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

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NEW WORLD DIRECTORY IN TWO VOLUMES

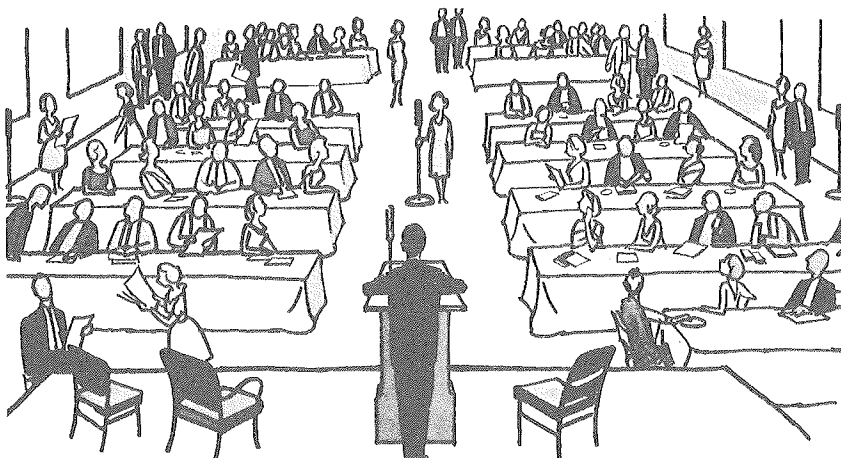
Part I: The new *A.A. World Directory 1969: Part I (U.S. and Canada)* will be mailed free of charge to each listed group and Loner early in April. If your group furnished correct information on the Group Information Cards before the printer's deadline, it will be properly listed, along with the groups' contributions for worldwide 12th-step work.

The *Directory* is, of course, strictly confidential—to be used only by A.A. members and only for A.A. purposes.

A total of 1,151 new groups is listed for the first time this year, and names of 610 Canadian and U.S. groups have been removed because they are inactive.

Part II: A separate section (Part II—Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe and Spanish America (i.e. all A.A. outside U.S. and Canada) is now in preparation and will be mailed during the summer.

This is the first year in A.A.'s history the *World Directory* has been issued in two volumes. The first "directory," published in 1940, consisted of only two mimeographed sheets of paper listing 22 U.S. cities where A.A. meetings were trying to start.



G. S. O. Bustles With Activity

Your G.S.O. is brimming with activity this spring—all involved in A.A.'s primary purpose of carrying the message of recovery, unity, and service.

A few of the things going on are:

(1) *Quarterly meetings of the General Service Board and its committees* in January brought our 21 trustees together—nine nonalcoholics, eight regionally chosen A.A.'s and four "service" trustees (A.A. members from the metropolitan New York area).

Arriving in New York Saturday evening, they began sessions at 10 a.m. Sunday and were still at it Monday night. Policy, Nominating, and Liter-

ature Committees met. Among other things, the Board approved the 1969 Conference agenda.

This year a special meeting of the "18th Floor A.A. group" was held Monday morning, at which three regional trustees and Mary Ellen U., latest A.A. addition to G.S.O., told their A.A. stories.

Committee meetings at G.S.O. tend to be very serious, as all present try to fulfill their responsibility of keeping an eye on every aspect of A.A. for the rest of us. But the A.A. meeting, like any other meeting of any A.A. group, was warmly human...both informative and inspiring.

(2) *The annual meeting (19th) of the General Service Conference* (see sketch above) coming up in April fills lots of our time these days. For it we summarize our services for the past year, gather questions on which we need Conference guidance, and maintain correspondence with delegates and committee members.

The Conference is the "voice of A.A." to us, guiding our activities

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preamble

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.



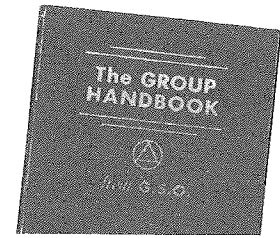
A.A. PREAMBLE IS AVAILABLE

... 19x29 in. wall plaque, two-color silk-screen... ideal for meeting rooms, clubs, service offices and any A.A. gathering place. ...\$2.50 ea., 2 for \$4.00.

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Special Gifts to G.S.O.

