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NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE OF A. A.

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## NEW HOME FOR YOUR G.S.O.



A building between 31st and 32nd Streets, on the west side of Park Ave. *South* (formerly 4th Ave.), is the new home for G.S.O. and the Grapevine, as of April 1, 1970.

To find us, look for 468 Park Ave. South here in New York City.

To *write* to us, use same P. O. Box 459, New York, N.Y. 10017. Our telephone number, too, remains the same: (212) MURray Hill 6-1100.

Why the move? The two main reasons are: (1) to save money, and (2) to get more space. Our old lease expired, and we could not afford the higher rent necessary for staying. We save with an 11-year lease on the new quarters. And, more space! G.S.O. will occupy the 6th floor—13 offices, separate one for volunteers, reception room, expandable board and committee meeting room, lounge for women employees separate from rest room, etc.—all now being finished. Grapevine and Shipping will be on the 5th floor.

Our new location is better, too. The subway is only one-half block away, one stop downtown from Grand Central. Come see us!

This will be G.S.O.'s fifth home. The first in 1940 was at 30 Vesey Street, where Bill and the dedicated nonalcoholic secretary, Ruth Hock, had to answer all requests for A.A. help.

In 1944 we moved to 415 Lexington Ave., just across the street from Grand Central Station and right around the corner from New York's only (then) airline terminal.

## OVER 5,500 REGISTER FOR MIAMI BEACH

Over 5,500 people from about twenty countries have already registered, as of Mar. 15, for A.A.'s 35th Anniversary Year International Convention, July 3-5, 1970, in Miami Beach, Florida.

But plenty of good hotel and motel rooms are still available at all prices for this king-size once-every-five-years A.A. get-together. For details on registration and housing forms, see your group's G.S.R., or write P.O. Box 459, New York, N.Y. 10017, U.S.A.

Registration for all A.A. sessions is \$6.00; including get-acquainted dance and all-star variety show, \$10.00.

Twelve workshops (6 Fri., 6 Sat.) and 14 Alkathons (7 daily, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) are planned, plus Convention Hall meetings Fri. and Sat. nights and Sun. a.m., and midnight Alkathons for the night owls.

## HOT NEWS FLASH ABOUT BILL W.!

July 3, 1970, will be the 12,988th consecutive 24-hour-day of sobriety for Bill W., A.A.'s surviving co-founder, says Joe D., volunteer human computer in Chicago.

We hope you are among 12,988 A.A.'s, Al-Anons, and Alateens—

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# 20th Year for North American General Service Conference

For twenty years the various Conference areas in the United States and Canada have elected delegates to the annual meeting of our (North American) General Service Conference, where they have "official" A.A. business to transact. On the other hand, they have absolutely no power over anyone, of course, just like our General Service Board. Yet—both bodies act *for* the entire Fellowship and influence every one of us whether we know it or not.

Oddly enough, it all works!

To figure this out, we could ask ourselves, "What would it mean to to *you* if A.A. held a G.S. Conference and no one came but *your* area delegate? Or everyone's *but* yours?"

Let's look at some questions:

- Have A.A. members in your region had experience with doctors?
- Pills and other drugs?
- Dull Meetings?
- Members' hired as "A.A. counselors"?
- Members who solicit business at meetings (selling life insurance, beauty products, etc.)?

These are all topics on the Conference agenda this year.

Your group—or others nearby—may have worked out these matters. Groups in other parts of North America need to hear about your experience.

Or maybe you could profit from faraway members' experience.

*That's what one-half of the Conference is all about!* Well, almost.

The Conference enables you to help A.A. friends from Alaska to Florida, from California to the coast of Maine—and vice versa.

Because of the Conference (the 20th meets this year, Apr. 20-25 at the Hotel New Yorker in Manhattan) delegates share such experiences with each other, and their reports and actions are summarized in the Conference proceedings, published after the Conference.

