
National humane leaders gathered in Newport Beach, California on October 13-15 for the annual conference of The HSUS. The three-day, heavily-attended conference examined a large variety of major problems of both the ethics and the practical work of the humane movement.

The conference was opened and presided over by R. J. Chenoweth, HSUS Board Chairman. It was hosted by the Society's California Branch whose President and HSUS director, Frederic D. Kerr, warmly welcomed the more than 200 delegates in attendance.

Dr. C. O. Finch, Chief Staff Veterinarian, U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal Health Division, traveled from Washington, D.C., to speak on the status of Public Law 89-544 after one year. He showed slides which illustrated the great improvements made at dealer establishments since the new law became effective. He also pinpointed some deficiencies and promised that USDA would inspect all dealers covered by the law as frequently as available funds and manpower will permit.

An impressive speech on the need and methods of battling animal seizure was given by Mrs. Betty Cardoni, Treasurer of Mercy Crusade, Van Nuys, California. She described the careful campaigns for such legislation waged by the research community and effectively demolished the argument that pound seizure makes large numbers of animals available for research by pointing out that states with such laws requisition very few animals. She called upon humane leaders to fight pound seizure by working intensively to reduce the surplus animal population and being constantly ready to fight any such laws when proposed.

Dr. Virgil S. Hollis, Marin County (Cal.) Superintendent of Schools, spoke on humane education in the nation’s schools. He said that most humane groups did not seem to be aware that educators recognize the great need for this form of education and want it included in school curricula. He referred to The HSUS-George Washington University project to develop such a program as an excellent starting point. He said that Marin County schools would test the program, which could then be adapted for use throughout the country.

Wildlife expert, Dr. Henry M. Weber of La Quinta, Cal., attacked the delib- (Continued on page 2)
erate destruction of wildlife, by tax-supported federal, state, and county agencies in which hundreds of thousands of predatory animals are painfully killed, Dr. Weber pointed out that "wildlife management" agencies have little interest or knowledge of wildlife other than species classified as game.

Dr. Weber called for support by humanitarians for the Dingley and Griffith bills, to stop mass killing of predators by control of the specific, destructive individual predator, the bobcat, with H.R. 11455, to transfer wildlife control on federal lands from federal agencies to state fish and game authorities.

Two major speeches were given on the second day of the conference. HSUS Director Cleveland Amory spoke brilliantly on vivisection and the ridiculousness of experiments for which huge sums of tax money are granted. He branded uncontrolled use of animals in scientific experiments as "immoral and absolutely 100 per cent wrong." He called on the humane movement to attack needless and repetitious experimentation and support legislation to control research animal use.

The entire conference later voted the overwhelming approval of a resolution for the HSUS to support the new Rogers-Javits bill.

The second major speech was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Sakach, Director and Corresponding Secretary of the Animal Welfare League of Reno, Nevada. She condemned cruelties in rodeo, describing incidents which she had seen personally. She described such pain-producing devices used in rodeo as the bucking strap and the electric prodd. She recommended that the humane movement oppose such devices, especially the bucking strap, and seek legislation to accomplish that end.

Highlight of the conference was the annual awards dinner on Saturday night. Dr. Amy Freeman Lee of San Antonio, Texas, noted, artist, author, critic and lecturer in the humanities and fine arts, was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Virginia Milliken of New York, the equivalent award at the state level made by the California Branch to Mrs. Milliken's outstanding contribution in the presentation of Mustang, Wild Spirit of the West, a biography of Mrs. Velma Johnston (Wild Horse Annie) to the National Humane Education Center Library. A silver tray, engraved with the signatures of all HSUS directors, was presented to outgoing President Oliver Evans in recognition of his outstanding leadership during the four years of his tenure. Evans was highly praised for his intelligent approach to humane problems and his unstinting and unselfish devotion to duty in guiding the HSUS towards great success.

