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### J. Garber Galbraith, M.D. 1981 Honored Guest

James Garber Galbraith was born in 1914 in Anniston, Alabama. He was the first born son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Love Galbraith. His father, a banker, was a quiet, retiring man and, prior to marriage, a Presbyterian. His mother Sadie, was a petite, vivacious, well-loved Southern lady, a devout Catholic and set a first-class table. Her father, Dr. James Rhodes Garber, Sr., was one of the early physicians of Alabama. Garber, his brother Wilfred, and his sister Mary were all reared in her religion. Garber was an excellent student at St. Bernard's; from that time dates his love affair with golf. He was influenced early in his life regarding a medical career by his mother's twin, Dr. James Rhodes Garber, Jr., a prominent obstetrician of Birmingham. Indeed, serving as his uncle's namesake, a medical career would appear to have been obliged.

He attended the University of Notre Dame from 1930 to 1932 and subsequently received his B.S. degree and M.D. degree from St. Louis University graduating from the school of medicine in 1938. He interned at the Lloyd Noland Hospital in Fairfield, Alabama, and remained for a year of general surgery. One of his friends recalled that Garber routinely had a big party for his friends and fellow physicians every Labor Day requiring them to bring their own food and drink. Subsequent to the party, he allegedly had an adequate spirit's supply to last until the next Dutch-treat party. He then went for his neurosurgical training to the New York Neurological Institute at Columbia

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### 1981 Annual Meeting Los Angeles, October 18-23 Professional Liability Symposium one of the highlights

On Wednesday afternoon, October 21, 1981, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons will present a symposium discussing professional liability. A recent council of State Neurological Societies survey showed that the membership felt that the most pressing socio-economic issue facing the neurosurgeon today was professional liability. Therefore, it seemed appropriate that a symposium discussing the issue of a possible second malpractice crisis was timely. A discussion as to what has worked and what has not worked since the first professional liability crisis in 1975 is to be presented, and what can be done to ameliorate the present situation.

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Senior Senator from Hawaii, will be the featured speaker, discussing the medical malpractice dilemma from the viewpoint of proposed national legislation. Senator Inouye, now serving his fourth term, was born in Honolulu on September 7, 1924. He enlisted as a Private in World War II, served in combat in France and Italy, and retired as a U.S. Army Captain. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Hawaii

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*Hon. Daniel K. Inouye, Senator from Hawaii; Featured Speaker at Symposium.*



## 1981 Annual Meeting

The 31st Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons will be held this October 18 through 23 in Los Angeles, California.

The Scientific Program prepared by Chris Shields promises to be outstanding. The Special Courses this year will be:

1. Cerebral Metabolism and Methods of Cerebral Protection;
2. Atherogenesis and Its Relation to Stroke;
3. Trauma Physiology; and
4. Clinical Interpretation of CT Scanning.

The General Scientific Sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings will deal with cerebrovascular disease. Topics such as Noninvasive Techniques in Cerebrovascular Diagnosis, Recent Advances in the Diagnosis and Medical Management of Stroke, as well as discussion of Anterior and Posterior Circulation Ischemia and Surgery have been planned. The General Scientific Sessions on Thursday and Friday will deal with the subject of Head Injury. As in the past we have put together a large number of Luncheon Discussion Groups and How I Do It Sessions covering a multitude of topics. Tuesday afternoon will be devoted to workshops, and on Wednesday afternoon a seminar on The Professional Liability Crisis with the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, the Senior senator from Hawaii as special speaker. Dr. Garber Galbraith, Professor Neurosurgery at the University of Alabama, is the Honored Guest.

The Local Arrangements Committee under the directorship of Marty and Debby Weiss has put together an outstanding social and auxiliary program which will afford our members and guests a unique opportunity to enjoy not only Beverly Hills but the greater Los Angeles area as well including Marina Del Rey. The Monday night cocktail party will be held outside the Century Plaza Hotel in the Reflecting Pool area allowing us to enjoy the predictably good weather and outstanding scenery. Tuesday night there are tickets available to the Schubert Theatre for those who wish to partake in live theatre entertainment.

