

## MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION

### Monday, June 22, 1959:

The fourteenth annual convention of The Catholic Theological Society of America was held at the Hotel Statler-Hilton, Buffalo, New York, from the evening of Monday, June 22, until mid-afternoon of Thursday, June 25. The new convention-pattern which operated so well and smoothly at St. Paul, was carried out again, much to the general satisfaction of the members. On the first afternoon at 2:00 P. M. the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors was held, a departure from regular practice, in order to make advance plans for the 1960 Convention. In the evening, from 7:00 to 9:00 P. M. registration of members was conducted.

Comprising the activities of the second day of the convention, we present herewith an excerpt from our program:

### Tuesday, June 23, 1959:

9:00 — 10:00 A. M. . . . . REGISTRATION

10:00 A. M. — 12:00 M. . . . . GENERAL SESSION

#### INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*His Excellency, The Most Reverend Joseph A. Burke, D.D.*

#### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

*The Very Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Murphy*

#### MORALITY AND THE PROBLEM OF OVERPOPULATION

*The Reverend Anthony F. Zimmerman, S.V.D.*

2:30 — 4:30 P. M.

ELECTIVE SEMINARS

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES IN APOLOGETICS

*The Reverend Bruce Vawter, C.M.*

THE THEOLOGY OF THE *Res et Sacramentum* WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ITS APPLICATION TO PENANCE

*The Reverend Paul F. Palmer, S.J.*

THE VIRTUE OF OBEDIENCE

*The Reverend William H. Kane, O.P.*

THE THEOLOGY OF THE LAY APOSTOLATE

*The Reverend James E. Quill*

5:00 P. M.

BUFFET SUPPER

The first general session was called to order by the Very Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Murphy, who presented our episcopal host, The Reverend Joseph A. Burke, D.D. Having invoked the special assistance of the Holy Spirit, His Excellency addressed the membership on the importance of the tasks entrusted to our American theologians. In a simple and familiar style, His Excellency, exhorted those present to a commendable dissatisfaction. In the unholy sense, dissatisfaction is the prolific mother of many evils; whilst, in the wholesome sense, it can be the occasion of much progress. This, His Excellency, went on to state, is exemplified in the lives of the Saints. In conclusion, the membership was exhorted to cultivate a healthy dissatisfaction, as a proper antidote to mediocrity.

Monsignor Murphy thanked His Excellency for his presence and his timely message to our Society, and then proposed that Bishop Burke be elected to honorary membership. The motion was duly seconded and ratified unanimously. The formal introduction of the President to the assembly was made by the Vice-President, the Reverend Vincent J. Nugent, C.M. who noted that the Society has been fortunate in the fourteen years of its existence to have always found the right man at the right time to carry on the work of President. After a word of cordial welcome, Monsignor Murphy proceeded to keynote the convention by the presidential address. Echoing the sentiments of the entire assemblage, Father Nugent proceeded to thank Monsignor Murphy for his words of wisdom, and assured him that his address was calculated to stimulate our members to rise to new heights in the field of scientific theology. His Excellency chose to remain for the remainder of the morning's session. Whereupon, Father Nugent presented the Rev. Anthony F. Zimmerman, S.V.D. whose interesting study on "Morality and the Problems of Overpopulation" stimulated worthwhile discussion. Toward the conclusion of the first general session, the President called upon the Secretary for preliminary announcements.

Father McDonough reminded the assembly of the annual Mass for deceased members, to be offered on the morrow by the President, and listed the demise of the following Reverend Fathers: Laszlo Torontali, S.P., Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., Louis E. Sullivan, S.J. and noted especially that the Society had lost one of its most eminent Honorary Members, His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Mooney, the late Archbishop of Detroit. The Secretary announced the seminars to be held in the afternoon session and assigned rooms and secretaries for each. He also announced that through the kind and capable work of the Reverend James A. Brennan, C.M. of Our Lady of Angels Seminary, Niagara University, facilities were available for the cele-

bration of Holy Mass in the Exhibition Room of the Hotel. Some twenty altars and complete sets of vestments were provided. Moreover, the Seminary members would be on hand to serve the Reverend Fathers.