The other half of the Conference "business" includes examining the G.S.O. budget; advising the Board on public relations; checking on G.S.O.'s services to Loners, institutions, armed service groups overseas, and *your* hometown group; inspecting A.A. literature, and much, much more.

To get what you deserve from the Conference, get in touch with your delegate. It's your Conference, you know. And this year's theme should be especially meaningful to all A.A.'s—"Service, the Heart of A.A." (See Delegates' List p. 5)

for the first time will be at the new Hotel New Yorker, 8th Ave. and 34th St.

One piece of furniture from 30 Vesey Street, which has been with us for 30 years, goes with us to the new place: the same table on which the very first A.A. books were wrapped and shipped. It still helps us carry the message.

DUE SOON...  
NEW WORLD DIRECTORY,  
PART I

All A.A. groups in the U.S.A. and Canada are listed in the new 1970 A.A. World Directory, Part I, which will be mailed to each group.

(If your group is *not* correctly listed—along with its meeting nights, membership, Group Fund contribution, and names and telephone numbers of contacts—check with your G.S.R. or secretary. Thanks.)

For *Part II* (covering Africa, Asia, Australasia, Central and South America, and Europe), group information cards were mailed out in February. From them, this "overseas" *Directory* will be compiled and issued this coming summer.

## GV HAS PILL SYMPOSIUM

A big section sharing A.A. members' experiences with mood-changing pills is the special feature of the May issue of A.A.'s international magazine, the Grapevine.

(By the way—did you know Grapevine circulation has climbed to over 55,000—an all-time high? It must be doing something right!)

The April issue—now available—

## HOSPITAL TAPES NEEDED

Have you had any A.A. experience while in a hospital? Have you taped your story of it, or would you record it?

Our tape library needs A.A. hospital stories. Please send us some, to share with other hospitalized alcoholics.

contains an article by a priest and one by an agnostic (how she works the Steps). Also: two by very young A.A.'s; one on getting a job with an alcoholic record; and a funny (!?!?) one on smoked-filled A.A. meeting rooms.

## G.S.O. MOVE (from p. 1)

In 1950, 141 E. 44th Street became our third home (GV joined us there), and in 1960 we moved to the 18th floor of 305 E. 45th Street.

We'll be just five blocks across town from the site of the 1970 G.S. Conference—which this year

## MANY GROUP MEETING PROBLEMS SOLVED FREE

"Drunk-o-logues everybody has heard a jillion times generate boredom, and attendance falls off. How can we keep meetings alive and instructive?" asks a recent letter from Arkansas.

Many groups ask such questions, so we remind you of the many *Guidelines* any member can get free from G.S.O. These are up-to-date "service suggestions" in mimeographed form.

They cover: (1) Working with alcoholic rehab centers; (2) Central Offices, or Intergroup committees; (3) Club problems; (4) Regional conferences and conventions—including free displays; (5) Working

with courts; (6) Institutional committees (carrying the message into hospitals, jails, etc.); (7) Public Information work; (8) A.A.—Al-Anon relationships.

In addition, on G.S.O.'s regular publications order blank you'll find "The A.A. Group"—a 20¢ pamphlet which tells how to hold all kinds of meetings. *The Newcomers' Meeting Kit* (\$1.00) includes a new outline of "Suggestions for Beginners' Meetings" and a packet of basic pamphlets.

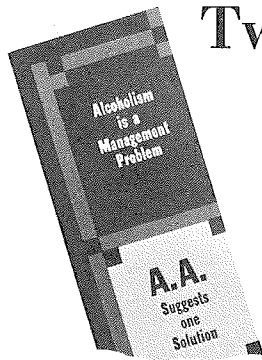
If your group needs fresh blood, the *Public Information Kit* (\$1.50) has tips on getting newspapers, radio, and TV to help you carry the message anonymously, plus a pamphlet on "How to Speak at Non-A.A. Meetings."

## FILMS AVAILABLE FREE FOR INSTITUTIONS

"Bill's Own Story" and "Wisdom to Know the Difference" are now available for free distribution to hospitals and correctional institutions. So are "Days of Wine and Roses," "Case 258," and "Faith for Today" (just write G.S.O.).

