

## Fla. Applicators Take "Bull by Horns," Set Up National Spraymen's Association

"To be or not to be" . . . a national spraymen's association?

This earnest question is currently being posed by applicators from all corners of the nation. They need an answer. They want a nationwide organization.

Involved in this problem is not so much "if," but rather "how?", according to the stack of letters and inquiries that has passed through the *Weeds Trees and Turf* mailbox during the past several months.

A possible solution to the enigma has been offered by a Floridian who has his sights set on such a unification. Larry Nipp, president of American Power Spraying in Fort Lauderdale, recently announced to *WTT* that he took the first giant step:

"There has been a tremendous amount of interest shown in forming a national spraymen's association. I believe the best way to get the show on the road is for me to get some of these people together."

### Committee Formed

Nipp has done just that—and more. He has congregated some 20 contract applicators, who call their new organization the "National Spraymen's Association;" it is currently headquartered in Fort Lauderdale.

This committee has named Nipp acting president, and Craig Anderson, Fort Lauderdale, temporary secretary-treasurer, until the full membership can gather to elect officers.

Nipp told *WTT*: "I know this action may seem presumptuous on our part, but someone had to do something to get the ball rolling. Each Florida member of the board sent Anderson \$10 to help defray expenses incurred by the Association. If all interested controllers would do likewise, we would really be on the road to unity."

Association members have drafted bylaws, which they believe will be acceptable to all

members. "Of course, the bylaws will be submitted to the full membership for its approval at our national meeting," Nipp explained.

Such a convention is proposed to be held in Cleveland later this year, but no definite plans are in the offing.

Nipp also pointed out that money contributed will help pay for distribution of a monthly newsletter to all charter members; its purpose is to keep applicators abreast of all developments, proposals, etc., in the field.

Ten NSA directors are also members of the Horticultural Spraymen's Assn. of Florida, Inc.: Jack Cuthrell, Jack Cuthrell Co., Fort Lauderdale; Thomas Hamall, Bow Arrow Gardens, Miami; Charlie P. Johnson, Charlie P. Johnson Spray Co., Inc., Miami; Pierre B. and Winnie Nobs, Northwest Power Spray Service, Inc., Miami; Ted Kaplan, King Spray Service, Miami; Marvin Meyer and Raymond Meyers, American Power Spraying of Orlando; Paul Meyers, Florida sprayman; and Lee Horning, Fort Lauderdale applicator.

Rest of the proposed board is: Charles D. Webb, editor, *Weeds Trees and Turf* magazine, Cleve-

land; William Owen, president, Pesticide Sprayers Assn., Clackamas, Ore.; James Omura, representative, Colorado Applicators Industry, Denver; Robert Cockburn, president, Northwest Chemical Applicators Assn., Everett, Wash.; and industryman Carl Ripper.

Nipp requested that all applications, subscriptions, or any questions about the new organization be mailed to Craig Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer, National Spraymen's Assn., Box A-777, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

He summed up his feelings like this: "It's my thought that we could charter the NSA in a spot more centrally located than Florida, perhaps somewhere in the Midwest. But no matter where we locate, our main intent is to work with others to establish an organization that will work for the best interests of every sprayman in every state."

### WTT Shown in Germany

*Weeds Trees and Turf* magazine is being put on display at the Frankfurt (Germany) Trade Center Plant and Equipment Maintenance Show, set June 9-16 in Frankfurt. Copies are available for visitors.

A booth sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce is displaying *Weeds Trees and Turf*, along with other leading U. S. trade magazines.



Over 250 attended the recently completed 31st annual Iowa Turfgrass Conference, in Ames, Iowa. Pictured are 1965 officers for the Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Assn. From left are: Harold McCullough, superintendent, Oakcreek Park golf course, Des Moines, member of board of directors; Richard A. Burns Jr., parks commissioner and superintendent, Washington Park golf course, Cedar Falls, president; Don Westfall, superintendent, Highland Park golf course, Iowa Falls, vice president; Fred Carey, superintendent, Finkbine golf course, Iowa City, secretary-treasurer; and Harold Kerr, superintendent, Valley Oaks golf course, Clinton, board of directors. This organization presented its 1965 distinguished service award to Herbert Klontz, retired superintendent of Cedar Rapids Country Club in Cedar Rapids. A group spokesman said monthly meetings are planned through November.