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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.*