

# GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE FACES FULL AGENDA

**5-day meeting scheduled; new trustees named**

**D**ELEGATES from AA areas in the United States and Canada will convene in New York City April 22 for five days of intensive discussion and reports, recommendations and resolutions.

Meeting at the Hotel Roosevelt, the Third General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous will be made up of seventy-seven delegates, half of whom are veterans of last year's Conference, the other half newly selected at special area meetings ... a system of rotation which provides each meeting with the "broad, complete and reliable cross-section of AA opinion" upon which rests the effective future of our society's service arms.

The delegates, continuing the high responsibility assumed at the first General Service Conference in 1951 of carrying forward AA's Third Legacy, will 1) receive and evaluate reports on AA's national and international service facilities; 2) discuss matters of general AA concern or interest, and 3) consult with the trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation on the best ways of fulfilling AA's primary purpose: to carry the recovery message to "the million alcoholics who don't yet know."

For information of the newcomer, and the oldtimer who may want to brush up on just what it's all about: the General Service Conference is ex-

clusively a consultative, service agency. It is the structural link between the groups and the general services in New York, and has no authority to regulate or govern the movement.

Under the aegis of the international offices in New York are AA's vital services ... the services that have enabled AA to grow into worldwide usefulness and upon which all future growth, and perhaps the very survival of AA, depend: Works Publishing, Inc., publishers of the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" and the authorized pamphlets; *The Grapevine*; and the diverse functions of the General Ser-

vice Headquarters.

The Headquarters staff, whose volume of correspondence swells to 130,000 individual pieces of mail in a typical year, answers inquiries from individuals seeking help, problems and questions raised by new and established AA groups, and requests for information about AA by representatives of industry, medicine, religion, and other groups. Relations with press, radio, television, film producers and the general public are a continuing responsibility, along with the distribution of literature and the maintaining of all necessary records.

## BOARD NAMES 3 TRUSTEES

Three vacancies on the Board of Trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation have recently been filled with the election of two "Class A" (non-alcoholic) and one "Class B" (alcoholic) trustees.

Mr. Archibald B. Roosevelt, only living son of the twenty-sixth President of the United States, is one of the new non-alcoholic trustees. Mr. Roosevelt is in the investment securities business in New York. He has long been actively interested in the spirit and works of AA.

The other newly elected non-alcoholic trustee, Mr. Leonard V. Harrison, is no stranger to the Board, having served previously for nearly nine

years before resigning in 1950 because of the press of work. Mr. Harrison is Director of the Bureau of Public Affairs of the Community Service Society of New York. He is a former Commissioner of Welfare of the City of New York and has been a valuable friend of AA since its early days.

The new alcoholic trustee is Adam C. of Ontario, Canada, who becomes the first AA to be elected to the Board of the Alcoholic Foundation from outside the United States. He was a delegate to the first AA Conference.

A fourth vacancy on the Board caused by the death of Gerald McC. of Los Angeles remains to be filled.

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Add-perfect-locations-for-AA-clubs: the Reading, Pa., group has *its* club-room on the third floor of a building which has a tavern on the street level, a loan office on the second floor, and the courthouse across the street.