In "Bill's Own Story" (1-hour color), A.A.'s surviving co-founder tells about his last drinking, his recovery, Dr. Bob, and the first A.A. group.

"Wisdom to Know the Difference" (1-hr. b-w) shows a discussion meeting, plus comments by two nonalcoholic trustees John L. Norris, M.D. and Austin MacCormick, and Msgr. Joseph Dunn, N.Y. Police Dept. chaplain.



## Two New Pamphlets

Industry and 1968 Survey  
are Subjects



"Alcoholism is a Management Problem—A.A. Suggests One Solution," says the bright blue cover of A.A.'s newest pamphlet carrying the message to employers.

"The Alcoholics Anonymous Survey: 11,355 A.A. Members Answer Questions About Themselves" is the title of the new booklet summarizing the sobriety survey made throughout the U.S.A. and Canada in the summer of 1968.

These latest publications are planned to be of help to (1) any A.A. who wants to keep up with where the movement is heading today, (2) any employer with an alcoholic on his payroll, or (3) any professional person who comes in to contact with alcoholics.

The management folder tells briefly how A.A. can cooperate with any organization who wants our services, and what can happen when business concerns use A.A.

The new survey pamphlet reviews the findings on length of sobriety, slips, meeting attendance rates, age, and sex of A.A. members.

It also shows what gets people to come to A.A., the lowering average age of members, and the rising percentage of women in A.A.

Both pamphlets are available from G.S.O., the Management one at a price of 5¢ each (3¢ each in lots of 500 or more). The price of our Survey pamphlet will be 15¢ per copy.

## BIG BOOK IN PORTUGUESE

Brazilian alcoholics for many years had to make do with their neighbors' Spanish edition of the book "Alcoholics Anonymous." They could grasp most of it, but longed to see it in their own tongue and worked for months translating.

Portuguese-speaking A.A.'s in the U.S.A. reviewed the translation for A.A.W.S., Inc., and pronounced it, "Great!"

Result: the Portuguese edition of "Alcoholics Anonymous" (bright, shiny blue binding) now sells for \$2.00 (U.S.A. money), available from the Literature Distribution Center, Caixa Postal 20896, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

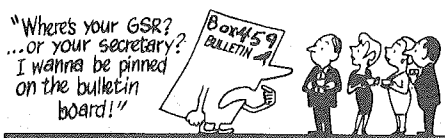
**Correction:** Sorry, our mistake! Georgian Bay, Ont., Area Conf. contribution listed in Special Gifts section, last issue of *Box 4-5-9*, should have been \$185.00, not \$85.00.

## SPECIAL GIFTS TO G.S.O.

ARIZONA	
State Contribution.....	\$ 771.73
CALIFORNIA	
Whittier Workshop.....	15.00
CONNECTICUT	
State Committee.....	500.00
FLORIDA	
South Fla. Dist. 8.....	400.00
13th Fla. State Conv. (Daytona Beach).....	674.70
KANSAS	
State Assembly.....	250.00
LOUISIANA	
24th Annu. Tri-State Conv.....	225.00
MASSACHUSETTS	
Eastern Mass. Dist. 13.....	18.00
L.M. of the 6th Dist of Eastern Mass.....	6.83
MICHIGAN	
Central Michigan Inter-Area Council.....	75.29
MINNESOTA	
Duluth: Annu. Banquet.....	65.00
NEW JERSEY	
Pompton Plains: Plains A.A. Workshop.....	15.00
NEW MEXICO	
N.M. Area Assembly.....	150.00
NEW YORK	
Niagara Falls Area Groups.....	200.00
PENNSYLVANIA	
E. Pa. Conference.....	1,429.43
RHODE ISLAND	
Rhode Island Assembly.....	150.00
TEXAS	
19th Annu. S.W. Conf.....	200.00
CANADA	
Alberta: 19th Conf.....	1,095.43
Ontario: St. Catherines - Niagara Dist. Intergroup.....	61.98
Ontario: N.W. G.S. Comm.....	92.50
Ontario: Uletide Alkathon.....	109.00
Ontario: West Toronto Men's Meeting.....	325.00
Ontario: Ottawa Central Committee.....	61.98