ALABAMA	
Birmingham: 13th Ala.-N.W.	
Florida A.A. Conv.	\$ 102.09
ARIZONA	
Phoenix: 1968 State A.A.	
Conf.	30.00
State A.A. Fund.	76.69
ARKANSAS	
Little Rock: Ark. A.A. State	
Assem.	162.00
CALIFORNIA	
Hollywood: So. Calif. Conv. .	2,621.45
Newport: Districts 5, 6 & 12.	10.00
San Diego: Central All Group	
Grat. Meeting.	56.52
COLORADO	
3rd Legacy Comm.	500.00
CONNECTICUT	
Hartford: District 2 & 7 Open	
Meeting	25.00
FLORIDA	
Gratitude Dinner Broward	
County District 7	877.49
KANSAS	
Russell: Kansas St. Assem. . .	250.00
LOUISIANA	
Shreveport: 23rd Annu. Tri-	
State Conv.	225.00
MASSACHUSETTS	
New England Conf.	200.00
MICHIGAN	
Lansing: Cent. Mich. Inter-	
Area Council.	65.00
Pontiac: Alano Center-Gps.	
of Oakland Co.	59.02
MISSOURI	
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Area Conf.	108.80
NEBRASKA	
State Comm.	100.00
NEVADA	
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Roundup.	150.00
NEW HAMPSHIRE	
State Assem.	200.00
OREGON	
District #6	10.00
RHODE ISLAND	
R.I. General Assem.	100.00
TEXAS	
23rd A.A. State Conv.	650.00
WASHINGTON	
Kirkland: Eastside	
Beginners' Gp.	70.00
Seattle: Seattle Gps. Xmas	
Party.	167.38
CANADA	
Alberta: Edmonton: 18th	
Alta. Prov. Conf.	500.00
B.C.: Okanogan Valley A.A.	
Round Up	60.00
Ontario: Central East Area	
Comm.	100.00
Ottawa Area Alkathon	29.00
Ottawa Area Grat. Meeting . .	18.50
Annu. International Meeting .	25.00
Temiskaming-Cochrane Area	
Comm.	100.00
Toronto: Ont. Gen. Serv.	
Assem.	1,500.00
W. Toronto Men's Meeting. . .	275.00
E. Toronto Men's Meeting. . .	138.75



GROUP PROBLEMS SOLVED HERE

Every new group gets one free, of course, as soon as we learn of the group's address and can start furnishing the group with the various free services it is entitled to from G.S.O.

But other groups can have one (\$3.00).

It's big and blue and contains all the stuff a group needs to get started—and keep going well. Record forms, lists of free guidelines and other literature available, tips on meetings, finance... and on and on.

What is it? It's "The Group Handbook"—a looseleaf binder chock full of A.A. helpfulness. No group should be without it.

HOW IT WORKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"Dear G.S.O.: Two months ago we held our first meeting of young people here with many unstable feelings, apprehensions and a great need. We had only two members and a fellow alcoholic from jail.

"We have seven alcoholics now, six under forty. We made a 12th Step call on a girl just before she was committed to a mental institution. We corresponded with her faithfully, and she contacted us when she returned. We've given our literature away freely.

"We attend other groups two or three times a week. Enclosed is our \$3.00 per member per year for support of G.S.O. Thanks for the free packet of literature and the 'Group Handbook.'

"We follow the 12 Steps suggested for recovery, and use the 12 Traditions as the mainstay of our group.

"Write us... We need you."

—Joyce L., Southwest,
New Hope Group

A NEW ZEALANDER SHARES. . .

"I always enjoy Assemblies, getting together with A.A.'s from all over the Islands," writes Norma B., Pukekohe, Auckland, New Zealand.

"During the business part we nominated two members to go to the first World Service Meeting in New York in October. What a great thrill and honor for the two finally chosen!

"On the 16th of next month I will have two years of continuous sobriety, very happy for me and my husband also—as he is alcoholic, too, going on for 4 years' sobriety. We have a much happier home now that there are two sober A.A.'s instead of one.

"The joy we get from our little boy (Brett David) who is just one year old and the knowledge that my husband loves and respects me bring me my serenity.

"It is early days for me yet though, and I still have a long way to go. One advantage is that now I can see where I go wrong and do something to remedy mistakes. In the old days I didn't want to see my faults and none are so blind as those that will not see.

"It is wonderful to write to someone so far away and share your experiences and hopes with them. There was a time when I wouldn't have known how to begin a letter to someone I had never met. May God be with you across the miles."

