

President's Letter

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As the location for our June 1964 annual meeting, emphasis should be given to the very desirable features of Berkeley, California, and the Claremont Hotel. Of first importance is the fact that, with the exception of a few bedrooms, the Society will enjoy sole occupancy of the hotel. Such an opportunity is of great value and is rarely encountered.

Next comes the geographic location. The Claremont is situated on the Berkeley Hills overlooking the San Francisco Bay, the fascinating San Francisco skyline and the Golden Gate Bridge. John Lawrence tells me that the Claremont is the most beautifully located hotel in the Bay Area. It is surrounded by lawns, flower gardens, tennis courts and a new swimming pool.

The Claremont is within one mile of the campus of the University of California. It is fitting that a Nuclear Society meet within arm's length of one of the greatest centers of nuclear science in the world. Here are the great cyclotrons, the bevatron, the eminent Donner Radiation Laboratory. Tours of the area and transportation will be supplied.

Downtown San Francisco is about 20 minutes away from the hotel by private car and 30 minutes by public transportation. (Peak load traffic hours excepted.) On Friday night the Society will operate a private shuttle bus from the hotel to downtown San Francisco. Brochures of local activities and maps of the area will be available.

Of great importance are the very special prices offered by the Claremont to the Society members for rooms and meals. No charge will be made for children. In San Francisco the prices for rooms, in any hotel our people would be interested in, range around \$20 to \$25 daily. Meals average \$3 for breakfast, \$3.50 for luncheon, \$5 to \$10 for dinner. In addition, we would encounter the confusion incident to the meeting of the A.M.A., which comes immediately after our meeting.

At the Claremont we avoid the confusion and enjoy prices about two-thirds of those asked in San Francisco. We have a hotel to ourselves, pay no special fees for the use of assembly rooms and all of this in a hotel that is anxious to serve us and is, in every respect, a first class institution. The hotel guarantees these same reasonable prices to any member for a period of two weeks before or two weeks after our meeting.

The annual banquet will be preceded by a cocktail party contributed by the commercial exhibitors. Wine for the dinner will be supplied by one of California's finest wineries. Entertainment will be Polynesian with a small orchestra.

For the ladies there will be an excellent scientific program plus a sightseeing bus tour of San Francisco, a luncheon in Chinatown, a trip up the beautiful Napa Valley and a luncheon at one of the wineries. Thursday morning there will be a get-acquainted breakfast.

A daytime baby-sitting service will be available throughout the meeting without charge to the members.

Vice President Glen Sheline is in charge of local arrangements. Write to him if you desire more information. He has a large committee including their ladies. And I don't need to tell you that the California talent for staging such affairs probably tops any group of citizens in this country.

From where I sit, the *scientific* program looks to be of top quality. Comes now a *local arrangements program* to match it and one to be enjoyed at a moderate cost. And take a tip from an insider; make early reservations. If we overrun the Claremont, other accommodations have already been provided. But a provident man is full of wisdom; my tip is to the wise. Carpe diem.