

• *Local Section News*

Northeast Section

The success of the Ninth Annual Symposium of the Northeast Section is attributed to a heavy turnout of about 90 persons, including many from local petroleum industries. The symposium was held on April 14, 1970, at the Military Park Hotel, Newark, N.J. Manny Eijadi, Drew Chemical Corp., served as Chairman of the Symposium.

The morning session opened with a discussion of the subject "Synthetic Short Chain Fatty Acids, C₇-C-10,"

by N. W. Franke, Gulf Oil Co. He was followed by Flynt Kennedy, Continental Oil Co., who presented the paper "Synthetic Alkane Carboxylic Acids." Both speakers stressed the importance of synthetic fatty acids and their derivatives in the fields of lubricants, alkyds, surface active agents and cosmetics.

The next speaker, R. T. Betz, Emery Industries, spoke on "Markets for Short Chain Monobasic Acids." The markets for short chain monobasic acids have received a great deal of attention recently and this paper was designed to provide more definitive market information



N. W. Franke, Gulf Oil Co., first speaker of the evening.

than has been available. In addition to the market definition, industry production capacities were reviewed.

The morning session was ended with a social hour, luncheon and very interesting presentation by Juan Lefcovich, News Director, Latin American Division, United Nations, on South American economic and political attitudes in respect to the U.S. policy towards the Southern Hemisphere.

The afternoon session began with a lecture by R. H. Potts, Armour-Dial, Inc., on "High Pressure Hydrogenation of Fatty Acids, Fatty Alcohols, Nitriles and Amines." The paper highlighted some of the more important processes presently used commercially for complete and partial hydrogenation of fatty acids, conversion of fatty acids or



Speakers of Symposium: Left to right: John Monick, R. T. Betz, R. H. Potts, Juan Lefcovich, Flynt Kennedy, M. Eijadi.



Left to right: G. C. Feighner, Joyce Kern and H. A. Molteni.



General view of the audience at Military Park Hotel.



Luncheon crowd listens to Juan Lefcovich.

their esters or both to the corresponding alcohols, and the conversion of fatty acids, amides and nitriles to various amines.

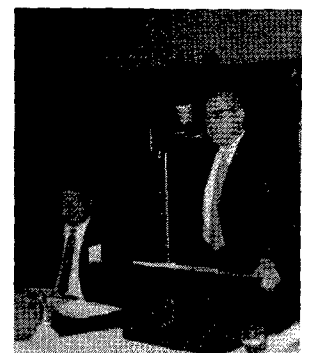
The symposium was ended by John Monick, Colgate-Palmolive, who discussed the Spectrum of Fatty Alcohols. Fatty alcohols, which were formerly made by sodium reduction or catalytic hydrogenation, are being rapidly replaced in industry by synthetic higher alcohols. Current technology uses the Oxo, Ziegler and Aldol processes.

'71 Officers Elected in June

The June 2nd meeting of AOCs Northeast Section took place in Whyte's Restaurant in New York City. A. Wrigley, outgoing President of the Section, thanked the officers for their cooperation in running his term. Then he conducted the election of new officers for 1970-71.

The officers and directors, elected by the membership present, are as follows: President, D. S. Fritz, Woburn Chemical Corp.; Vice President, M. Eijadi, Drew Chemical Corp.; Secretary, S. Dominik, Baker Castor Oil Company; Treasurer, D. J. Meshnick, Drew Chemical Corp. The Board of Directors will consist of A. N. Wrigley, USDA, Philadelphia, ex-officio; Peter Kalustian, Consultant; Glen Jacobson, Campbell Soup Co.; Bob Casparian, Carver-Greenfield, Inc.; Emil Horvath, Lever Bros. Co.

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Left: Stan Dominik introduces Kenneth Morgareidge who spoke on Toxins and Residues in Fats and Oils. Right: Mr. Morgareidge addresses the audience.