

## International Conference Booming Success

The 47th International Turfgrass Conference is over and in every aspect was a booming success. Approximately 4,300 people benefited from this conference and for Minnesota this has to be a record achievement.

I cannot even try to remember all the individuals who made a special effort to locate me and thank the Minnesota Association for the hospitality and warmth they felt at this conference. Each and every one of you left an impression that will be remembered throughout the years. I know it made me, as president, very proud of our Association and I want to thank all the members and wives for a job that was superbly done.

I feel a special thank you should be expressed to our co-chairmen, Larry Vetter and Jerry Murphy. These men did all the organizing and leg work prior to the conference. I know there were many days of planning involved and we certainly appreciated the giving of your time to the benefit of our Association.

I should also like to express the respect I have gained for Connie Scheetz and all of the national headquarters staff. Their organization and special attention to every detail is what makes something as big as this conference progress without a flaw. I know many of us never realized the magnitude of putting this conference together until we personally became involved. So from the Minnesota Chapter and all others, we thank you for a job well done.

Reflecting back on the events that have taken place, this conference has pulled this Association together like nothing else could have. Comradship has led to friendship, and through that, strength for the future. It brought forth the talents of many to reach a goal that in my estimation was surpassed many times over. Again, I say to all of you, thanks for a super job.

Dean Sime, President M.G.C.S.A.



FROM FAR AND NEAR. Minnesota President Dean Sime chats with new National President Richard Malpass, center, and at left, P.L. Machielse of Johannesburg, South Africa.



BIRD'S EYE VIEW. Equipment Show in the last stages of display set up.