### CONTRIBUTIONS (Special Gifts)

*Explanation:* Group contributions to G.S.O.'s General Fund are listed in the *A.A. World Directory* each year, not here, and are acknowledged in statements mailed quarterly to each group and intergroup. (The special gifts listed here are



## District One Holds First Workshop



"Our first G.S.R. workshop in Iowa's district 1 seemed to be very much of a success and a lot of enthusiasm shown," wrote Marie. "This being committee member is all new to me and most of the G.S.R.'s are new, too.

"We voted to hold a workshop the first Sunday of each month, to start at 2:00 p.m. and close at 3:30 p.m. It will be held at a different group each month, and the host group will furnish coffee and cookies.

"It was suggested during the workshop that each group should help pay expenses for the G.S.R. when at conference meetings or if traveling very far. Films and where to get them, round-table discussions and round robins were all discussed and explained.

"Then a very important subject was brought up—SPONSORSHIP, and how important it can be. Most of us liked the suggestion that after the meeting, we introduce ourselves to a new member and ask if he has a way to get to and from meetings and offer to pick him up. If he has no sponsor, offer to be his or her sponsor until such time as he has a chance to make up his own mind and pick one for himself. In short, take a little personal interest in a new member and put a little effort behind it.

"A question was raised about a telephone contact where a group is small and money short. Answering services are okay, but costly. This was to be brought before each group and discussed again at the next G.S.R. meeting." (Thanks, Marie, for sharing.)

from A.A. events, banquets, special conventions and conferences, workshops or roundups, usually involving members from several groups, not just one.)

### WAYS OF CONTRIBUTING

"This may sound sorta odd," writes Len J., Erie, Pa., "but I promised to buy new curtains for our Serenity Hall. Then the boys washed the old ones and to our amazement we don't need new ones.

"It somehow doesn't seem right to say I just saved \$15. So enclosed please find check. I'm sure you can use it to carry the message."

### NEW RADIO, TV SPOTS ON A.A.

New tapes and films for radio and TV, telling how to contact A.A. anywhere, are now available from G.S.O.

Radio recordings are five one-minute announcements on one tape (\$5.00), spoken by A.A.'s.

Two new TV spots (20-second and 30-second announcements, broadcast as a public service) are now available at \$7.00 each.

Anyone in your group who does not yet know about the Birthday Plan started in Oklahoma for passing on sobriety? Let us know, and we'll send details and special envelopes.

# Conference Delegates, 1970

*Ala. & N.W. Fla.:* Ted C. (19), Birmingham, Ala. *Alaska:* Pat M. (20), Kodiak. *Arizona:* Betty H. (20), Phoenix. *Arkansas:* Neal L. (19) Siloam Springs. *Calif.:* Ed B. (19), San Jose; Ralph W., (20), Sacramento; Hal C. (20), Chula Vista; Art K. (19), Los Angeles; Ellery S. (20), Corona Del Mar. *Colorado:* Evelyn B. (19), Denver. *Connecticut:* Charles M., (19), New Haven. *Delaware:* Lambert S. (20), Odessa.

*D.C.:* Alex B. (19), Arlington, Va. *Florida:* Earl M. (19), Merritt Island; Fred S. (19), Pompano. *Georgia:* Bob R. (20), Atlanta. *Hawaii:* Frances R. (19), Kailua. *Idaho:* Edith S. (20), Idaho Falls. *Illinois:* Bill W. (19), Chicago; Ronald C. (20), Rockford; Dick L. (19), Decatur. *Indiana:* Joe H. (19), Fort Wayne; Sam F., (20), Evansville. *Iowa:* Bob A. (19), Linn Grove. *Kansas:* George B. (20), Topeka. *Kentucky:* Winston W. (20), Shively.