TAPES FOR INSTITUTIONS

A.A. groups in jails, prisons, hospitals and rehab centers can now use our special Institutional Loan Library: five tapes for two weeks at a time.

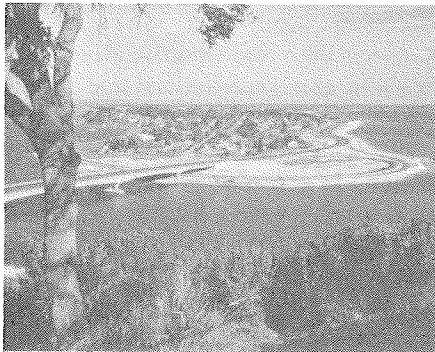
GRAPEVINE FEATURES M.D.

April issue, with that beautiful 3-color Serenity Prayer cover, has choice insides, too: "Seeking Through Meditation"—how-to-do-it by an A.A. doctor; "Be Still and Know"; "Bleeding Deacon" (from Scotland); "Chance Encounter" (an English woman's story); "The Wonder Still Lives"—a Big Book story updated; and lots of humor.

May: "Defiance"—a Mass. guy whose wife is in Al-Anon; "Watch out for that 14th Drink!"; "Behind Walls in A.A."; "The Goal of Perfection" from Jackson, Mich.; pieces on sponsorship and gratitude; a Cape Cod oldtimer's criticism of things said at meetings; Victor E.; "Once Over Lightly"; "Around A.A." and "About Alcoholism."

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A.A. IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA IS 21 YEARS OLD



Perth, capital of Western Australia

From Perth, Dorothy D. tells us about the "A.A. Coming Of Age" celebration at which Jim W. of Bunbury, who first introduced A.A. into the region, spoke. They had met in Toronto in 1965.

Dorothy leaves Australia in May (anybody know any A.A. aboard the P & O *Arcadia*?) and hopes her husband gets sent back to Ireland (she loved Limerick meetings)—or "wherever we are sent I am only hopeful there will be good A.A."

Dorothy, wherever you go, that will be true, we think.

We Need Some Answers

We get S.O.S.'s from groups sometimes, so we pass them on to you. If you're willing to share your experience to help out other groups, drop us a note with your suggestions on these two requests:

1. "Only one member of our group is available for 12th-step calls in the daytime. Is it okay to pay the costs to her from group funds, as she is not

financially able to handle this by herself?"

2. "What formats do other groups follow to add zip to meetings. . . that is, how do you open the meeting? how, when, and what about announcements? how many speakers? how close the session?"

Mail your answers to Box 4-5-9, New York, N.Y. 10017.

TO FIND A.A. IN CAM RANH BAY...

"If any seamen ask about A.A. at Cam Ranh Bay (Vietnam), tell them to get in touch with the guy that stores all the beer and soda they bring over in their ships," writes Aubrey T. from a San Francisco A.P.O. number.

"I am the N.C.O.I.C. of the Beer and Soda Yard for the Army and Air Force exchange system. They can see the Yard from any pier they dock at.

"On the Loners' list in 1958, I was almost swamped with mail. I can never thank you at G.S.O. enough for what you've done for me the many times I asked for help in some foreign country."

(Just pass it on, there at the Yard, of course, Aubrey...as you've done all along!)

TRAVELING BIG BOOK

The Rev. Miller C. Lovett, fresh out of the Seminary in 1945, traveling west to take his first assignment, found his traveling companion to be from his home town. The miles passed pleasantly by as they talked of home and family.

The new minister was quite taken by his new friend's frankness in telling of his son's alcoholism, but he was even more interested in what the son had done about it.

The father told how they had tried everything and nothing helped until the son had joined A.A.

The minister showed so much interest that his traveling companion sent him a copy of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (the "Big Book") in 1945 at his post in the state of Washington.

Being a friend to the alcoholic from that day on, the clergyman loaned the book many times and it would be missing over long periods. But it always found its way back until he loaned it in 1960.

Then in 1968 he transferred from Washington to Laconia, New Hampshire. Having given up all hope of ever seeing the book again, imagine his surprise the other day when he received an anonymous package in the mail. You guessed—after eight years, the Big Book was returned!

—Sam & George J., Rye, N.H.

(Anybody else have good stories about straying copies of the Big Book? With ¾ million of them sold, many things could happen. Have you loaned, or left behind, or otherwise "lost" one lately? It might be one good way to carry the message!)