Due to the multitude of surrounding attractions, Wednesday evening has been left free for your choice of activities.

The Century Plaza Hotel is located in Century City, immediately adjacent to Beverly Hills. It is on the site of the ABC Entertainment Center. Elegant dining and shopping of every description abound in the entertainment complex and nearby Beverly Hills. We are sure that your wives will be impressed with the shopping on Rodeo Drive and Wilshire Boulevard which rivals that anywhere in the world. This area is only a short walk from the hotel, but there will be bus service readily available to transfer you and your guests to the shopping area and our secondary hotel, the Beverly Hilton, on Wilshire Boulevard.

Please be prompt in replying with your hotel reservations. The Greater Los Angeles Convention Bureau is using a computer service to match the registrants with the hotel of their choice. We have 600 rooms at the Century Plaza and an additional large block of rooms at the Beverly Hilton, about a mile away. Since there will be nearly continuous shuttle bus service between these hotels, transportation should be no problem. For those wishing to do so, it is a pleasant 10 to 15 minute walk between the hotels. There are also many small, unique hotels in the near vicinity of the Century Plaza and Beverly Hilton in which some of you may wish to make reservations. However, we do not plan shuttle bus service to the smaller hotels. Wherever you elect to stay, we would encourage you to make your reservations early.

There is no need to tell you that Los Angeles is large and the freeways busy, particularly during rush hours. Therefore, we do suggest that in arranging for air travel you attempt to arrive at non-rush hour times if possible. Also we would point out that you may be able to obtain a significant reduction in air fare by staying over at least one Friday night. For those planning to stay after the Meeting, Marty Weiss has made arrangements for a block of tickets to the USC-UC game on Saturday, October 24 and for your transportation to and from that game.

The Registration Area at the Century Plaza will be on the California level and will be open from 12:00 noon on Sunday, October 18. The message center will be in operation beginning at that time. The telephone number which has been assigned is 213-277-2000, extension 406. The Exhibit Area, on the same level as Registration, will be open at 7:30 a.m., Monday, October 19. Coffee and Danish pastries will be available each morning in the Registration/Exhibit Area from 7:15 to 8:00 a.m.

### CME in Hawaii

The University of Washington will present a continuing education course, "Frontiers in Functional Neurosurgery" at the Wailea Beach Hotel, Maui, Hawaii, April 17-24, 1982 (the week prior to the AANS in Honolulu). For further information, contact Division of Continuing Medical Education, SC-50, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, about course CME 1075.

### CME in Boston

Boston University School of Medicine will present a continuing education course, "The Role of Sleep in Health and Disease", November 21, 1981 at the Boston University Medical Center. For information contact Department of Continuing Medical Education, Boston University School of Medicine, 80 E. Concord Street, Boston, MA 02118.

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## Proposed By-Laws Revisions

The following four revisions in the Congress By-laws have been approved by the Executive Committee and will be voted on at the 1981 Annual Business Meeting in Los Angeles in October.

1. *This revision makes resident membership available to residents at any level of training.*

Article 6, Section 1, Subsection U, Paragraph 3: 2nd sentence will read:

"Resident membership shall be available to any individual of a neurosurgical training program; ("in the last two years") is deleted.

4th sentence will read:

"Resident membership may be achieved by the applicant furnishing to the Resident Membership Sub-Committee a signed statement from the program director that he is a resident in good standing in the program..." ("the last two years") is deleted.

2. *This revision places the international committee under the Annual Meeting Committee.*

Article 6, Section M

"International Committee" is deleted. Sections "N" to "V" are relettered "M" to "U".

