

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine

To Members and Guests of the Society of Nuclear Medicine

It is with pleasure that the Local Arrangements Committee invites you to the Eleventh Annual Meeting. The Committee is aware that for years you have been propagandized as to the many wonders of the San Francisco Bay Area and the State of California. We think it unnecessary to dwell further on those aspects but do think you will be interested in some of the arrangements for the meeting itself.

The site selected is the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley, California. The Hotel is located on a hillside overlooking San Francisco Bay, the San Francisco Skyline and the Golden Gate. It is approximately one mile from the Berkeley Campus of the University of California and about 20 minutes by private car or 30 minutes by public bus from downtown San Francisco.

While on the subject of the hotel, note should be made of the favorable rates which have been obtained. Single rooms will be \$11.00 per day while rooms with double beds will be \$15.00 and twin bedded rooms \$17.00. Furthermore, if you wish to come a week or two before or remain a week or two following the meeting, the hotel has agreed to make the rooms available at convention rates. Since the American Medical Association which meets in San Francisco just after our meeting will block most hotel and motel space in the Bay Area, this room availability for extended visits is of considerable value to some. Incidentally, the hotel boasts of large, landscaped grounds including a new swimming pool and there are tennis courts available (at a small charge) at the adjacent Berkeley Tennis Club.

For those who plan to motor to the meeting, there will be free parking on the grounds. If you arrive by plane or train, you will probably find it more convenient and more economical to schedule Oakland or Berkeley as your destination. For those arriving via the San Francisco airport, the helicopter is probably the easiest way to Berkeley (cost for this service is less if you purchase the ticket as part of your airline ticket). There is also a limited limousine service from the San Francisco airport to Oakland which is adjacent to Berkeley. The Committee requests those using the San Francisco airport and desiring transportation to the hotel to let us know your arrival time and the number in your party by May 1, 1964; if enough need transportation at the same hour, perhaps some arrangements can be made with a local bus company. Whatever your plans, remember the AMA convention (we will be competing with them for space) and make your reservations early.

An interesting tour is planned for the ladies on Thursday, June 18th. Buses will leave the hotel at 10.30 a.m. for San Francisco's Chinatown. On the way to Chinatown there will be a short visit to the Embarcadero and adjacent points of interest. Luncheon will be at an excellent Chinese restaurant. Following luncheon a group of Chinese girl dancers will entertain. After an hour or

so for wandering and shopping, the ladies will return to the hotel. (Cost for tour and luncheon about \$5.50.)

On Friday there will be another Luncheon Tour for the ladies. This trip will proceed through the famous Napa Valley to two of the Valley's fine wineries. It is planned to include the limestone aging cellars of the Beringer Winery and a luncheon on the lawns at the Krug Winery. You will see wine being made and have an opportunity to sample various varieties. Luncheon wines will be provided by the winery. (Cost for tour and luncheon about \$6.00 per person.)

The annual banquet, on Thursday evening, will be preceded by a cocktail party provided by the commercial exhibitors. We expect to have music with dinner and entertainment to follow. We have been assured by our President that speeches will be reserved for other occasions. Incidentally, the Beaulieu Vineyards are supplying a fine wine. (Anticipated cost for banquet \$7.50 per person.)

In addition to the above, present plans include:

1. A free shuttle bus service between the hotel and downtown San Francisco on Friday evening. This is an evening for your own parties; there are no scheduled events.
2. A daytime activity room for children. There will be attendants present but we will be unable to provide facilities for feeding, diaper changing or naps. Evening babysitting may be arranged through the hotel.
3. A Get-Acquainted-Buffer-Breakfast is planned *for the ladies* on Thursday morning. We think this will be an excellent time to renew old acquaintances and to make new ones.
4. The members of the Local Arrangements Committee will attempt to help you in other ways, as you make your wishes known to us.

Before closing, we would like to announce that Dr. John H. Lawrence, Director of the Donner Laboratories of the University of California, has arranged a tour of these Laboratories. This tour, on Saturday afternoon, June 20th, is actually a part of the scientific portion of the meeting and is for members attending the scientific meetings. Note, to make this tour more interesting and worthwhile, the number will be strictly limited.