The President returned to the podium to announce that the Vincentian Fathers of Niagara University and Our Lady of Angels Seminary had extended a cordial invitation to the members to visit the University and partake of a Buffet Supper. A bus tour of Niagara Falls, nearby Canada, the Niagara Power Project and the University was announced. It was also announced that there would be meetings of the Committee on Nominations, and the Committee on Admissions. A motion to adjourn having been duly approved, the first general session was brought to a close with prayer.

At 5 P. M., the members reassembled for the annual social, which was regarded by the general membership as highly successful and immensely profitable.

The activities of the third day of the 1959 convention are outlined as follows, according to the program:

### **Wednesday, June 24, 1959:**

10:00 A. M. — 12:00 M. . . . . GENERAL SESSION

#### THE THEOLOGY OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

*The Reverend Edwin G. Kaiser, C.P.P.S.*

#### BUSINESS MEETING

8:00 P. M. . . . . INFORMAL SYMPOSIUMS

#### FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY

*The Very Reverend Eugene I. Van Antwerp, S.S.*

#### DOGMATIC THEOLOGY

*The Reverend Eamon R. Carroll, O.Carm.*

#### MORAL THEOLOGY

*The Reverend Thomas C. Donlan, O.P.*

#### SACRED DOCTRINE IN OUR COLLEGES

*The Reverend William J. King*

The first session of the day was called to order by the President who then introduced the Reverend Edwin G. Kaiser, C.P.P.S. of St. Joseph's College, Collegeville, Indiana, whose interesting paper on "The Theology of the Resurrection of Christ" was well received, and was followed by illuminating discussion.

At 11 A. M. the President opened the business meeting, by calling on the Secretary, Father McDonough to act as spokesman for the Committee on Admissions, in the absence of Father Myles Bourke, the Chairman, who was absent. Father McDonough informed the house that the seventy-five candidates had been duly screened and recommended their admission as members of the CTSA. A motion to that effect was duly carried, and by their inclusion, the membership of the Society now totals 754. The names of the new members follow.

(*NEW MEMBERS CTSA, INDUCTED 1959*)

Amadio, Anselm H., O.S.B., Holy Cross Abbey, Canon City, Col.  
Antl, Louis B., O.F.M., St. Joseph's Seminary, Tuetopolis, Ill.  
Barrett, Daniel J., 78 Hood Street, Newton, 58, Mass.  
Bartolini, Vincent J., 128 Green St., Woonsocket, R. I.  
Baum, William W., P. O. Box 1073, Kansas City 41, Mo.  
Bender, Lawrence A., S.S., St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore 10, Md.  
Bennett, Austin P., 75 Green Avenue, Brooklyn 38, N. Y.  
Birringer, Raphael R., S.D.S., Divine Savior Seminary, Lanham, Md.  
Blaufuss, Anthony E., 227 Van Buren St., Topeka, Kan.  
Bourgeois, Joseph E., 4976 Louisa Drive, New Orleans 26, La.  
Breen, Edward, 8725 South May Street, Chicago 20, Ill.  
Browne, Joseph P., C.S.C., 4001 Harewood Road, N.E., Washington 17, D.C.  
Buckley, Joseph, S.M., 400 Warrensville Center Road, Bedford, Ohio  
Budimlic, George L., 9183 Broadview Road, P. O. Brecksville, Ohio.  
Caligiuri, Angelo M., 330 Hudson St., Buffalo 1, N. Y.  
Canfield, John J., S.S., St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore 10, Md.  
Carr, Mark V., 10 Fellsway East, Malden 48, Mass.  
Colavechio, Xavier, O.Praem., St. Norbert Abbey, De Pere, Wis.  
Conley, Kieran, O.S.B., St. Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, Ind.  
Corbett, Very Rev. George J., C.S.S.R., Box 148, Oconomowoc, Wis.  
Creel, Jesse L., Box 1369, Asheville, N. C.  
Curran, Charles E., 433 Rocket St., Rochester, N. Y.  
Dailey, Robert H., S.J., Alma College, Los Gatos, California  
Denzer, George A., Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, N. Y.  
DeWall, Clement T., 3325 Pecos St., Denver 11, Colo.  
Dorsey, Garrett D., 2603 Norwood St., Pittsburg 14, Pa.  
Dukehart, J. Cyril, S.S., 1785 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington  
6, D. C.  
Edwards, John, S.J., St. Mary's College, St. Marys, Kan.