C. Richard Calore presented his "Voice of the Voiceless" award to HSUS Board Chairman R. J. Chenoweth for many years of notable work in the humane movement and for quality leadership at the national level. The last day of The HSUS conference was devoted principally to roundtable seminars. Ideas were exchanged and approaches suggested on how to combat cruel conduct of humanely slaughtered animals in motion pictures. The role a humane society can take in the Head Start program, checking science fair exhibits, enlisting leaders and support for humane societies, hints and tips on shelter operation, and the role of state and local humane societies in the national humane movement.

One of the most important items of business at the recent National Leadership Conference, and perhaps the most urgent, was the issue of laboratory animal legislation. The assembled delegates, representing a broad cross-section of the humane movement, debated and discussed the new Rogers-Javits bill for the protection of laboratory animals.

The following resolution in support of H.R. 13168 and S. 2401 was then passed unanimously:

WHEREAS it is the consensus of The Humane Society of the United States' membership in attendance at the 13th Annual Convention that it is an absolute necessity to do everything within the power of each individual member and of the organization itself to assure the passage of some comprehensive Federal legislation for the protection of laboratory animals without further delay and postponement, and

WHEREAS it is the consensus of the membership that after years of thorough investigation and consideration the so-called Rogers-Javits bills, i.e., H.R. 13168 and S. 2401, are both adequate and worthwhile and have the best chance of passage of any of the pending legislation proposals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the aforesaid reasons, the membership of The Humane Society of the United States strongly and fully endorses these two bills. However, The HSUS would prefer that the provisions of these laws be enforced and administered by a totally independent agency of the Federal Government.

Remember: An HSUS Annuity Plan for you can give you lifetime security and help provide for badly needed humane work. Find out how to combine both by writing for information to The HSUS.

Are You Qualified? The HSUS is often asked to recommend persons for humane society and animal control work. Requests for these recommendations come from local government officials and state and local animal welfare organizations. The Society would like to maintain complete and comprehensive files on persons who are qualified for animal control work and who are seeking employment in the field. If you think that you are qualified, please send a resume of your background and experience (if any) to HSUS headquarters in Washington, D. C. Please include a recent photograph.

Mel L. Morse, Executive Director of The Humane Society of Marin County, San Rafael, Calif., was elected President of The Humane Society of the United States at a meeting of the Board of Directors held during the 1967 National Leadership Conference.

The appointment was announced at the annual awards dinner on Saturday night, October 14. In a brief acceptance speech, Morse promised to maintain and intensify current anti-cruelty activities, keep emphasis on humane programs. In making the presentation of the "Vice of the Voiceless" Award at the annual awards dinner, President Oliver Evans for so capably guiding the Society's destiny during difficult times. He also expressed conviction that past standards of excellence will be maintained and exceeded and that an aggressive and growing HSUS will reach forward toward new goals and new accomplishments even greater than those of the past. The assembled conference showed their enthusiasm with a standing ovation to the new president.

Before his appointment as Executive Director of the Humane Society of Marin County, Morse was Executive Director of the American Humane Association and had previously headed their Hollywood staff that for a long time effectively controlled use of animals in motion pictures. He was, in fact, a major influence in the original anti-cruelty legislation designed to prevent animals from suffering the indignities of the motion picture and television codes pertaining to the use of animals by which these industries to some extent govern themselves. He is a veteran of 30 years in humane work and is currently a member of the Council of the World Organization for the Protection of Animals. His vast experience is expected to bring new insight and understanding to the great problems of humane work at the national level.

New York Humanitarian Receives Highest HSUS Award at 1967 Meeting

Mrs. George E. Milliken of New York was honored at the 1967 National Leadership Conference with HSUS's highest award, Humanitarian of the Year. The award was given in recognition of Mrs. Milliken's outstanding contributions to animal welfare work and her consistent and active participation in humane programs. In making the award, HSUS Board Chairman R. J. Chenoweth spoke of Mrs. Milliken's untiring efforts and personal sacrifice to help the humane cause.

