

## USDA Chemist Tours European Oil Refining Plants

J. C. Cowan, chief of oilseeds studies at the USDA's Northern Utilization Research Laboratory, Peoria, Ill., returned June 7th from an invited tour of European vegetable oil refining plants. The trip was sponsored by the Soybean Council of America, Arlington, Va.



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The outlook for continuing increased export of soybeans to Europe is good, according to Dr. Cowan. He stated that in 1961-62 Europe imported 78 million bushels of soybeans from the US and in the 1964-65 period, 106 million bushels. He added that the outlook was for even greater increase in this amount, but pointed out that the price of soybeans is "getting a bit high."

The two major uses of soybeans are for edible oils and for livestock and poultry feeds, in Europe as in the US.

The market for soft margarines, which have become popular in this country, is also expanding rapidly in northern Europe, providing additional stimulus to soybean consumption.

The address delivered in Europe by Dr. Cowan, "Key Factors and Recent Advances in the Flavor Stability of Edible Soybean Oil," was published in *JAACS*, July, p. 300A.

## N. M. Molnar Receives Cooper Union Medal

N. M. MOLNAR (1964) President of Fine Organics, Inc., was presented with Cooper Union's Gano Dunn Medal for outstanding professional achievement on Feb. 12, 1966, at the annual Founder's Day Dinner. The award is the highest honor conferred by the Cooper Union Alumni Association and is given in memory of the founder, Peter Cooper.

## Soy Conference Seeks Food Crisis Answers

Research on soy foods—from basic nutritional and chemical studies to product development and evaluation—will be reported at an International Conference on Soybean Protein Foods in Peoria, Ill., Oct. 17-19.

Invitations to attend will be based on expressions of interest by individual scientists and organizations that have research programs or are directly concerned with the subjects under discussion.

First-day conference subjects are soybean food value, potential world soybean supply, and the food habits and protein needs in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Foods made in the United States and the potential use of them in other countries will be discussed the second day of the meeting by international manufacturers and scientists. Confer-

ence summaries by industrial and research leaders will be given on the final half day.

Co-sponsors of the Soy Foods Conference are USDA's Agricultural Research Service and other Government agencies; the American Soybean Association; National Soybean Processors' Association; Soybean Council of America; United Nations Children's Fund, and the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Because space and other facilities for this conference are limited, attendance will be restricted to those qualified to contribute most to the conference itself and to following up on recommendations that come from the meeting. For further details on the meeting, write to: Dr. R. J. Dimler, Director, Northern Utilization Research and Development Division, 1815 North University, Peoria, Illinois 61604.

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