- Fandal, Damian C., O.P., University of Dallas, Dallas 21, Texas (Box 1330)
- Friend, Francis A., 119 Broad St., Charleston, S. C.
- Furlong, Walter J., 573 Washington St., Newton 58, Mass.
- Hamilton, Daniel S., 70 Adams St., Garden City, New York
- Hoelscher, James E., 125 W. Whittier St., San Antonio 10, Texas
- Jadin, Samuel, O.Praem., St. Norbert Abbey, De Pere, Wis.
- Karwoski, Francis A., 1227 Ansel Road, Cleveland 8, Ohio
- Kilmartin, Edward J., S.J., Weston College, Weston 93, Mass.
- Kirwin, George F., O.M.I., 391 Michigan Ave., Washington 17, D. C.
- Klueg, Frederick E., O.P., St. Rose Priory, Dubuque, Iowa
- Kozal, Chester F., O.M.I. Oblate Fathers, Pine Hills, Pass Christian, Miss.
- Kramer, Thomas E., Church of Christ the King, Mandan, N. D.
- Krigger, Bela, S.P., 1212 Monroe St., Washington 17, D. C.
- Langlinais, J. Willis, S.M., Marynook, Galensville, Wis.
- Lehmkuhl, Charles W., S.J., Canisius College, Buffalo 8, N. Y.
- Leies, John A., S.M., 1403 N. St. Mary's St., San Antonio 2, Texas
- McAndrew, Miles M., S.S., St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore 10, Md.
- McBrien, Thomas H., O.P., Providence College, Providence 8, R. I.
- McEleney, Neil J., C.S.P., St. Paul's College, Washington 17, D. C.
- McMahon, John J., 1048 Dorchester Avenue, Boston 25, Mass.
- McMurry, Vincent de Paul, S.S., 1701 Brownsboro Road, Louisville 7, K. Y.
- Maciaszek, William F., 17 Hale St., Hyde Park 36, Mass.
- Mahoney, Bernard J., St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto 13, Ontario, Canada
- Montalverne, Joseph, O.F.M., St. Bonaventure, N. Y.
- Murphy, Walter C., 1687 Gates Avenue, Ridgewood 27, New York
- Prah, John A., O.C.D., 2131 Lincoln Road, N.E., Washington 2, D. C.
- Reel, Henry J., Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, N. Y.
- Regan, Columkille, C.P., 96 Monastery Avenue, W. Springfield, Mass.
- Reilly, Gavin, O.F.M., Cap., Capuchin Friary, Garrison, N. Y.
- Richter, James B., 29 Washington Avenue, Plainview, L. I., N. Y.
- Riga, Peter, 27 Doore St., Buffalo 10, N. Y.
- Schlarman, Stanley G., St. George's Church, New Baden, Ill.
- Schumacher, William A., 2060 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago 8, Ill.
- Siekman, Theodore C., St. Joseph's Church, Prairie du Rocher, Ill.
- Silvinkas, Peter P., 5411 Cedar Avenue, Philadelphia 43, Pa.
- Stansky, Kenneth E., O.C.D., 2131 Lincoln Road, N.E., Washington 2, D. C.
- Sullivan, Henry J., 33 Stanton St., Dorchester 24, Mass.
- Sullivan, James B., Seton Hall University, S. Orange, N. J.
- Tack, Theodore V., O.S.A., Box 447, Olympia Fields, Ill.
- Troy, Leander R., O.Carm., 6428 S. Dante Avenue, Chicago 37, Ill.
- Tyrell, Francis, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, N. Y.
- Vawter, Francis B., C.M., 1300 S. Steele Street, Denver 10, Colo.
- Weis, Earl A., S.J., West Baden College, West Baden Springs, Ind.
- Whelan, Raymond E., 902 N. Emporia, Wichita, Kan.
- Whooley, Thomas E., C.M., 7800 Kenrick Road, St. Louis 19, Mo.
- Wimsatt, Kenneth, O.S.B., St. Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, Ind.
- Zalotay, Joseph, Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md.