Section B

Annual Meeting Committee will be revised to add under the list of subcommittees: "8. International Committee"

3. *This new article provides a mechanism for the Congress to create Subspecialty Sections*

New Article IX, with present article IX renumbered X. Article IX:

"The Congress may from time to time by executive committee action, create Sections representing subspecialty interests in neurosurgery. Such sections may be created jointly with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Sections will maintain their own By-Laws as approved by the Congress executive committee. Sections may elect their own officers. Sections may levy their own dues and maintain independent financial accounts. The officers of sections will report section activities and finances to the Congress Executive Committee on a timely and least annual basis. Sections may hold independent meetings.

4. *This revision restricts voting to active members.*

Article IV, Section 4.

Add "active" before "member" each time it occurs in this section.

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in 1950 and his J.D. degree from George Washington University Law School in 1952. He was elected Majority Leader of the Territorial House of Representatives from 1954 to 1958. He served in the Territorial Senate from 1958 to 1959. He was elected a Congressional Representative to the 86th and 87th Congress. He is a Democrat and has been a United States Senator since 1962. He is married to the former Margaret Shinobu Awamura.

Dr. Dave Rubsamen of Berkeley, California, will discuss trends in and consequences of tort law reform. Dr. Rubsamen has considerable expertise and experience in this field. He is both a physician and attorney, and is the Editor of the Professional Liability Newsletter.

Dr. John McRae, neurosurgeon from Los Angeles, California, who is Vice-President of Doctor's Company and Inter-Insurance Exchange, will present the insurance industry's experience and overview.

The consumer's viewpoint of professional liability will be presented by Mr. Edward K. Hamilton, who is the Executive Director of the California Citizens Commission on Tort Reform. This is an independent organization established for the sole purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of the system through which our society deals with negligence and other non-criminal actions that result in some form of injury. The Commission, which is not affiliated with any government or other official body, has undertaken to perform the first complete analysis of the "tort" system.

Dr. Byron C. Pevehouse, Secretary of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, will present the neurosurgeon's perspective and then moderate a panel discussion of the last three speakers.

This should be a most informative afternoon and all members of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons are invited to attend.

Mark Kubala, M.D.

## Membership Applications

The following membership applications have been approved by the Executive Committee:

Pius Baggenstons, Leonard John Cerullo, David Alan Ditsworth, Richard Anthony Dirrenberger, Kathleen Louise Egan, Arnulfo Rolando Garza-Vale, Gunduz Gucer, Patrick W. Hitchon, John Winas Hutchison, Craig H. Johnson, Gerald N. Kadis, Shigeake Kobayashi, John P. Laurent, Michael Hugh Lavyne, Matt John Likavec, John David Loeser, Ignacio Madrazo N., Cavert Keith McCorkle, Michael Philip McIlhany, John C. Oakley, Bert E. Park, Gilbert Reginald Cato Quartery, Marco Antonio Ramos, Harish C. Rawal, Andre Roberge, Miguel Angel Herize Vasquez, Ronald E. Woosley, and Shozo Yasuoka.

Congress members who have comments on any of the above should contact:

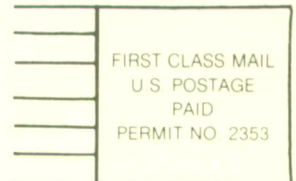
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## Nominations for Officers 1981

President-elect .....	John Tew, Jr.
Vice President .....	Edward Downing
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Presbyterian Medical Center completing the training there in 1943. He entered the Navy in 1943 and was assigned to New Orleans. Subsequently, he was transferred to Guadalcanal and, upon completion of his naval experience, returned to medical practice in neurological surgery in Birmingham where he enjoyed an active private practice and participated as the neurosurgeon at the University. He assisted in the training of his first partner, Dr. Stanley Graham, and subsequently formed an association with Dr. Griff Harsh and others in an outstanding neurosurgical group. He remained in charge of the neurosurgical training and private practice from 1946 to 1965. He became associate professor of neurological surgery at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in 1946 and became professor and director of the Division of Neurosurgery in 1954. He remains as professor of neurosurgery at the medical school and is very pleased over the appointment of his long-time colleague and associate, Dr. Griff Harsh, as present director of the training program since 1978.

