Pick-Congress Hotel
Site of 44th ISTC

International Shade Tree Conference members are meeting at Chicago early next month. Election year and the accompanying demand for political convention space in the windy city, forced ISTC'ers to set their Conference dates ahead to Aug. 4-9.

The switch in dates seems to have had little effect on progress of the ISTC program which promises to be one of the outstanding events for the group in recent years. Executive Director L. C. “Chad” Chadwick believes the Chicago site and the 1968 program will combine to draw a record crowd. Some 795 registered at the Philadelphia conference last year, though non-registered friends and guests increased that number somewhat. Headquarters for the coming Conference will be the Pick-Congress Hotel on North Michigan Avenue, though members and guests will be staying at a number of nearby hotels.

Executive committee meetings are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 3, preceding the Conference which officially opens with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 4.

Formal Opening Aug. 5

International President Freeman L. Parr, Hicksville, N. Y., will formally open the 44th ISTC at 9:00 a.m., Monday, Aug. 5. The Honorable Richard J. Daley, mayor of Chicago, will welcome guests to the city. First formal subject of the Conference will be “Gaining an Appreciation of Trees” by Professor Clarence E. Lewis, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich. He will be followed by a discussion of new and coming fertilizers by Hartl Lucks, Smith-Douglas Div., The Borden Co. Also on this first morning program will be the tree planting ceremony at Grant Park at 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, as always, will be an important day for members. The keynote luncheon is scheduled along with a full day of intensive programming aimed largely at municipal and utility arborists. Hyland R. Johns, vice-president of Asplundh Tree Expert Company, Jenkintown, Pa., who was one of the co-chairmen of last year’s ISTC event, will moderate a panel on the relationships between municipal, commercial and utility arborists. On this panel will be William T. Bell, superintendent of street trees at Long Beach, Calif.; James P. Brogan, system forester, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Syracuse, N. Y.; Raymond Bruns, forester, Union Electric Company, St. Louis, Mo.; Joseph A. Dittrich, superintendent of parks and recreation, Greenwich, Conn.; Theodore J. Haskell, department of parks and recreation, Lansing, Mich.; Byron T. Johnson, mana-
Equipment Demonstrations

Wednesday, Aug. 7, features the annual commercial equipment demonstrations. For many arborists, this is the key event of the entire Conference. This year, exhibitors will operate their equipment at the Morton Arboretum. Buses are scheduled to leave the headquarters hotel at 9:45 a.m. This follows the conclusion of an "Early Bird" breakfast featuring Marion Hall, director of the Morton Arboretum at Lisle, Ill. A buffet luncheon will be served at the Arboretum and buses return to the hotel at 4:00 p.m.

The Board of Governors business session, which is open to members, is set for Thursday morning and will include election of new officers. The annual banquet is also scheduled for Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. Entertainment and dancing follow. Friday, Aug. 9, is the final wind-up of the Conference and includes an executive committee breakfast and meeting followed by a post convention trip to Great Lakes Naval Station.

Besides the regular program for members, a full program is scheduled for ladies, teen-agers, and youngsters. These programs are varied and include tours of many of Chicago's outstanding historical and cultural centers, with special time slots for shopping.

Detailed information for exhibitors and members is available from Executive Director L. C. Chadwick at 3634 Olentangy Blvd., Columbus, O.

National Arborists Meet At Chicago, Aug. 4-8

Headquarters for members of the National Arborists Association summer session will be the Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 4-8. Arborists are holding this mid-year meeting in conjunction with the International Shade Tree Conference annual convention.

Prior to this year, NAA members staged their regular annual meeting at this time. A change made at the past NAA winter meeting calls for each February to be the month for their annual meeting.

Clarke W. Davis, NAA executive-secretary, reports the group's program committee has developed sessions for this mid-year meeting which are closely associated with efficiency of operation and business management.

Of special interest to operating arborists will be a 9:00 a.m. session, Aug. 6, on installing lightning protection systems. Moderator will be Robert Crites, Independent Protection Co., Goshen, Ind. Panel members for this subject will be A. Winslow Dodge, Dodge Associates, Westwood, Mass.; John Z. Duling, Duling Tree Expert Co., Muncie, Ind.; and H. M. Van Wormer, Van Wormer Tree Service, Richmond, Va.

Dr. John A. Weidhaas, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va. will discuss the subject, "Effect of Chemicals on Insect Systems." He will be followed by Dr. Harold Davidson, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., on Davidson's research regarding time studies for large tree moving.

A second subject on tree moving is also scheduled for the afternoon of Aug. 6. This will be a panel centered on how to move large trees by the frozen ball method. Another topic on the same day concerns the cost-profit relation of trees in landscape contracting.

Directors of NAA will meet Sunday, Aug. 4, at 9:00 a.m. The formal mid-year association report will be at 4:00 p.m., Aug. 6, followed by a cocktail party at 6:45 p.m., and the annual NAA dinner at 7:30 p.m. The past-presidents' breakfast is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 5, at 7:30 a.m.