The President then called upon the Secretary, who expressed his deep thanks to all the members for their splendid co-operation in the enlistment of new members. Father McDonough pointed out the immense debt the Society owes to the advertisers in our *Proceedings*, and that we should recommend them at every opportunity. Moreover, he brought to our attention that we should be grateful for the many reviews of our Proceedings that tend to focus attention upon the aims and objectives of the Society. He expressed thanks to the press for the splendid coverage of the convention and other Society activities, especially the Cardinal Spellman Award ceremonies in November.

Monsignor Murphy invited Monsignor Rea to the rostrum to present the annual report of the Treasurer. This report will be found elsewhere in the present brochure.

The President announced that Father Burghardt, S.J. had prepared his report on the Regional Meetings held during the year 1958-59. Monsignor Murphy thanked Father Burghardt, the Chairman, and then announced that since Father Edward J. Hogan, S.S. had received a new community assignment he would appoint Fr. Van Antwerp, S.S. as chairman of the Baltimore-Washington region.

The President informed the Society that on the occasion of the election of His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, the Society had cabled its congratulations and good wishes. A reply was subsequently received from the Cardinal Secretary of State. On the occasion of the appointment of our new Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Vagnozzi, the Society had wired its congratulations and good wishes. Meeting in Convention the Society also cabled its good wishes to His Holiness and pledged its prayers for the success of the forthcoming General Council. Finally, on the occasion of the testimonial dinner in honor of Mr. Menendez, Director of the Paulist Press, the Society expressed its thanks for his many years of service in the printing of the *Proceedings*. Copies of these messages will appear as an appendix to this report.

Monsignor Murphy announced to the members the decision of the Board of Directors to appoint a Committee to review the work of the Society and to make recommendations to the Board in the matter of administrative structure, procedure and program. The Board suggested that this Committee be prepared to make a progress or pilot report at the semi-annual meeting of the Directors in November, and a more complete report in June, 1960. The Committee consists of the following: Father Eugene Burke, C.S.P., Chairman, and Msgr. George Shea, Msgr. Rea, Father McDonough, C.P., Joseph Spitzig, John Sweeney, S.J. and Eugene Van Antwerp, S.S.

The President then paid tribute to the following, for their gracious kindness and cooperation with the members of our Society:

- (1) To Father Van Ackeren, S.J. and the members of the Society of Jesus at St. Marys, Kansas for their work in providing outline previews of the lectures, seminars and panel discussions at this Convention.
- (2) To the Reverend Redemptorist Fathers of Holy Redeemer College, Washington, D. C. for their annual hospitality to us on the occasion of the Board of Directors meeting and the Cardinal Spellman Award.
- (3) To the hosts of our Regional Meetings, and to the Regional Moderators.
- (4) To the Committee on Current Problems, whose recommendations to the Board of Directors are recorded elsewhere in this brochure.
- (5) A special word of thanks was extended to the Convention speakers.
- (6) The Society was especially grateful to Father James A. Brennan, C.M. and his able cooperators for the fine arrangements and facilities provided during this Convention.
- (7) To the Vincentian Fathers of Niagara University and the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels for their gracious invitation to partake of their hospitality during our stay in the Buffalo area.
- (8) To the Archivist of the Society, Father Alfred Rush, C.S.S.R. and Monsignor John Harrington, the Editor of the *Proceedings*.
- (9) Finally, a special word of deep commendation and grateful thanks was extended in the name of the entire Society for the years of capable and devoted service rendered by the retiring Treasurer, Msgr. Rea, and the retiring Secretary, Father Aloysius McDonough. The members present gave a rising vote of thanks.

