

SOCIAL EVENTS

Auckland.

On Friday evening, 22nd January, a Pre-Conference Get-together was held in the Auckland Technical Institute Hall. This was an informal function where delegates could renew friendships made at previous conferences, and meet the local participants. After a period of general conversation, while refreshments were served, the Chairman of the New Zealand National Committee, Mr. C.W.O. Turner, was introduced by the master of ceremonies, Mr. A.K. Lewis. Mr. Turner made a short speech of welcome to overseas delegates and then introduced the President of the I.A.E.E., Professor K. Muto, who briefly addressed the gathering. This was followed by a short film "Amazing New Zealand", selected to give visitors a preview of the country and the customs of the inhabitants. Supper was then served. The gathering was attended by about 340 participants and their wives.

A Reception took place at the Manhattan Lounge on Saturday evening, 23rd January. Delegates and guests were received by the President of IAEE, Professor K. Muto and Mrs. Muto, the Chairman of the New Zealand National Committee, Mr. C.W.O. Turner and Mrs. Turner, and by the Chairman of the Auckland Committee, Mr. D.A. Thom. Distinguished guests included the Mayor of Auckland, members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of Parliament, the Chancellor of the University of Auckland and other notable citizens with their wives. A buffet dinner featuring New Zealand dishes was served. Over 400 people attended this function.

On Sunday evening, 24th January, overseas delegates and their wives were entertained in small groups at the homes of local participants. This enabled visitors to become more closely acquainted with their hosts, and to gain some insight into the "New Zealand way of life". Although the nature of these gatherings was very varied, the evening was greatly enjoyed by all concerned.

A film evening, at the St. James Theatre, was held on Monday 25th January. A British comedy film was presented, after which participants gathered in the lounge, where champagne was served. This was followed by a buffet supper in the foyer of the theatre. The attendance at this function was about 360.

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Wellington.

On Friday evening, 29th January, a Gala Concert was presented at the Lower Hutt Town Hall. The evening was opened by Mr. C.W.O. Turner. The Mayor of Lower Hutt gave an address of welcome, which was followed by an address of reply, by Professor K. Muto. The audience enjoyed a concert by the Alex Lindsay String Orchestra and the Wellington Harmonic Society, with soloists. Following the concert refreshments and a buffet supper were served in the adjoining hall. An orchestral group played light music and included several well-known Maori folksongs. This evening was attended by 500 participants and guests.

The Conference Dinner was held on Saturday, 30th January, in the Student Union Building of the Victoria University. Following the toast to the Queen - proposed by Mr. C.W.O. Turner -, and to the Association - by Professor R. Flores -, Mr. J.E. Rinne was inducted as President. It was also announced that Mr. C.W.O. Turner had been elected Vice-President of the Association. Dr. J. Krishna toasted the Retiring President and presented Dr. K. Muto with a cigarette box on behalf of the New Zealand National Committee. Two further toasts were made, one by Professor E. Rosenbluth to the President and answered by Mr. J.E. Rinne, and one to the New Zealand National Committee by Professor J.F. Borges, replied to by Mr. C.W.O. Turner. At this dinner of many events, Mr. C.W.O. Turner - in his capacity of Chairman of the New Zealand National Committee -, accepted a presentation of books from Professor S. Okamoto on behalf of the Japanese Society of Civil Engineers, the Architecture Institute of Japan and the Japan Association for Promotion of Earthquake Engineering. During the evening it was announced that the IAEE had decided to adopt "Ruaumoko", Maori God of Volcanoes and Earthquakes, as the symbol of the International Association. As a memento of this decision Mr. C.W.O. Turner presented Mr. J.E. Rinne and Professor K. Muto each with a plaque depicting the Ruaumoko emblem. This most successful dinner was attended by 400 delegates and their wives.

Sunday afternoon, 31st January, a scenic tour of Wellington included a visit to the Waiwhetu Maori Meeting House. The overseas participants were greeted by an elder of the Pa (village) and a group of Maori children demonstrated some action songs. This visit was of historical significance for the Meeting House, it being the only time when representatives of 29 nations had been gathered under its roof. In the evening overseas visitors were entertained at the homes of local participants.