

OFFICIAL OPENING

The Opening Ceremony for the Third World Conference on Earthquake Engineering took place on 23 January, 1965, at 9.30 a.m., in the Town Hall, Auckland.

His Excellency the Governor-General, Brigadier Sir Bernard Fergusson, accompanied by Lady Fergusson, had graciously consented to perform the Official Opening.

Other official guests were the Mayor of Auckland, the Minister of Works - representing the Prime Minister -, the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister-in-Charge of Earthquake & War Damage Commission, the Chairman of the New Zealand National Committee, the President of I.A.E.E., the Vice-President of I.A.E.E., the Secretary-General of I.A.E.E., the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, and their ladies.

Upon entering the Town Hall the official party was challenged by a Maori Warrior. This challenge was accepted by His Excellency the Governor-General. A party of approximately 30 Maori men and women was placed in front of the platform steps, where the men performed the "Ru-au-moko" Haka and the women presented a traditional welcome action song.

An address of welcome was given by the Mayor of Auckland, followed by addresses by the Hon. P.B. Allen - Minister of Works, representing the Prime Minister -, the Hon. A.H. Nordmeyer - Leader of the Opposition -, and Prof. K. Muto - President of I.A.E.E. His Excellency the Governor-General then presented his address and declared the Conference officially open. The office of Master of Ceremonies was carried out by Mr. C.W.O. Turner - Chairman of the New Zealand National Committee.

The official party, followed by the attending delegates, then proceeded to the Supper Room where morning tea was served. During this interlude many delegates received the opportunity of being introduced to Their Excellencies.

After the departure of Their Excellencies and other distinguished guests delegates attended the Technical Opening Address, by Prof. K. Muto.