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Our New President

Alvin B. Spetz was born, raised and attended public schools in the area of Jamestown, N. Y. After graduating from high school, he moved to Rochester, N. Y. and was employed as an apprentice machinist.

In 1939, he entered the United States Army, and was commissioned in 1942. He served with the famed Japanese-American 442nd Infantry Combat Team in Italy and France until 1946; and as a Captain, continued military service in New York and retired as Battalion Commander in 1963.

In 1945, he began his career with the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation in the Steam Distribution Division, and transferred to the Commercial and Industrial Department in 1948 as a Gas and Electric Commercial Representative. In 1952 he joined the Steam Sales Division of that Department, where he is currently the Senior Representative. He has attended the Rochester Institute of Technology, in the interest of job improvement.

President Spetz has been a member of IDHA since 1958, and is a member of the Rochester Chapter, Building Owners and Managers Association International.

"Bud" and his wife, Judy, have resided in Gates, a suburb of Rochester, since 1951. They have three children: Lynn, Mark and Brady.

And His Message

In this first Message, I wish to extend my personal appreciation and thanks to the past and present members of our Association, who so warmly accepted my application for membership at French Lick in 1958; to those who have so generously contributed their time in the collection and transmission of data that has immeasurably assisted me in the successful completion of my Company work; and to those who have granted me this privilege to serve as President in this interesting and challenging era.

One year ago, Dr. Joseph A. Lieberman, Chairman, Energy Policy Committee, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, keynoted our 63rd Annual Meeting with a review of the major factors contributing to the energy and environmental crisis. Dr. Lieberman most strongly emphasized that this crisis is not a passing fad to be scoffed at, but a real and complex problem in which all facets of our social, economic, political and scientific society must begin to "talk to" rather than "at" one another.

In an excellent follow-up to Dr. Lieberman's address, the 64th Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker, Mr. John G. Muller, more specifically brought out the importance of district heating and cooling in the conservation of energy, and outlined a direction our Association should take in bringing this value to the attention of society. In expressing his personal evaluations, Mr. Muller stated that a real means of energy conservation and environmental protection can be derived from such systems, and that in the interest of society these systems should be greatly expanded.

In his Message in the April-May 1973 issue of *District Heating*, you will note that Past President Joseph Bosl initiated a program to carry the merits of district heating and cooling systems to the attention of those involved in the energy problem. To encourage and further this program, your Officers and Board of Directors established an Energy Committee. In addition to promoting the merits of district systems, this Committee will determine how and where our Association can best offer and use its facilities, collective capabilities, and expertise in the fields of energy conservation and environmental control. We are most fortunate in having Mr. Bosl accept the Chairmanship of this Committee.

Following an incident in which a building steam line expansion joint ruptured, a Task Force Committee was appointed to determine the extent our Association should become involved in establishing a uniform code of practices. Following an excellent study and report, and based upon recommendations from this Committee, your Officers and Board of Directors acted to dissolve the Committee as such, and established a new Pressure Piping Code Committee. This new Committee will work with the A. S. M. E. B31.1 Committee in the development of a code for pressure piping to be presented for approval as a national standard. Mr. Clement Crooks, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, has agreed to serve as Chairman of this Task Force.

It must be recognized and remembered that our past, present, and future value and success as an Association is totally dependent on the progressive activity of our Technical Committees. Every member, from President to the very newest member, should offer to serve on a committee and actively support its chairman with the suggestions, planning, and data that will insure our continued success.