

AOCS 62nd Annual Meeting to Convene at Shamrock Hilton Hotel Houston, Texas, May 2-6, 1971



What promises to be one of the most outstanding Spring Meetings of the American Oil Chemists' Society is rapidly taking shape in the Texas Gulf Coast region. The 62nd Annual Meeting dates are May 2-6, 1971, and following the successful precedent of past Houston meetings the location will be the Shamrock Hilton Hotel. This facility is renowned as a complete and self-contained world of convention convenience and enjoyment located in the heart of perhaps the most rapidly growing part of our country.

The Houston Spring Meeting planning is headed by R. W. Greaser as General Chairman, aided and assisted by R. S. Watson, Assistant General Chairman, who will also handle the finances.

The Technical Program Committee is fortunate indeed to be headed by Raymond Reiser Past President of the American Oil Chemists' Society, who will be ably assisted by R. A. Phelps and L. R. Watkins. Dr. Phelps will head that portion of the Technical Program dealing with proteins from both traditional and unconventional sources with Mr. Watkins' formulating the process portion of the program stressing air and water pollution as related to the fats and oil industry. Dr. Reiser, in addition to providing the overall technical program planning guidance, will develop all other areas of the program related to the process, academic and scientific communities. Invitations for the submission of papers for presentation during these sessions have been sent out. In order to properly schedule papers and publish informative abstracts, three copies of a 100-300 word abstract with title, authors and speakers should be sent to Raymond Reiser, Technical Program Chairman, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 77843, before December 1, 1970.

In traditional Houston fashion, under the direction of T. I. Kennedy, an outstanding program of entertainment is being arranged that possesses equal appeal to both the men and their wives. Included in current plans are a

Sunday night Hawaiian Luau and Monday night Western Barbeque with appropriate buffets. Both of these functions will be held in the garden-like setting of the Shamrock poolside and terrace, and will feature outstanding groups of entertainment. Mrs. Kennedy heads the Planning Group providing additional entertainment for the women which will include luncheons, book reviews, tours of the Alley Theatre, Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, Baker Planetarium and Museum of Natural Science, Houston Museum of Fine Arts, plus a shopping tour in the fabulous Town and Country shopping district located in the Memorial Drive area of Houston. All of the above facilities are additions to Houston or have been greatly expanded since the 1965 Houston meeting.

Of additional interest to all will be the NASA complex following the Apollo 14 flight, the greatly expanded Texas Medical Center and the world famous Astrodome that now includes Astroworld.

The golf tournament on Tuesday, preceding the annual banquet, will be conducted under the guidance of the "Ben Hogan" of AOCS—Mr. W. A. Argue.

Other members of the Houston Committee whose contributions will insure our success are Duke Bryan, Registration and Reservations; R. H. Hammond, Plant Trips; Frank Passaladua, Publicity; and W. A. Jacob, Advisor.

For those in attendance seeking additional adventure and pleasure, we are certain they will be interested in the air tour to Mexico City immediately following the close of the convention. Detailed arrangements for this tour are being handled by J. C. Cowan and it is suggested that you direct your inquiries to Mr. Cowan at the Northern Util. Res. & Dev., Ars, USDA, 1815 N. University St., Peoria, Illinois, 61604.

As further details of the 1971 Spring Meeting develop, they will appear in subsequent issues of the Journal.