
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 curriculums. 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-

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erate destruction of wildlife, by tax-supported federal, state, and county agencies in wildlife spraying programs. He condemned the large scale poisoning and trapping programs in which thousands of harmless and predatory animals are painlessly killed. He pointed out that "wildlife management" agencies have little interest or knowledge of wildlife except those species classified as game.

Dr. Weber called for support by humanitarians for the Dingell and Griffith bills, to stop mass killing of predators by control of the specific, destructive individual. "Wildlife managers," he said, "will support 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 ridiculous experiments for which huge sums of money are spent. He called for support by humanitarians for the Dingell and Griffith bills, to stop such practices as "all the way" in the name of "animal welfare". In the afternoon, John 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 unspoiled 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 carry on future campaigns to conduct humane slaughter of farm animals, to assure the humane treatment of animals in motion pictures, and to seek protection for animals in motion pictures. The assembled leadership conference, and perhaps the most significant, was the annual awards dinner on Saturday night, October 14. In a brief acceptance speech, Morse promised to maintain and intensify current anti-cruelty activities, and to support the entire HSUS membership.

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Before his appointment as Executive Director of the Humane Society of Maricopa 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 award was given in recognition of Mrs. Milikin'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. Milikin's untiring efforts and personal sacrifices to help the humane cause.

"The recipient of our award," Chenoweth said, "has brought new direction and enthusiasm 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.
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When all of the facilities of the Center are completed, they will be available to every humane society and every humanitarian in America, regardless of affiliation with The HSUS. Although the shelter facilities will be used to serve animals in Northern Virginia and serve them well, their primary purpose will be to train humane workers in shelter operation, search continually for the very best methods of operation, maintain the highest possible standards of policy and program, and serve as an educational workshop for professional animal shelter workers and the leaders of local humane societies from all over the nation.

**Support for Rogers-Javits Bill Continues to Mount, Reaches New High for Lab Animal Legislation**

Strength for the Rogers-Javits bill continues to mount. Almost every week another Representative puts in a companion bill. (Once a bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives, the only way to co-sponsor is to put in a companion bill.) In addition to those whose names were printed on the original bills, there are Senator Charles H. Percy of Illinois and, in the House, Sam Gibbons (Fla.), Robert L. F. Stikes (Fla.), John V. Tunney (Cal.), Thomas. H. H. Burke (Fla.), Robert O. Tierman (R.I.) and George V. Hansen (Ia.). Altogether this makes 30 sponsors and co-sponsors, about four times the number any similar legislation has received in the past.

We urge everyone to report, however, that there was an error on our original list of co-sponsors mailed to you. We re-reported Cecil R. King of California, but it should have been Carlvon J. King of New York.

Unfortunately, Senator A. S. Mike Monroney was not the only one unable to get amendments to the petnapping law, P.L. 89-954, to remain as the only protection given to laboratory animals, has refused to let the Senate give its customary unanimous consent to having the laboratory animal bill introduced by Senator Javits referred to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, of which Senator Lister Hill of Alabama is Chairman and Mr. Javits is ranking Republican minority member. All bills introduced in the Senate to protect animals in laboratories have been referred to this committee in the past.

Some Senators now are 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 report has gone out with this News; 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 WBBRE, 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 Lackawanna County, the Humane Society of Lackawanna County, and the Lackawanna 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 by NBC at a later date and will go out to the time viewers 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 should contact the local NBC outlet for the date and hour of telecast or write The HSUS to send details when available.

The small animal shelter of the National Humane Education Center has been opened and is in operation. It is the first facility of the multi-building complex, which will eventually include quarters for large animals, brought in by individuals and the Animal Rescue League (Washington, D.C.), Phyllis and the Animal Rescue League (Illinois) that is well above even the minimum standards required by The HSUS. Already, more than 900 animals, brought in by individuals and the interim manager of the small animal shelter and the leaders of local humane societies from all over the nation. The HSUS managed facility is now in operation.

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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 day” 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 300 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.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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.

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.
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, 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 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 balloting 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: Robert J. Chenoweth, Kansas City, Mo.; D. Collis Wager, Utica, N. Y.; Frederic D. Kerr, San Rafael, Cal.

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

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