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Conference Delegates 1969

Alabama & N.W. Florida: Ted C. (19), Birmingham. *Alaska:* Willard N. (18), Fairbanks. *Arizona:* Charles D. (18), Phoenix. *Arkansas:* Neal L. (19), Siloam Springs. *California:* Art K. (19), Los Angeles; Ed B. (19), San Jose; Bill B. (18), Oceanside; Warren S. (18), Laguna Beach; Ralph W. (18), Sacramento. *Colorado:* Evelyn B. (19), Denver. *Connecticut:* Charles M. (19), New Haven. *Delaware:* Margie N. (18), Dover.

D.C.: Alex B. (19), Arlington. *Florida:* Earl M. (19), Merritt Island; Fred S. (19), Pompano Beach. *Georgia:* Joe C. (18), Vidalia. *Hawaii:* Frances R. (19), Kailua. *Idaho:* Gordon L. (18), Boise. *Illinois:* Bill W. (19), Chicago; Joe F. (18), Dixon; Dick L. (19), Decatur. *Indiana:* Joe H. (19), Fort Wayne; Toy E. (18), Orleans. *Iowa:* Bob A. (19), Linn Grove. *Kansas:* William L. (18), Manhattan. *Kentucky:* Frank R. (18), Glendale.

Louisiana: Mable P. (19), Zachary. *Maine:* Jim K. (18), Presque Isle. *Maryland:* Ben V. (18), Baltimore. *Massachusetts:* Junior A. (19), Needham; Wilfred McM. (18), Southwick. *Michigan:* Charles D. (19), Flint; Joseph C. (19), Roseville; Don W. (18), South Haven. *Minnesota:* Dave H. (18), Duluth; Marvin J. (19), Fairmont. *Mississippi:* Malvin P. (18), Laurel. *Missouri:* Zora H. (19), St. Louis; Paul S. (19), Independence. *Montana:* Joseph B. (18), Ashland.

Nebraska: James G. (18), North Platte. *Nevada:* Bob R. (19), Reno. *New Hampshire:* Neil G. (18), Portsmouth. *New Jersey:* Ed K. (19), Madison; Aaron K. (18), Trenton. *New Mexico:* Bob H. (18), Albuquerque. *New York:* Ada W. (19), Rochester; Chuck D. (18), Hudson Falls; George S. (19), Sayville; Bud S. (18), Tonawanda. *North Carolina:* Wade J. (19), Greensboro. *North Dakota:* Harold V. (18), Grand Forks. *Ohio:* Marie L. (19), Pickerington; John L. (19), No. Canton. George M. (18), Toledo; Bob F. (18), Cincinnati.

Oklahoma: Bob B. (19), Tulsa. *Oregon:* Ralph L. (18), Grants Pass. *Pennsylvania:* Monroe B. (19), Lebanon; Henry C. (19), Pittsburgh. *Rhode Island:* Ruth L. (18), Rehobeth, Ma. *South Carolina:* Bill C. (18), Aiken. *South Dakota:* John B. (18), Aberdeen. *Tennessee:* Tom M. (18), Pulaski. *Texas:* Kenneth J. (19), Richardson; George G. (18), Lubbock; Ina Lee C. (19), Houston; Carl H. (18), San Antonio. *Utah:* Aurelia B. (19), Ogden. *Vermont:* Orlando C. (18), Arlington. *Virginia:* Mac B. (19), Staunton. *Washington:* Al D. (19), Yakima. *West Virginia:* "Con" H. (19), Clarksburg. *Wisconsin:* Paul W. (18), Eau Claire;

Martin T. (19), Sparta. *Wyoming:* Sam L. (18), Rock Springs. *Puerto Rico:* Manuel R. (18), Bayamon.

CANADA

Alberta: Ken K. (18), Edmonton. *B.C./Yukon:* Pat O'H. (19), Burnaby. *B.C. Manitoba:* Tom G. (18), Winnipeg. *N.B./P.E.I.:* Bill G. (18), Miscouche. *P.E.I. N.S./Nfld./Labrador:* Hugh S. (19), Amherst. *N.S. Ontario:* Ed A. (19), Reaboro; Maurice L. (19), Sault Ste. Marie, Can.; Carl LeB. (19), Schreiber; Wyn D. (18), Hamilton. *Quebec:* Tony G. (18), Longueuil; Fernand I. (18), Montreal; Francois B. (19), Victoriaville. *Saskatchewan:* Jack C. (18), Prince Albert.