His academic honors include membership in Alpha Omega Alpha and Alpha Sigma Nu. He received the Alumni Merit Award from St. Louis University in 1973 and the Citation for Distinguished Service from Columbia University in 1967. In addition, in 1974, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from St. Bernard College.

He has held many medical honors, both locally, regionally, and nationally. He was President of the Jefferson County Medical Society in 1960 and President of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama from 1974 to 1975. He has been President of the Southern Medical Association, Southern Neurosurgical Society, American Academy of Neurological Surgery, Society of Neurological Surgeons and Chairman of the American Board of Neurological Surgery. He served as a member of the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons from 1974 to 1980 and long has been a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. In addition, he is respected so well by his peers that he served as a member of the Board of Censors of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama from 1969 to 1976. He has been very active in public service in Birmingham, both as a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and other public service boards.

In addition to training a host of neurosurgeons, his scientific contributions consist of publications concerned with cerebral aneurysms, cerebral occlusive disease, brain tumors, and craniocerebral trauma. His favorite operation is craniotomy for meningioma. One of his residents has stated that Garber on rare occasions, has shown the influence of profanity inducing hemostasis particularly with a difficult meningioma. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a devotion and contribution to neurological surgery in every aspect imagined. As a clinical neurosurgeon, he is known as a man of great common sense and decisive action.

He is married to Marguerite Stabler Galbraith, affectionately known as Peggy. They have been blessed with four daughters—Ann, Jane, Kay, and Laura—and have three granddaughters and a grandson. Garber has maintained his interest in golf and has long been a member of the Mountainbrook Country Club in Birmingham. Every Wednesday afternoon is reserved for golf for as long as any of

his associates can remember. He is so intent on his game that he allegedly played golf with an old friend on two or three occasions during which time the friend was developing a mild hemiparesis with a subdural hematoma. Garber's repeated victories over his friend during this period were suddenly deflated.

These achievements represent the recorded contributions of an outstanding clinical neurosurgeon. Of equal importance are the personal attributes. He is the epitome of a Southern gentleman. He represents the wonderful combination of humility and common sense tempered by above-average intelligence. He has the unique ability to disagree without disagreeing. He has been a counselor to many young and old neurosurgeons in the South. He has the ability to listen, immediately determine the problem and almost simultaneously, in a compassionate way, offer good advice and solution. There are numerous stories of his counseling; perhaps best exemplified by the frustrated initial days of a program director from Tennessee who asked to speak to Dr. Galbraith about a sense of direction and problem solution. He was immediately invited to stop by Birmingham, picked up at the airport, enjoyed a sandwich in the quietness of Dr. Galbraith's office, returned to the airport with a firm handshake and departed with renewed purpose and a workable solution.

Throughout all of his activities, he has been an ardent gardener, particularly with roses but also with vegetable gardening. He secretly has been a fan of W.C. Fields for many years. He appreciates ladies and has a unique way of letting them know it. He enjoys dancing and most any social event.

Members and guests of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, it is a distinct pleasure to present to you, James Garber Galbraith, gentlemen, physician, surgeon, counselor, leader, teacher and friend.

James T. Robertson, M.D.

## Foundation for International Education in Neurological Surgery

The Foundation for International Education in Neurological Surgery, Inc., receives occasional inquiries from young neurosurgeons from abroad who are seeking an opportunity to spend six months to one year doing laboratory research (or perhaps clinical research involving no clinical responsibilities, i.e., writing orders). A stipend sufficient for housing and maintenance is ordinarily a prerequisite.

