

• AOCs Past Presidents Series

WALTER O. LUNDBERG, 1963

Walter O. Lundberg, the 54th President of the American Oil Chemists' Society, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1910. He attended a local high school and spent two years at the University of Minnesota. He then entered Johns Hopkins University where he was granted the Ph.D. Degree in 1934, without going through the Bachelor's and Master's routine.



W. O. Lundberg

He was an instructor in chemistry at Johns Hopkins in 1934-35 and a research chemist for the U.S. Steel Corporation in 1935-36. From 1938-44 he was a Research Fellow at the University of Minnesota. He became an Assistant Professor at that institution in 1944 and an Associate Professor in 1945. In 1947 he became a

full Professor of Physiological Chemistry. Since 1949 he has been Professor of Biochemistry. In addition, since 1945 he has been Executive Director of the Hormel Institute which is associated with the University of Minnesota.

He has authored or co-authored 136 technical papers in the field of fats, fatty acids, physical chemistry, vitamins, anti-oxidants, chromatography, spectrometry, synthesis, metabolism, dilatometry and practically every phase of fat technology.

He was Editor of "Auto-Oxidation and Antioxidants," 2 volumes, 1961-62, Interscience Division, John Wiley & Sons and Co-Editor of "Progress in the Chemistry of Fats and Other Lipids," Vol. 1 through 6, 1952-63, Pergamon Press Ltd., London. He is currently Chairman of Pergamon's Editorial Board.

Walt has been a member of the AOCs since 1944. He served on the Journal Committee, 1951-53 and the Education Committee from 1960-67. He has served on the FAC Committee since 1947, Award in Lipid Chemistry, 1964-65, Bond Award Chairman, 1959-60, AOCs Liaison to Biochemical Society's Organic Section, Ad Hoc Committee on Award in Lipid Chemistry, Society Awards Committee, Coordinator for AOCs-ISF Meeting in 1970, etc. He became Editor of the AOCs publication *Lipids* in 1967.

He reports items of interest during his administration, and as they have definite historical significance, they are reproduced here.

"The following are some of the more interesting and significant developments during my term of office as President of AOCs. I want to make it clear that although I supported all of these developments, I do not claim to have initiated most of them. Also, most of the interesting and important developments in AOCs have taken place

over a period of several administrations, and the items listed hereinafter are those which either began to take shape or underwent marked advancement during the year in which I was President:

"There was a marked emphasis on the promotion of AOCs as an international organization and on cooperation with organizations and individuals in other countries with whom AOCs has mutual interests. The concepts of a joint ISF-AOCs meeting to be held in the USA was first advanced during this period.

"In recognition of the increasing responsibilities associated with the growth and broadening scope of the Society, and the increasing difficulties of the Governing Board to deal with all procedural matters and problems at national meetings of the Society, the concept of an Executive Committee to handle various responsibilities between Governing Board meetings was born, although the actual establishment of the Executive Committee did not take place until the beginning of the term of my successor, Ron Stillman.

"The ferment that led to the development of the new journal *Lipids* began during the 1963-1964 administration, although *Lipids* was not actually started until 1966. In the 1963-1964 period, however, efforts were initiated to bring an existing lipids journal that had no Society backing into an amalgamation with AOCs, because of the very evident need for another outlet for basic and also biochemical papers about lipid research produced by members of our Society. The proposed amalgamation failed and this provided the impetus that led two years later to the inauguration of our new journal *Lipids*.

"During this period a significant advance occurred in AOCs Awards through the establishment of the AOCs Award in Lipid Chemistry, which must be regarded as the major AOCs award established up to that time. At the same time, a foundation was laid for the establishment of additional awards to recognize accomplishments of members and non-members of AOCs in various activities related to the science and technology of fats, oils and other lipids.

"During this period also a policy was established that a resume of Governing Board activities and decisions was to be published in *JAOCs* for the purpose of better acquainting all members of the Society with the deliberations and decisions of the Governing Board.

"During the 1963-1964 administration, several other events of general interest occurred. The late Jim Ganuchean and also T. H. Hopper were elected to Honorary Membership. Reflecting the broadening of the scope of the Society's activities, particularly in the chemistry of lipids other than fats and oils, and in areas of biochemical interest, several new committees and sub-committees were formed. Also, to meet the financial problems associated with rising publication costs, a new member was added to the central office staff on a full time basis to promote the sale of advertising for the Society's publications."

Walt has four children but to date no grandchildren to the best of our knowledge.

Scandinavia May Invite ISF in '72

At the recent ISF Congress in Rotterdam, the following statement was issued by R. Marcuse, reflecting the general interest in scheduling the 1972 ISF Congress in a Scandinavian country:

"From various conversations this morning, I have understood that there is an interest to have the 1972 ISF meeting in one of the Scandinavian countries. May I, after having discussed this idea with some representatives from Scandinavian countries here present, say a few words in this respect.

"To begin with, I should like to thank you for your kindness to be willing to consider one of the Scandinavian countries for the organization of the 1972 ISF Congress.

"We, participants from Scandinavia, would like to say

that we would be very glad to see you in Scandinavia in 1972. You would be very welcome. We think that after 16 years of activity it is really about time an ISF congress be held in Scandinavia. As you surely know we have good prerequisites and experience in Scandinavia to organize congresses. However, such an invitation has to be expressed by someone representing an organization that has the prerequisites to fulfill such a task. Unfortunately at this moment neither I nor anyone else here present from Scandinavia is in such a position. I shall, however, be very pleased to forward this matter to organizations and authorities which might be interested and suitable for this purpose to examine our possibilities to organize the 1972 ISF meeting in Scandinavia."