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 19th Conference is made up of Panel 18—the old delegates—and Panel 19—the new delegates.

VACATION PLANNING?

Two A.A. women we know, Peg (Albany) and Ann (N.Y.C.) had similar vacation experiences. New in sobriety they went on vacation trips without knowing any A.A.'s in other cities. How could they keep in touch and stay sober?

Peg wrote five cards a day to her newfound A.A. friends back home. Ann wrote daily to the leader of the first beginners' meeting she had attended (the only A.A. she had before the trip!).

Result? Both stayed sober beautifully. "With this kind of friendship, who needs a drink?" Peg writes.

But it can be easier, if you'll make sure you get a new *World Directory* (see P. 1) before you go (your G.S.R. or Secretary can order one for you). Then you can look for an A.A. welcome nearly all over the world.

And if New York is on your agenda, please be sure to visit us—the 18th floor, at 305 East 45th Street.

ACTIVITIES (from P. 1)

the year around. This year sessions will concentrate on the group conscience and the ways it helps to insure our unity.

Two regional trustees complete their four-year terms of service this year: Tom B. of Lac du Bonnet, Man., Canada, and Frank R., Lowell, Mass. Their successors will be chosen from nominations submitted from Western Canada and Northeast U.S.A.

(3) 1969 also brings a historical A.A. first in October, the first World Service meeting, with delegates from 12 A.A. nations other than Canada and the U.S. Our Board and the G.S.O. staff are involved in planning for these sessions, too, of course.

(4) Recent visitors to G.S.O. included Dr. George Dimas, president, and Mr. Augustus Hewlett, executive secretary, of the North American Association of Alcoholism Programs, and Mr. Bill Moore, the new executive director of the National Council on Alcoholism. We had fruitful discussions about cooperation among professional alcoholism workers and A.A. members who traditionally prefer to remain nonprofessional 12th-steppers.

(5) Every day, too, further progress is made in planning the 35th anniversary year A.A. International Convention in Miami Beach. More on that in coming issues.

(6) The phone rings, letters arrive, visitors come to see us—and thanks to your help, the message of A.A. is being carried from G.S.O. around the world. May 1969 be the best A.A. year for the most sick alcoholics yet!

BARGAIN-MINDED?

If so, see the listing of discount literature packages on the new Spring 1969 order blank enclosed with this bulletin.

Package #1 includes pamphlets; package #2—books; package #3—books and pamphlets; package #4—books and pamphlets, and package #5—the A.A. Library (all books and Conference-approved literature).

SERVICE MEETINGS AROUSE ENTHUSIASM

A.A.'s in California and New York recently held new and different "service meetings" which aroused great enthusiasm.

At the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, Calif., a 13-hour "Symposium on Service" sparked such great interest that Warren S., Laguna Beach (Conference Delegate 1968-69) wrote us a detailed account of it.

Would you believe—the 145 California A.A. members present took *no* coffee breaks, paid \$10 apiece for their "training," and even kept reports going during meals!?!)

Borrowing from university and industrial training programs, the morning sessions were devoted to *local* service (the A.A. group), the afternoon to area service and G.S.O.

"An absolutely fascinated and excited group of people" is Warren's description of the results.

On each subject there were talks by informed members, then, believe it or not, a test! Discussion of the answers was followed by a problem-solving session, for which the participants divided into 8-man units.

Everyone got a package of literature—including the miniature Grapevine, "The A.A. Group," a Guidelines listing, the G.S.R. folder and other items. Textbook for the day was *The Third Legacy Manual*.

Talks by Sumner C., a former trustee, by a physician, an industrialist and a judge led to the closing event, the movie "Time for Decision."

Warren S. keeps in close touch with all former delegates of his area, too.

The General Service Committee of

RERUN OF TV SHOW FEATURING A.A.

In December, 1968, the TV show, "Judd for the Defense" presented an episode dealing with the subject of A.A., which was enthusiastically received by many members. This same production will be RERUN ON APRIL 4 over the ABC NETWORK AT 10 p.m. EST.

Southeastern N.Y. recently devoted a bi-monthly assembly to discussion of The A.A. Grapevine, Box 4-5-9, and *The Link*, monthly newsletter of the committee. Editors from all three were present. In preparation, each G.S.R. and committee member was asked to poll his group about the publications.