"The recipient of our award," Chenoweth said, "has brought new direction and understanding to our work and her accomplishments in helping millions of suffering animals, both nationally and internationally, have gained the respect and admiration of humanitarians everywhere."

For many years, The HSUS has chosen this method of recognizing the outstanding work of individual humanitarians. An inscribed certificate, attesting the honor, is given each recipient.
The small animal shelter (left) of NHEC will be used to train humane workers from all over the nation and as the hub of a complete animal control program in Loudoun County. The HSUS managed facility is now in operation.

America. This will involve building the entire Center into a working demonstration of a model program of community responsibility for animals.

Former HSUS field agent Dale Hylton is currently responsible for the overall development and management of the Center. As Program Director, he is supervising the small animal shelter, and the humane education program through which the immense influence of NHEC will eventually reach across the entire country. Hylton is especially concerned with programs of humane education for children and academic in-service training courses in humane education concepts and methods for public and private school teachers.

Commenting on this aspect, Hylton said that the education of youth to kindness towards lower forms of life in a realistic, long term approach that will eventually eliminate the great humane problems of today. Every movement and seem so insolvable. “Every cause, even the bad ones, seeks to indoctrinate the very young. Even Hitler fostered that hope that a more comprehensive law would soon be passed. Now he has reversed himself and is backing Senator Monroyen in refusing to get the bill sent to committee.

Unfortunately, Senator A. S. Mike Monroney was also one of those who have made speeches on the floor of the Senate was Senator Warren G. Magnuson of Washington, who expressed the hope that a more comprehensive law would soon be passed. Now he has reversed himself and is backing Senator Monroyen in refusing to get the bill sent to committee.

Letters to Senators Hill, Magnuson, Monroyen and Clark expressing indignation at this stalling could achieve a settlement before Congress adjourns.

Ask them all (and ask your own Senator, too) to have the bill referred to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare and please send us any answers you receive from the Washington legislators.

The reason these men give for opposing the bill is that they want administration by the Department of Agriculture just as easily as to HEW. To keep 95% of all laboratory animals suffering unnecessarily, or to deny them any legal protection just over a jurisdictional dispute, is to take a stand against laboratory animal welfare, and this is exactly what opponents have done.

The Humane Society of the United States now is preparing a leaflet on the Rogers-Javits bill which will give you all the facts you need. It will be ideal to distribute to churches, clubs, your friends, etc. It will help editors write editorials on the bill. We regret this will be done in type and go out with this issue, and for economy reasons, will probably not go to the entire mailing list until January. But it can be ordered now by individuals wishing to work in support of the Rogers-Javits bill.

Regional NBC Outlet Films Documentary

The NBC television outlet in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., station WBRE, has completed filming of a documentary program on pet theft and the role of a humane society in the community. The documentary features HSUS Affiliate, the SPCA of Luzerne County, the Humane Society of Lackawanna County, and the Lycoming County SPCA, all in Pennsylvania. The film also has an interview on dog stealing with HSUS Field Service Director Frank McMahon.

The program is expected to be scheduled in northern Virginia and central Pennsylvania within the time the readers receive this News. It will be shown throughout Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and nearby states. The program had not been titled as this bulletin goes to press.

Interested persons in the states named above are asked to write the NBC station at the date and hour of telecast or write The HSUS to send details when available.
HSUS Extends Surveillance of Dog Auctions; Missouri Investigation Shows That USDA Is Also On Alert

HSUS field agents extended their surveillance of animal auctions into Missouri in late October when Field Service Director Frank McMahon was sent to Joplin to investigate the annual “dog and gun trade days” auction. McMahon’s trip was prompted by a request from the Joplin Humane Society for help in stopping some of the abuses to animals at the annual event.

McMahon enlisted the help of HSUS Affiliate, Wayside Waifs of Kansas City, whose able representative, Dale Harris, accompanied him to Joplin. The two were joined there by Earl Young of the Joplin Humane Society. The humane society agents had no difficulty in getting into the auction and circulating around the grounds.