*Louisiana:* Mabel P. (19), Zachary. *Maine:* Willard F., (20), Rockland. *Maryland:* John O'K. (20), Salisbury. *Massachusetts:* Junior A. (19), Needham Hts.; Margaret C. (20), Wilbraham. *Michigan:* Charles D. (19), Flint; Joseph C. (19), Sterling Hts.; Floyd D'A. (20), Big Rapids. *Minnesota:* Clarence B. (20), Fergus Falls; Marvin J. (19), Fairmont. *Mississippi:*

## What Do Panel Numbers Mean?

*Delegates to each Conference are made up of two "panels." One is even-numbered and includes those elected to start serving in an even year. The other is odd-numbered and includes those elected to start serving in an odd year. This 20th Conference is made up of Panel 19—the old delegates—and Panel 20—the new delegates.*

*R.T.D.* (20), Jackson. *Missouri:* Zora H. (19), St. Louis; Paul S. (19), Independence. *Montana:* Ray R. (20), Butte.

*Nebraska:* Ralph F. (20), Lincoln. *Nevada:* Bob R. (19), Reno. *New Hampshire:* Helen S. (20), Greenfield. *New Jersey:* Edmund K. (19), Madison; John M. (20), Oaklyn. *New Mexico:* Jimmy D. (20), Peralta. *New York:* Ada W. (19), Rochester; Robert W. (20), Schenectady; George S. (19), Sayville; James C. (20), Buffalo. *North Carolina:* Wade J. (19), Greensboro. *North Dakota:* Arnold J. (20), Bismarck. *Ohio:* Marie L. (19), Pickerington; John L. (19), Canton; Charles W. (20), Toledo; Luke B. (20), Dayton.

*Oklahoma:* Bob B. (19), Tulsa. *Oregon:* Betty V. (20), Milwaukie. *Pennsylvania:* Monroe B. (19), Lebanon; Henry Carr, (19), Pittsburgh. *Rhode Island:* Joseph F. (20), Johnston. *South Carolina:* Cecil H. (20), Walterboro. *South Dakota:* Chuke L. (20), Yankton. *Tennessee:* Walter H. (20), Knoxville. *Texas:* Kenneth J. (19), Richardson; Ida Lee C. (19), Houston; Tom O'N. (20), Amarillo; Doris C. (20), Austin. *Utah:* Aurelia B. (19), Ogden. *Vermont:* Roy C. (20), Bristol. *Virginia:* Mac B. (19), Staunton. *Washington:* Al D. (19), Yakima. *West Virginia:* C.K. H. (19), Clarksburg. *Wisconsin:* Martin T. (19), Sparta; Howard P. (20), Green Bay. *Wyoming:* Herman F. (20), Lovell.

## CANADA

*Alberta:* Bill W. (20), Edmonton. *B.C./Yukon:* Pat O'H., (19), Burnaby. *Manitoba:* Terry P. (20), Brandon. *N.B./P.E.I.:* Stan B. (20), Charlottetown. *N.S./Nfld./Labrador:* Hugh S. (19), Amherst. *Ontario:* Ed A. (19), Reaboro; Maurice L. (19), Sault Ste. Marie; Carl LeB. (19), Schreiber; Gil W. (20), Fenwick. *Quebec:* Earl P. (19), Avida; Mike H. (20), Lachine; Henri C. (20), Montreal. *Saskatchewan:* Karl F. (20), Saskatoon.

## A.A. Salutes Al-Anon

Lois W., "First Lady of Al-Anon" (and known to all A.A.'s as Bill's wife), was presented (at G.S.O.'s Christmas party) with a plaque, carrying this inscription:

The delegates of this, the 19th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, meeting in official session in New York City, this 25th day of April, 1969, do hereby declare:

### ABOUT ALATEEN GROUPS

All inquiries about Alateen should be sent directly to Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, P.O. Box 182, Madison Sq. Sta., New York, N.Y. 10010.

