



CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

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Dear Fellow Congressmen:

Jim Gay and Bland Cannon have been stirring rigorously and the committees are tasting and flavoring to provide us with a balanced, meaty and seasoned program for our 4th Annual meeting.

NYC - WALDORF - ASTORIA NOVEMBER 3-6, 1954

Tom Marshall - REGISTRATION Chairman says "Mark off November 3-6 on your appointment books and get ready for early registration." He hopes to assure an adequate block of rooms in that very popular spot months in advance (Avoiding our accommodations bottleneck of N. O.), and will be sending along an advance registration card before long. More about the meeting in a minute.

The NEWSLETTER will appear two or three more times before we meet again. Feel free to use it for your own ends. If you're looking for rare cases to match that interesting one of yours for a series - just let us know. How about the need for a collective opinion on an idea, gadget or procedure. Maybe we can work out additional profits from our association. Did you see that article by Schultz, Johnson, Brown and Mosberg - that's what I mean.

Let's briefly stir up the NEW ORLEANS flavor again. One of the high spots was to see Sir GEOFFREY stroll down Bourbon Street with his thumbs in his vest pockets stopping now and then to peer over the tops of the swinging doors. Phil Gordy and Ira Jackson reminded me of the FBI boys that carry the President's golf bags. Sir GEOFFREY'S comment - "I want you to know how much I appreciated the 'Congress' and all its kindness to me. They are great fellows. The pleasure that I had amongst you is something that I am not likely to forget."

The total REGISTRATION was 340 people including 46 guests and 97 wives. We took on 25 additional qualified members. I'll append a list with addresses at the end of the letter.\* Lots of credit is due for Dr. Ane regarding the X-ray refresher course. Did you hear that all of those who registered for the course received a \$12.50 rebate? - Our thanks to the committee for its efficient handling of our funds.

\* Appendix 1

Fred Rehfeldt and John Colclough deserve one more pat on the back for their excellent work on the program and arrangements.

In spite of the fact that Wallstreeters are obviously made richer by brain surgery, here's an example of the Nth degree of sportsmanship, read Larry POOL'S kind tribute - "I cannot tell you what a pleasant occasion the third annual Congress of Neurological Surgeons proved to be. I was much impressed by your membership, the alertness of your officers and members, and the splendid fare provided both in the scientific and entertainment spheres. I appreciate the honor of being invited to your meeting."

Brace yourself for the plaudits! Dr. WALKER writes - "You are certainly to be congratulated upon the excellence of the recent meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons in New Orleans. I, as one of the speakers - and I am sure I am speaking for all of them - was delighted to receive the enthusiastic reception which the Congress gave me. It was indeed a pleasure to participate with you in this meeting." - - Dr. HIMWICH as follows - "I have never seen a more smoothly functioning group." We thought the appreciation was all ours!

Bland tells me that the CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM from members and guests has been much appreciated and is being farmed out for serious consideration and initiation of reform. We should promise ourselves to have no more exhibits in the same room with our scientific sessions. Irwin Perlmutter writes that he's gathering "the solid stuff" for concise scientific exhibits that pack a punch. We've heard lots of favorable comments on the movies. Thanks, Frank Earnest and Hank Svien.

Don't forget your slides next November. Word has it that we will probably have a room handy for your soap box; a projector, too, I hope.

The CUBAN TRIP was beautifully reported by Carroll Brown. A list of those who went along is appended\* in case you'd like to talk it over with them before making your decision regarding the trip to Bermuda following the 1954 meeting. James Daniels (642 Park Avenue, New York 21) says if you're interested, drop him a line, and plan to stop off at the College of Surgeons meeting in Atlantic City (November 15-19) on the way home from Bermuda.

\* Appendix 2



Concerning HAVANA, Dr. Charlie Drake from London wrote, "I thought the meeting was excellent," and "the Havana people were gracious to us in the extreme." It must be true, because David Cleveland hit the same conclusion, "- we were delightfully received and treated there. The Cuban group put on a very fine program in that it roused a great deal of interest."

Don't forget the COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN CHICAGO the weekend of the 'Interurban' meeting. Frank Earnest wanted to remind committeemen that the membership boys will meet at 8 A.M., February 14. Rush the new applications for membership. We'll review the membership procedure next letter. Our Prexy for '54 writes that the Executive Committee will meet at the Palmer House, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. the same day.

Are you interested in EUROPE or SOUTH AMERICA? If so, scoop this direct off the racks. The International Committee (Svien) and the Scientific and Educational Committee (Daniels) have discussed a plan to sponsor two CNS travel groups in 1955. One group would visit about eight countries in Europe and the other group would visit most of the countries of South America. Each group would be limited to no more than twelve members, and wives would accompany the members if desired. The duration of travel in each area would be approximately six weeks. The general plan would be to visit neurosurgeons and medical centers in Europe and South America in order to exchange technical information and present a joint scientific program with European and South American neurosurgeons at each major stop on the itinerary. At least one year of preparation would be required so that this activity could not be staged until 1955. Ample opportunity for rest and recreation would be provided. Anyone who may be interested in group travel to Europe or South America, please WRITE AT ONCE to H. J. Svien, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.  
Sold ?

Dick DeSaussure reports for the Certificate and EMBLEM Committee that our 10 carat gold KEYS (reproduced on the mast-head) will soon be ready at the L. G. Balfour Company, and will cost \$6.00 plus tax. We will be contacted by the manufacturer.

The INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE suggests that CNS members read an article by I. Ridgeway Trimble of Baltimore on Opportunities and Responsibilities of the Physician in World Affairs (J.A.M.A. 153: 1143-1149, November 28, 1953.)

Additional REPORTS OF COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM ACTIVITY are promised for the next edition. Until then just let me "pipe out" this last paragraph regarding November 3-6, 1954. The first day will be devoted to neurosurgical operative clinics and the P.G.'ers promise a strong refresher course. The last three days will be reserved for the scientific sessions, motion pictures and exhibits. Phil Gordy and Mr. Phillippe of the Waldorf promise meetings in the Jade Room, exhibits in the Basildon Room, luncheons in the Astor Gallery, the Friday evening dinner dance in the Sert Room, and the Regency Suite for the Auxiliary. Phil says the committee is promised 250 rooms for members and guests and that we are getting the purple carpet treatment from the Waldorf.

Don't forget to fire in your suggestions to the committee chairmen,\* and make your reservations early at the Waldorf. The Secretary wants to pick up the changes in address and learn of your New York intentions on the enclosed card.

Yours truly,



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P.S. Please let me know about some of your professional trips, talks, new movies, etc. I think the group will really take an interest. What do you think?

Enclosure

\* Appendix 3