McMahon reported about 2,000 dogs in trucks or chained to stakes. He estimated there were about 500 automobiles, trucks, and other vehicles on the premises. The wide drawing power of the auction was evidenced by vehicles with registration plates from Texas to Michigan.

While policing the grounds, McMahon and Harris found a two-tiered truck crammed with helpless dogs. They estimated at least 80 dogs in both levels and, while keeping it under observation, saw about 40 more dogs loaded into it. McMahon was taking pictures, prior to filing a cruelty complaint, when approached by the truck owner, an Arkansas dealer who allegedly deals only in hunting dogs but who was buying every species of dog at the auction. Joplin Humane Society’s Earl Young signed a complaint charging the dealer with cruelty to animals because of overloading. A misdemeanor under general anti-cruelty laws in Missouri, this charge should have resulted in his arrest. Instead, the local sheriff simply warned the dealer and ordered him to load some of the dogs in another truck.

One of the interesting and encouraging sidelights of the case was that an investigator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, enforcement agency of Public Law 89-544 regulating laboratory animal dealers, was present at the auction. The investigator amassed information on everything that happened, obtained the license numbers of the major purchasers and dealers, and the amounts paid for the animals. It was clearly evident, McMahon said, that USDA was doing an excellent job of investigating all aspects of the dog dealer business despite the lack of an adequate appropriation of funds by Congress.

Annual Meeting Elects New Perpetual Members

The late Mrs. Marie G. Thompson of Milwaukee, Wis., Delos E. Culver of Drexel Hill, Pa., and Miss Frances Coleman of New York City and Bar Harbor, Me., were elected Perpetual Members in Memoriam at the 1967 annual meeting.

All had made significant contributions to humane work during their lives. Mrs. Thompson was president and founder of the Animal Protective League of Milwaukee and nationally known for her humanitarian efforts. Mr. Culver was one of the founders of The HSUS, president of the Delaware County (Pa.) SPCA, and a prominent figure in wildlife conservation. Miss Coleman’s interest in animal welfare ranged widely; she was an early supporter of The National Humane Education Center, a charter member of The HSUS, and a strong opponent of all forms of cruelty.

The names of the new perpetual members will be added to others on a large bronze plaque at HSUS headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Pictured are just some of the delegates who attended the conference. Many said that it was the best humane meeting they had ever attended.

Dr. C. O. Finch of USDA, enforcer of Public Law 89-644, discusses the law informally with HSUS directors and staff during a brief recess period.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Cleveland Amory (right) discusses a point with HSUS President Mel Morse while director Fred Kerr (center) and Marc Loost (left) look on.

HSUS's Jacques Sichel (inside left) and Patrick Parkes met with Affiliate and Branch personnel to discuss state and local problems.

Director Jacques Sichel (left) presented silver tray to outgoing President Oliver Evans on behalf of Board. Grace Conahan accepts for Mr. Evans.

Television’s Nancy Kulp (right) of Beverly Hillbillies fame presented Branch "Humanitarian of the Year" award to Mrs. Bruce Rueppel of Sacramento.

This overcrowded truck, sagging under the weight of its living cargo, was basis for complaint signed against the Arkansas dog dealer. The action was aborted by local sheriff who warned dealer but did not arrest him.
Release of Brutality Film Ends As Result of Strong Protests

American International Pictures has ordered its subsidiary, Trans-American Films, to withdraw the Japanese made film, \textit{Sadismo}, from circulation following strong protests from The HSUS and other humane organizations. The film, a brutal portrayal of human and animal torture, showed vivid scenes of vicious dogfights and animals being skinned alive.

The complaints were made to AIP, the National Association of Theatre Owners, the Code Authority of the National Association of Broadcasters, and the Motion Picture Association of America. It was learned that AIP does not presently submit its productions for code seal and the intention was to distribute \textit{Sadismo} without a code seal.