Many A.A. members co-sponsor Alateen groups along with Al-Anon members, but Alateen is the "junior segment" of Al-Anon, not of A.A.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Conference to confirm the relationship between Alcoholics Anonymous and the Al-Anon Family Groups, and

WHEREAS, it is the further desire of this Conference to acknowledge A.A.'s debt of gratitude to the Al-Anon Family Groups, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Alcoholics Anonymous recognizes the special relationship which it enjoys with the Al-Anon Family Groups, a separate but similar Fellowship. And be it further resolved that Alcoholics Anonymous wishes to recognize, and hereby does recognize, the great contribution which the Al-Anon Family Groups have made, and are making, in assisting the families of alcoholics everywhere.

## TV SHOW BASED ON "IS A.A. FOR YOU?"

"If You NEED a Drink," a one-hour color show produced on KNXT-TV (CBS) in Los Angeles was partly based on the questions from the A.A. pamphlet "Is A.A. For You?" and it brought in more than 2,000 calls from alcoholics one night—over 1,300 of them early-stage victims.

The show resulted from long-term careful planning and cooperation among the Los Angeles A.A. Central Office and its Public Information Committee, the Los Angeles Council on Alcoholism, and the Valley A.A. office. Ten A.A.'s and one Al-Anon appeared, and no anonymity breaks occurred.

As questions from the A.A. pamphlet flashed on the screen, they were answered by different A.A. members (seen only in silhouette) from their own experience.

# A. A. Calendar of Events

CONVENTION (from p. 1)

## MARCH

- 27-29 — *French Lick, In.*, Indiana A.A. Conf. Write: Conv. Chm., 201 Red River Rd., New Castle.
- 27-29 — *Port Elizabeth, C.P., So. Africa.*, Port Elizabeth Annu. Conv. Write: Conv. 1970, P.O. Box Posbus 5134 Walmer, Port Elizabeth, C.P.
- 27-30 — *Sydney, Australia*, 25th Anniv. Easter Conv. Write: Conv. Comm., Central Service Office, 81 York St., Sydney.

## APRIL

- 3- 5 — *Atlantic City, N.J.*, Phila. 3rd Intergroup Roundup. Write: Roundup Secy., 2202 St. James St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 3- 5 — *Ithaca, N.Y.*, Central N.Y. 1970 Area Conf. Write: Conf. Chm., Box 212, Ithaca.
- 3- 5 — *Lethbridge, Alta. Cn.* Annu. Roundup. Write: Chm., Box 212, Lethbridge.
- 10-12 — *Toronto, Ont., Cn.*, 20th Annu. Ontario Regional Conf. Write: Comm. Hdqrs., 2 Gerrard St. W., Toronto.
- 10-12 — *Birmingham, Al.*, 30th Anniv. of A.A. in South. Write: Chm., Box 3292, Birmingham.
- 10-12 — *Phoenix, Ar.*, 3rd Annu. Pacific Region. Write: Chm., 157 E. Tremaine Dr., Chandler.
- 10-12 — *Longview, Tx.*, 1st Annu. Texas Roundup. Write: Roundup Sec., 106 Young St., Longview.
- 10-12 — *Tokyo, Japan*, Far East Roundup. Write: Chm., Far East Roundup, Tama Recreation Center, near Fuchu Air Base, Tokyo.
- 17-19 — *New York, N.Y.*, 12th Annu. S.E. New York Conv. & Banquet. Write: Chm., P.O. Box 5468, Gr. Central Sta., N.Y.
- 23-26 — *Myrtle Beach, S.C.*, 23rd South Carolina Conf. Write: Conf. Chm., P.O. Box 51, Crescent Beach.
- 24-26 — *Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland*, 13th All-Ireland Conv. Write: Hon. Sec., A.A. Westport, Bridge St., Westport.
- 24-27 — *Avon Park, Fl.*, South Fl. Get-Together. Write: Chm., 220 N.E. 25th Court, Pompano Beach.

