plastic bottle, called Gamma, designed to lock out oxygen and other gases and prevent moisture loss to extend the shelf life of hard-to-protect oxygen-sensitive food products. The company claims the bottle could be ideal for handling salad dressings, mayonnaise and chemicals. . . . **Quaker Oats** officially completed its acquisition of Stokely-Van Camp on October 31. The latter is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Quaker Oats. . . . Members of Riceland Foods Inc., a rice and soybean grain marketing cooperative based in Stuttgart, Arkansas, and the Arkansas Rice Grower's Cooperative have voted to merge the two cooperatives into a single organization, **Riceland Foods Inc.**

### Obituaries

#### JOHN A. BLAKE

John A. Blake, lipid scientist for the POS Pilot Plant Corporation, died of cancer on Oct. 8, 1983. Dr. Blake received his bachelor and master's degrees from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and his doctorate from the University of Toronto in 1969. He had taught for ten years at the University of Toronto before joining the POS staff in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, in 1977. A memorial scholarship fund has been established at the University of Saskatchewan.

#### JOHN L. WILSON

John L. Wilson, emeritus member of the AOCS, died Sept. 1, 1983. Dr. Wilson originally joined the AOCS in 1926 while with the O. F. Zurn Co. of Philadelphia. He was a graduate of Temple. In recent years he has been a consultant with Economics Laboratory Inc. in St. Paul, Minnesota.