The President echoed the sentiments of all present in again acknowledging the manifold kindness of Bishop Burke, Bishop of Buffalo, for his invitation to hold our Convention in his diocese and for his presence and message to our members. Monsignor Murphy noted that it was because of the great spirit of good will and self-sacrifice that the Society was able to accomplish so much at its annual meetings.

As Chairman of the Committee on the Cardinal Spellman Award, the President made known the 1959 recipient in the person of the Reverend Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M.: "His distinguished contributions to Sacred Theology in the field of Mariology, particularly as the author of a monumental treatise on Mary's part in our Redemption, of numerous learned articles published here and abroad, of an esteemed manual "The Study of Our Lady," as editor of the three-volume symposium *Mariology*, as founder, first president, present secretary and moving spirit of the Mariological Society of America, and as editor of the Society's annual proceedings *Marian Studies*, render the medalist eminently qualified to receive this honor." Father Carol was notified by telephone and his words of appreciation were communicated to the assembly.

Monsignor Murphy then announced the appointment of Father James A. Brennan, C.M. of Niagara University, as Director of Publicity for the Society; and Father Thomas C. Donlan, O.P., of the Priory Press, as Advertising Manager of the Annual Proceedings.

The Committee on Admissions for the coming year, 1959-60 was then announced: Father Lionel Arsenaault, C.S.S.R., Chairman, and Fathers Eugene Best, Edward J. Carney, O.S.F.S., David A. Dillon, Matthew Herron, T.O.R., Robert J. Kelly, S.J., Norman Demeck, C.P., Edward F. Malone, M.M., and the Secretary of the Society *ex officio*.

The President then called upon Father Martin Healy, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations to present the new slate of Officers and members of the Board of Directors for the coming year. The following slate of officers for a term of one year, and for a new two-year term three new members of the Board of Directors, was presented:

- President* . . . . . The Right Reverend Monsignor Lawrence J. Riley
- Vice-President* . . . . . The Reverend Thomas W. Coyle, C.S.S.R.
- Secretary* . . . . . Brother Celestine Lake Salm, F.S.C.
- Treasurer* . . . . . The Reverend Vincent J. Nugent, C.M.

*Members of the Board of Directors:*

- The Very Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Murphy
- The Reverend Forrest Macken, C.P.
- The Very Reverend Monsignor John Goodwine

All names placed in nomination were ratified unanimously. Invited to the rostrum by Monsignor Murphy, Monsignor Riley thanked the assembly

for the confidence reposed in him, and promised to carry on the work of the Society in the same spirit as manifested by his predecessors.

The afternoon was spent by a great majority of the members in the bus tour of Niagara Falls, nearby Canada, and Niagara University where the members were the guests of the Vincentian Fathers at a buffet supper. After the respite of the afternoon, the members reassembled in the evening for the informal symposiums, and it was the general agreement that these were quite popular and profitable.

The agenda of the final day of the 1958 convention are programmed as follows:

**Thursday, June 25, 1959:**

10:00 A. M. — 12:00 M. . . . . GENERAL SESSION

THE USE OF SACRED SCRIPTURE AS A *LOCUS THEOLOGICUS*

*The Reverend Eugene M. Burke, C.S.P.*

2:00 — 3:30 P. M. . . . . PANEL DISCUSSION

GUILT FEELINGS AND THE CONSCIENCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL

*The Reverend Callistus Smith, O.F.M., Chairman*

PANEL MEMBERS

*The Reverend Charles J. D. Corcoran, O.P.*

*Gregory Zilboorg, M.D.\**

ADJOURNMENT

The general session of the morning was highlighted by the scholarly paper authored and delivered by Father Eugene Burke, C.S.P., a former President of the Society. The wealth of ideas and the depth of discussion evoked, will long be remembered by the members. The panel discussion of the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Father Callistus Smith, O.F.M., was conducted by Father Charles Corcoran, O.P. and Dr. Gregory Zilboorg. It was the general agreement of the members present that this was one of