Marjorie M., committee chairman, and her cohorts arranged this unusual and stimulating session.

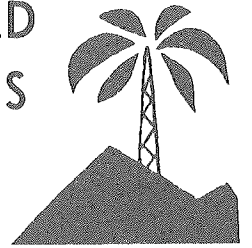
COMPARE YOUR GROUP WITH UPHAM CORNER?

To determine if they were living up to the "I Am Responsible" declaration, members of the Upham Corner Group took inventory for 1968, and James McC., Dorchester, Mass., reports:

Sixty-four speaking commitments (17 in institutions)—none missed; 3 new members, 4 joined other groups, 2 went back for more research; 4 members participated in Central Service Alkathon, one served on Heartline at Central Service, one on banquet committee, one made chairman of Central Service Steering Committee, one made area chairman, one served on 6th Conference Assembly of Eastern Mass.

Any other group have a report?

TRINIDAD REACHES OUT



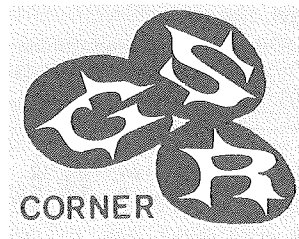
How long has it been since your group had a Hindu priest...or a Presbyterian minister...or 175 people at a meeting?

From Trinidad, West Indies, R.M. fills us in on group anniversaries there, with details like these: El Dorado had 175 at its 11th; Las Lomas had 120 (including the Hindu) at its second; San Juan Unity celebrated its third with a 4-hour meeting (Presbyterian Padre was guest speaker); Londensville had 120 at its 1st; Paradise celebrated its 4th; and 200, including physicians and clergymen, attended the 9th convention of North and South Trinidad.

They are 12th-stepping in a mental hospital, the poor house, a general hospital, and among the blind.

Trinidad wishes "all the A.A.'s and their families throughout the world a happy sober 1969." The same to you and yours, R.M., and your fellow Trinidad A.A.'s.

Our Group Conscience: Voice of A.A.



When your group elected a G.S.R., it set up its stake in this year's meeting of the General Service Conference of A.A. in North America. Your G.S.R., with those of other groups, elected a General Service Committee, which elected an area delegate to serve two years. Your delegate will be in New York April 21-26 to meet with Bill, trustees, staff, other delegates, A.A.W.S. and Grapevine directors.

"Our Group Conscience: Voice of A.A." (from Tradition Two) is the theme this year.

The Conference was created in 1951 to hold in trust for A.A.'s total membership, the ultimate authority and responsibility for A.A. world services. Today, as Bill puts it in his "Twelve Concepts": "The General Service Conference of A.A. has become...the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs."

What kind of responsibilities will this Conference meeting deal with? With matters affecting A.A. growth; with interpretations of Traditions guiding us in our relations with one another and with the public; with the selection of new trustees. Actions of the 19th Conference meeting will be reported in the *Conference Digest*, mailed to all groups May 15. Also these actions will be reported by your delegate, committee member and G.S.R. —Conference Secretary

A. A. Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 28-30 — New Orleans, La., 2nd Conv. & 26th Annv. of A.A. Write: Chm., 417 Holy Cross Place, Kenner, La.
 28-30 — Toronto, Ont., 19th Ont. Conf. Write: Conf. Chm., 2 Gerrard St., W., Toronto.

APRIL

- 4- 6 — Fuchu Air Sta., Japan Far East Roundup. Write: G.S.O., Box 459, Grand Cen. P.O., N.Y.C. 10017.
 12 — Washington, D.C., 27th Annu. Banq. Write: Banquet Comm. Chm., 2627 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington.
 12 — Chicago, Il., 9th Chicago Intergroup Conf. Write: Conf. Chm., 737 Rhode Ave., Hillside, Il.
 12-13 — St. Paul, Mn., 13th Annu. Banq. Write: Banq. Central Office Intergroup, 589 Endicate Bldg., St. Paul.
 12-13 — Neenah, Wis., No. Wis.—Upper Michigan Spring Conf. Write: Conf. Chm., Box 52, Menasha, Wi.
 18-20 — N.Y., N.Y., 11th Annu. S.E. N.Y. Conv. & Banq. Write: Chm., Box 5468, Grand Central Sta., N.Y.
 18-20 — Avon Park, Fl., 5th S.E. Fl. Get-Together. Write: Chm., 220 N.E. 25 Ct., Pompano Beach.
 19-20 — 28th Ann. East Bay, Berkeley, Calif. Write: Publicity Chm., 2031 Banff St., San Leandro, Calif.
 25-27 — Atlantic City, N.J., Phila. 2nd Intergroup Roundup. Write: Roundup Secy., 2202 St. James St., Phila., Pa.