The case typifies the failure of self regulation in preventing abuse of animals in motion pictures. The HSUS has long contended that this abuse and excesses in violence and sadism in the making of films must be contained.

The Society's position received strong support in late September when Sherrill C. Corwin, President of the National Association of Theatre Owners, said in an address to the Canadian motion picture convention that his organization was gravely concerned at “the ever increasing insertion of excessive violence and sadism that is finding its way into films.” Corwin referred particularly to pictures which have not received the Code Seal of Motion Pictures Association of America or may not even have been submitted for code approval.

“Too many people,” he continued, “are not aware of the fact that the only distributors or producers who must submit their product to the Code office are those who are members of the MPAA or affiliated with the Association of Motion Picture and Television Producers. . . .”

Later in his speech, the NATO President rightly pointed out there was nothing to compel any independent or any fly-by-night outfit or any foreign producer or distributor to submit his product to the Code administrators.

The HSUS alleges that the very existence of such a situation clearly shows the failure of the motion picture industry to clean its own house and the ineffectiveness of the present self regulating machinery. Such looseness of direction results in unfit film fare and can only encourage inhumane education.

Directors, Officers Elected at Meeting

At The HSUS corporate meeting, held during the National Leadership Conference, the results of mail ballot voting for the election of directors were announced as required by the Society's bylaws. The following directors, whose three year terms expired this year, were re-elected: \textbf{Robert J. Chenoweth}, Kansas City, Mo.; \textbf{D. Collis Wager}, Utica, N. Y.; \textbf{Frederic D. Kerr}, San Rafael, Cal.

The election of two new directors was also announced: \textbf{Coleman Burke}, Short Hills, N. J., and \textbf{Thaddeus G. Cowell}, Weston, Conn. Both are practicing attorneys with special interest and experience in humane work.

\textbf{Oliver M. Evans}, Washington, D. C., outgoing President of The HSUS, was elected to fill the unexpired term of director Milliken who resigned from the Board in August.

The Board of Directors elected \textbf{Mel L. Morse}, San Rafael, Cal., President of The HSUS. \textbf{William Kerber}, Washington, D. C., was elected Treasurer. Officers re-elected by the Board are: \textbf{R. J. Chenoweth}, Kansas City, Mo., Chairman of the Board; \textbf{D. Collis Wager}, Utica, N. Y., Vice Chairman; \textbf{Grace Conahan}, Webster Groves, Mo., Secretary; \textbf{Marcia Glaser}, Washington, D. C., Assistant Secretary; and \textbf{Moneta Morgan}, Seabrook, Md., Assistant Treasurer.

Issue Over Lab Dealer Law Funding Settled

Congress has finally settled the appropriation issue affecting the administration and enforcement of the laboratory animal dealer law, Public Law 89-544. A Senate-House conference committee voted to allocate for immediate spending the $300,000 minimum figure with the proviso that an amount up to $1.2 million could be spent if needed and if the money could be made available from lower priority programs. The committee recommendation, as is usual in such cases, was accepted by both the Senate and House.

New HSUS President Mel Morse expressed strong dissatisfaction with the final appropriation saying that, in effect, it means only $300,000 will be available for administering the law. “There is no such thing as ‘lower priority programs’ in government,” Morse said, “everyone thinks that his particular program has a higher priority than the other fellow’s. Only Congress itself could really settle on a priority scale and there is no chance of that happening.”

USDA sources have told The HSUS that the Department will do as much as it possibly can with the money actually allocated. All dealers who have submitted affidavits to the Department have already been inspected at least once. It is expected that these dealers will be inspected about twice annually even with the low appropriation granted by Congress. Doubt has been expressed, however, that much searching out of unknown dealers can be done until more funds are made available.

The appropriation for Public Law 89-544 has been one of the hottest issues in Congress in recent months. Many thousands of letters urging a substantial figure have been written by HSUS members and other humanitarians. It is believed that the result would have been better if Congress were not currently riding an economy wave that has brought drastic cuts in most appropriations.