\* Doctor Zilboorg died shortly after the Convention. We commend him to the prayers of our members.

the finest panel discussions conducted thus far, and a memorable finale to the Buffalo Convention. With a sense of accomplishment and deepest thanks for the spirit of good will of the membership, the motion was carried to adjourn the fourteenth annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

VINCENT J. NUGENT, C.M., *Secretary*  
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, JAMAICA, N. Y.

#### APPENDIX

The following is a copy of the cable sent to His Holiness, Pope John XXIII on the occasion of his elevation to the Papacy:

HIS HOLINESS, POPE JOHN XXIII

MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA REJOICE  
IN YOUR ELECTION AS SUCCESSOR TO PETER RENEW PLEDGE OF FILIAL  
LOYALTY TO APOSTOLIC SEE HUMBLE BEG APOSTOLIC BLESSING

MONSIGNOR MICHAEL J. MURPHY, *President*

#### REPLY

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness has the honor to express the Holy Father's sincere thankfulness for the message of felicitations and prayers, addressed to Him on the occasion of His Election, and has pleasure in conveying, as a pledge of copious heavenly graces and favours, the paternal Apostolic Benediction of the Sovereign Pontiff.

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On the occasion of the first Annual Convention of the Society following upon the election and coronation of His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, the following cable was dispatched:

HIS HOLINESS, POPE JOHN XXIII

Vatican City

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF  
AMERICA MEETING IN ANNUAL CONVENTION UNDER PATRONAGE OF  
BISHOP OF BUFFALO OFFER FILIAL HOMAGE PLEDGE FERVENT PRAYERS  
FOR SUCCESS OF ECUMENICAL COUNCIL BEG APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

## REPLY

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HIS HOLINESS EXPRESSES WARM GRATITUDE DEVOTED PRAYERFUL  
 MESSAGE FERVENTLY INVOKES ILLUMINATING GUIDANCE HOLY  
 SPIRIT DELIBERATIONS ANNUAL CONVENTION CATHOLIC THEOLOGI-  
 CAL SOCIETY CORDIALLY IMPARTS OFFICERS MEMBERS PARTICIPAT-  
 ING SPECIAL APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

CARDINAL TARDINI

The following is a copy of the telegram sent in the name of the Society on the occasion of the arrival of the new Apostolic Delegate to the United States, the Most Reverend Egidio Vagnozzi:

IN FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION AFTER YOUR RETURN TO US WE  
 EXTEND CORDIAL WELCOME AND PLEDGE DEVOTED COOPERATION IN  
 YOUR WORK OF REPRESENTING OUR HOLY FATHER

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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Copy of a telegram sent to Mr. Joseph C. Menendez, at the New York Athletic Club on the occasion of a testimonial dinner tendered by the Paulist Fathers, and attended by representatives of CTSA.

QUADRAGESIMO ANNO GREETINGS TO JOSEPH C MENENDEZ INDELIBLE  
 APPRECIATION ENTHUSIASTIC BEST WISHES FROM THE CTSA

MSGR. MICHAEL MURPHY, *President*  
 FATHER VINCENT NUGENT, C.M., *Vice-President*  
 FATHER ALOYSIUS MCDONOUGH, C.P., *Secretary*  
 MSGR. JAMES E. REA, *Treasurer*  
 MSGR. JOHN H. HARRINGTON, *EDITOR OF Proceedings*

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## FUTURE CONVENTIONS

Arrangements have been completed for future conventions as follows:

- 1960 — June 20-23, Hotel Sheraton, Louisville, Ky.
- 1961 — June 19-22, Chateau-Laurier, Ottawa, Canada
- 1962 — June 25-28, Hotel Penn-Sheraton, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1963 — June 24-27, Hotel Coronado, St. Louis, Mo.