MAY

- 1- 4 — Greenville, S.C., 22nd Annual Conv. Write: Publicity Chm. Drawer 5027, Spartanburg.
 2- 4 — Binghamton, N.Y., Central N.Y. Area, Conv. Write: 1969 Cen. N.Y. Area Conv. Secy., Box 1525, Binghamton.
 2- 4 — Bradford, Pa., Western N.Y. Area G.S. Conv. Write: Conv. Secy., 640 Tionesta Ave., Kane, Pa.
 2- 4 — Dublane, Perthshire, Scotland. Scotland's 21st Annv. Dinner. Write: Manager, Hotel Dublane, Dublane, Perthshire.
 3 — Boston, Ma., 28th Annual New England Banq. Write: Central Ser. Comm., 20 Spruce St., Boston.
 3- 5 — Anchorage, Ak., Annu. Ak. State Conv. Write: Comm. Chm., 8-B Martin Arms. Apt., Anchorage.
 3- 5 — Queensland, Aus., N. Queensland Roundup. Write: Secy., Ayr Gp., Box 766, Queensland.
 3- 5 — Lake Charles, La., 16th Annu. S.W. La. Conf. Write: Chm., 1832-6th St., Lake Charles.

- 9 — Chicago, Il., 2nd Ann. Mustard Seed Groups Annv. Ball. Write: Ticket Chm., Box 11, Blenview, Il.
 9-11 — Pembroke, Ont., 7th Annu. Upper Ottawa Valley Area Conf. Write: Conf. Chm., Box 1, Pembroke.
 10 — Malad, Id., Semi-Annu. Idaho State Conv. Write: Conv. Chm., Box 3, Malad.
 16-18 — Wyo. Spring State Conf., Green River, Wyo. Write: Conf. Chm., Box 694, Green River.
 17 — 13th Annu. North Jersey Gen. Ser. Conv., Oldbridge, N.J. Write: Conv. Chm., 59 Yearance Ave., Clifton.
 16-18 — Stratton Mountain, Vt., 2nd Annu. Vt. Conf. Write: Chm., Box 12, Bristol, Vt.
 17-18 — Kamloops, B.C., Ca., 22nd Annu. Roundup. Write: Kamloops Gps. Roundup, Box 353, Kamloops, B.C.
 18 — Bloomington, Il., State A.A. Roundup. Write: Chm., 69 Town & Country Dr., Decatur.
 23-25 — Anaconda, Mont., Spring Conf. Write: Anaconda Gr., Box 1192, Anaconda.
 23-25 — Cook Forest, Pa., Cook Forest Conf.
 31 — Toronto, Ont., Ca., 1st Annu. Roundup of Young People in A.A. Write: Pub. Chm., Box 715, Postal Sta. "F", Toronto.
 29-June 1 — 13th Fla. State Conv., Daytona Beach. Write: Conv. Comm., Box 198, Holly Hill, Fla.

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- 6- 8 — Fremont, Nb., 10th Annu. State Conv. Write: Chm., Box 481, Fremont, Neb.
 6- 8 — Palm Springs, Ca. Desert Roundup. Write: Chm., Box 539, Palm Springs.

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- 6- 8 — The Pas, Manitoba, Ca., No. Manitoba Roundup. Write: Secy., Box 188, The Pas.
 7- 8 — Des Moines, Ia. West Cen. Regional and Iowa State Conf. Write: Chm., 2004 53rd St., Des Moines.
 13-15 — Jackson, Miss., 23rd Annu. State Conv. Write: Conv. Comm., Box 4773, Jackson.
 20-22 — St. Simons Is., Ga., 5th Annu. Golden Isles A.A. Family Weekend. Write: Chm., Box 508, Stateboro, Ga.
 21-22 — Akron, O. Founders Day. Write: Intergroup Council, 41 So. High St., Akron.

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