Any program directors or other neurosurgeons knowing of such openings are urged to contact:

William H. Mosberg, Jr., M.D., Secretary  
Foundation for International Education in  
Neurological Surgery, Inc.  
803 Cathedral Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201



## **Certification Committee: Program for Noncertified Neurosurgeons**

In 1980 the Executive Committee of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons appointed a Committee to identify methods by which its noncertified members and other non-certified neurosurgeons might successfully complete this certification process for Neurosurgery. The Congress of Neurological Surgeons' major interest is in maintaining the high standards of the practice of neurosurgery and is dedicated to the continuing education of the neurosurgeon. This certification program is consistent with those goals and purposes.

The Certification Committee offers its services on an individual basis to those neurosurgeons who voluntarily seek its help. The Committee recognized the confidential and delicate nature of this subject. Those who volunteer to seek the aid of this committee will be evaluated on an individual basis. The Committee will examine the deficient problem areas of the individual neurosurgeon and explore how it may help remedy these deficiencies.

The program is sponsored by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and not by the American Board of Neurological Surgery. There is no promise or guarantee of success.

Our initial program has been directed to those neurosurgeons who have failed the certification process or who chose not to take the examination. At the forthcoming Congress meeting in October, we will give mock oral examinations to those who are awaiting Part II of the examination of the American Board of Neurological Surgery.

This past year we have worked actively with 34 neurosurgeons who contacted us for assistance. We have interviewed each of the candidates, outlined for them a course of study, furnished a reading list, suggested affiliation with residency training programs, recommended continuing education neurosurgery review courses, and given other advice.

If you are a noncertified neurosurgeon and are interested in exploring the possibilities of our assisting you, please write to:

Dr. David L. Kelly, Jr.  
Section of Neurosurgery  
Bowman Gray School of Medicine  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103

## **1981 Annual Meeting Fun Run**

The Congress of Neurological Surgeons will sponsor its first annual three-mile Fun Run during the annual meeting in Los Angeles this year. Dr. Frances Conley is the organizer. The run will be held Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 a.m. and will begin in front of the Century Plaza Hotel. The course will be well marked and follow sidewalks with the majority of the course around a park about 3/4 of a mile from the Century Plaza. The finish will be back in front of the Century Plaza Hotel. Don't forget your running gear as this promises to be an outstanding event.

## **Permanent Congress Videotape Library**

Over the last several years the videotape library has proven to be a well-received addition to the annual Congress meetings. In response to the request of many members we are now endeavoring to set up a permanent videotape teaching library. Tapes prepared by members and others such as recordings of the special courses at the preceding annual meeting will now be available on a rental basis from the Congress. Copies of these tapes may be obtained on either 3/4 inch U-matic or either of the 1/2 inch video cassette formats (Betamax or VHS) for a 1-month rental. The rental fee will be \$15.00 per tape or 4 tapes for \$50.00 for members and \$20.00 per tape or 3 tapes for \$50.00 for non-members of the CNS.

These tapes are being made available strictly for the members own use and users must agree not to attempt to copy or reproduce them nor to make them available for any commercial purpose. In addition, they must be returned promptly so that they will be available for other members. The tapes contained in this library represent the endeavors of many individuals to make a useful teaching contribution. They are not for the most part professionally prepared tapes and so vary somewhat in their video quality. They have been selected, however, by a committee for their teaching value.

A brochure listing the individual tape and complete details for ordering is being prepared and will be available at the videotape library at the CNS meeting in Los Angeles. Additional information can be obtained from:

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Department of Neurological Surgery  
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## **Resident Membership**

The Congress of Neurological Surgeons has a special Resident Membership category. All residents in neurological surgery residency training in a program approved by the American Board of Neurological Surgery or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada are eligible. Special resident activities as well as membership benefits are available to Resident Members. Letters of inquiry concerning Resident Memberships and applications can be obtained from Dr. J. Parker Mickle, Neurosurgery, Box J-265, Health Center, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32610.