

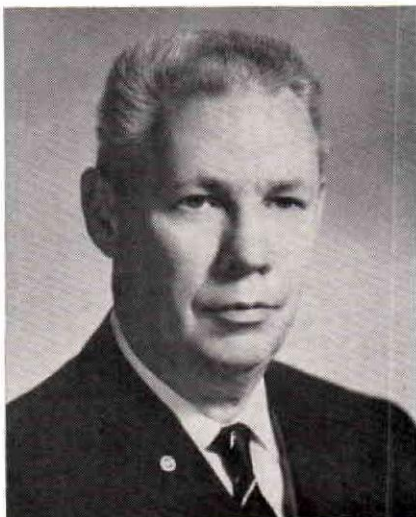
The National Orthotics and Prosthetics Assembly, 1966

AN INVITATION TO READERS OF THE JOURNAL

By PROGRAM CHAIRMAN LEROY NOBLE, C.O.

The National Orthotics and Prosthetics Assembly in 1966 will convene first at the Riviera Holiday Inn in Palm Springs, California, October 16. Following four days of technical papers and functions, it will adjourn to reconvene in Honolulu, for a discussion of rehabilitation problems with physicians and rehabilitation counsellors and a session on management problems in orthotics and prosthetics.

The Assembly is open to all who are interested in the rehabilitation of the orthopedically handicapped and I welcome this opportunity, therefore, to tell the readers of the *Journal* something about the plans which are being made for the 1966 sessions.



The Assembly is sponsored by the American Orthotics and Prosthetics Association and the annual business meeting of the Association is held in conjunction with the Assembly sessions. The Assembly, however, is attended by many physicians, therapists, government officials, and counsellors. Indeed, its registration represents a broad group of persons concerned with the provision of orthopedic and prosthetic appliance care.

A special invitation to attend is extended by AOPA President Fred J. Eschen, to orthopaedic surgeons, physiatrists, and other physicians interested in this field. Several related educational and research groups will hold their meetings in conjunction with the Assembly, including the University Council on Prosthetic-Orthotic education (UCOPE). Region IX of AOPA will be the host for this Assembly session and its members, representing Southern California and the State of Arizona, are welcoming the opportunity to meet their colleagues from the East. Not since 1951 has the Assembly been held in California and there have been great and important developments since then.

Medicare, with all of its tremendous implications for this field, will be prominently featured in the program. By then there will have been some significant experience with the administering of this program. Details of this and other presentations will be given in the preliminary program. Copies of this and the hotel registration forms may be obtained by writing to: The American Orthotics and Prosthetics Association, 919 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

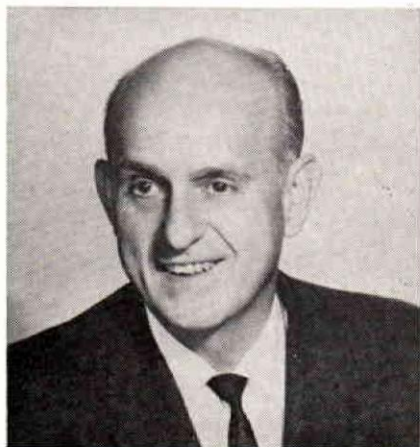
A brief outline of the arrangements is given here, however, for the convenience of the readers who must plan their official and professional travel in advance: *Preliminary Session.* There will be an opportunity on Friday, October 14, for visitors from other states and countries to visit several AOPA member facilities in Southern California. Tours are being planned at Rancho Los Amigos, Cerritos College, and the University of California Prosthetic-Orthotic Training Program. The Child Amputee Prosthetic Project of the University under the direction of Dr. Milo Brooks will also be visited. There will be an opportunity for visitors' families to enjoy Disneyland and other attractions.

Early arrivals at Palm Springs, California will have an opportunity to register for the AOPA Golf Tournament and to compete for the Kingsley Trophy.

The Formal Opening of the Assembly under the gavel of AOPA President Fred J. Eschen will be held Sunday morning, October 16. The technical supply and educational exhibits being arranged by Exhibits Co-Chairmen Kenneth Dodd and Cletus Iler will open that morning and will be available for inspection through October 19. Dr. Robert G. Thompson of Chicago, Illinois will address the Annual Meeting of the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics on Monday, October 17. Dr. Thompson is a member of the faculty of the Northwestern University Medical School Prosthetic-Orthotic Education program. He is one of the three members of the American Board for Certification serving by nomination of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

The Hawaiian Sessions. For the sessions in Honolulu and on the Islands of Maui, Kaanapali and Kauai, the following Committee on Arrangements has been appointed: Co-Chairmen, George N. Newton, C.P.O. of Honolulu and J. Morgan Greene, of Glendale, California; James A. Hennessy of Los Angeles, and David Tope of Glendale, California.

They will plan a technical program with the assistance as consultant of Dr. Ivor Larsen of Honolulu. Physicians, Rehabilitation counsellors and Veterans Administration Personnel of Hawaii have been invited to these sessions.



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