



From left to right: Hitoshi Sekiguchi, Tetutaro Hashimoto, Yashiro Abe, Robert Allen and Saburo Komori, with the gifts presented to AOCS by the Japan Oil Chemists' Society.

JOCS members bring gifts of Japanese culture to AOCS

In honor of the first joint meeting between the Japan and American Oil Chemists' Societies, JOCS members presented their American hosts with two gifts representative of Japanese culture, a cloisonné vase and a Hakatu doll.

The vase is a deep blue-green color with a white flower cloisonnéed on its front and bears the following

inscription: "This cloisonné vase is presented with reverence to the American Oil Chemists' Society from the Japan Oil Chemists' Society who greets its 20th anniversary in commemoration of the first Joint Meeting between both societies." Cloisonné enameled ware is called "Shippo" in Japan, meaning seven heavenly treasures—gold, silver, emerald, agate, coral, crystal and pearl. The process of making cloisonné ware includes the pasting of flat silver wires to form the design, then coating with colored enamel, baking four or five times, and polishing with seven or eight different whetstones for a glossy finish.

The Hakatu doll, presented to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Allen, stands in a pose from the "Congratulations" dance. Hakatu is the name of a city in the northwest part of Kyushu, famous for its handmade dolls and weaving. ■



I. Hara, Japan

International flavor of joint meeting reflected by technical programs



A. Kuksis, Canada



A. Uzzan, France



J.R. Sabine, Australia



C.A. Pasternak, England



R.P. van Hoeven, The Netherlands