

**MONDAY—NOVEMBER 12**

**Welcoming Address**

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I AM VERY HAPPY to extend to you a warm welcome of the State of Florida, Greater Miami, and the University of Miami to this fourth annual session of the Fisheries Institute.

It is pleasing and impressive to discover the great cooperative effort which goes to make up these proceedings. Too often nowadays, because of the speed of living and the complexity of our governments, we find cooperative organization difficult to achieve and maintain.

The cue might well be taken in the solution of other world problems, that here we have the combined talents, efforts and abilities of scientists, government officials, educational leaders and members of the world's oldest and perhaps most important industry. The cohesive force which brings all of you here will live on in your reports, activities and proceedings to inspire others who shall follow in your footsteps.

We are honored to have this regional program continue to take on an important international flavor. The representatives of the governments of the Netherlands, Pakistan, Norway, Puerto Rico, Bermuda, Haiti, Martinique, The Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba and our own United States are most welcome. We thank them for the gracious assistance they have given.

In fact so many persons and institutions have contributed to the success of these meetings that I would have to name and thank each one of you. All of you have contributed to a program which on my inspection looks varied, ambitious and interesting. I take the liberty to note only one deficiency. There is to be no paper or panel on the most important subject of "Augmented Techniques of Measuring and Studying State Legislators." Everything else seems to be more than adequately explored. I am quick to assure you, however, that Florida joins with the other Gulf states in supporting and advancing the vital work which will be carried on here this week.

I am sure that Dr. Richard A. Kahn of the Defense Fisheries Administration, Mr. Richard Whiteleather of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mr. George Vathis of the Florida State Board of Conservation, and Dr. F. G. Walton Smith of the Marine Laboratory of the University of Miami, and their associates have put in many tiring hours and days in Congress and in the Legislative halls of this state giving the Congress and the Legislature a composite picture of the important work being done by the Institute and its members. We are hopeful that because of their untiring efforts and the help of many more like them in their respective states and countries that improved assistance and even better relations can be achieved.

On behalf of the University of Miami and its Marine Laboratory, Greater