## MAY

- 1- 3 — *Missoula, Mt.*, 1970 Montana Spring A.A./Al-Anon Conf. Write: Conf. Sec., Box 638, Missoula.
- 2 — *Washington, D.C.*, Intergroup 28th Annu. Banquet. Write: Banquet Chm., 2627 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C.
- 2- 3 — *Walzenhausen, Switzerland*, 4th European Spring Mtg. Write: Chm. Kurt Hotel Kurhaus, Walzenhausen.
- 8-10 — *Roswell, N.M.*, State Conf. Write: Conf. Sec., Box 386, Roswell.

- 15-17 — *Kamloops, B.C., Cn.*, 23rd Anniv. Roundup. Write: Sec., Roundup Comm., Box 353, Kamloops.
- 15-17 — *Niagara Falls, Ont. Cn.*, 6th Annu. Blossom Time Conv. Write: Chm., Box 173, Niagara Falls, Ont.
- 15-17 — *Thunder Bay, Ont., Cn.*, 4th Regional Conf. Write: Ticket Chm., N.W. Ont. Reg. Conf., Box 73, Postal Station "F", Thunder Bay.
- 16 — *Union, N.J.*, 14th Annu. No. Jersey Conv. Write: Sec., Box 407, Elizabeth.
- 16-17 — *Timmins, Ont. Cn.*, Temiskaming-Cochrane District 10th Annu. Conf. Write: Conf. Chm., Box 112, Timmins, Ont.
- 22-23 — *Stratton Mountain, Vt.*, 3rd Annu. Vt. State Conv. Write: Box 491, Bristol.
- 25-27 — *Newbury, Ohio*, Punderson Park Conf. Write: Chm., P.O. Box 58, Newbury.
- 29-31 — *Tulsa, Ok.*, 29th Oklahoma State Conf. Write: Conf. Chm., P.O. Box 4608, Tulsa.

## JUNE

- 5- 7 — *Jefferson City, Mo.*, 5th Missouri Roundup. Write: Chm., P.O. Box 324, Jefferson City.
- 5- 7 — *Grand Island, Nb.*, State Reunion. Write: Reunion Chm., 1521 W. 1st, Grand Island.

## A.A. IN VIETNAM

To most of us at home, Da Nang is a spot on a map in a TV news show, where bombing, bombardments, and ambushes take place.

But something good is quietly going on there, too, Clarence B. writes us.

"We have made some progress. . . we now have three meetings a week at the Marine Air Base; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sun., providing 'Charlie' doesn't interfere.

"If anyone is heading out here, tell them to contact Chaplain Berger at the Tein Sha Navy Base as that is where we usually meet for transportation. He supports A.A. all the way and has the backing of all the commands around here. It should keep us quite busy carrying the message."

one for each day—expected to join Bill and wife Lois at the meeting that evening in airconditioned Miami Beach Convention Hall in gratitude for all lives saved since Bill's last drink, 12/11/34.

You'll also find 24-hour coffee shop service; golf, fishing, or surfing; and hospitality rooms with free coffee.

Capt. Jack S. hopes to see all sea-going A.A.'s at the Internationalists' meeting in Miami Beach.

Other Alkathons will feature young A.A.'s, Spanish-speaking ones, 25-(or more)-year members, trustees, Pacific Northwest regional convention speakers, women members and World Hello (including Loners), etc.

Interpreters, Decorations, Entertainment, Al-Anon and Alateen, Sports, Transportation, Registration, Security, and First Aid are just a few of the host committees already hard at work in Miami Beach. (You can spot committee members by their orange jackets and sunny, welcoming smiles.)

Central office secretaries and steering committees will have a special luncheon, as will G.S. Conference delegates and ex-delegates.

All daytime A.A. sessions (except Sun.) will be at the Fontainebleau Hotel. Al-Anon and Alateen will be next door, at the Eden Roc.

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