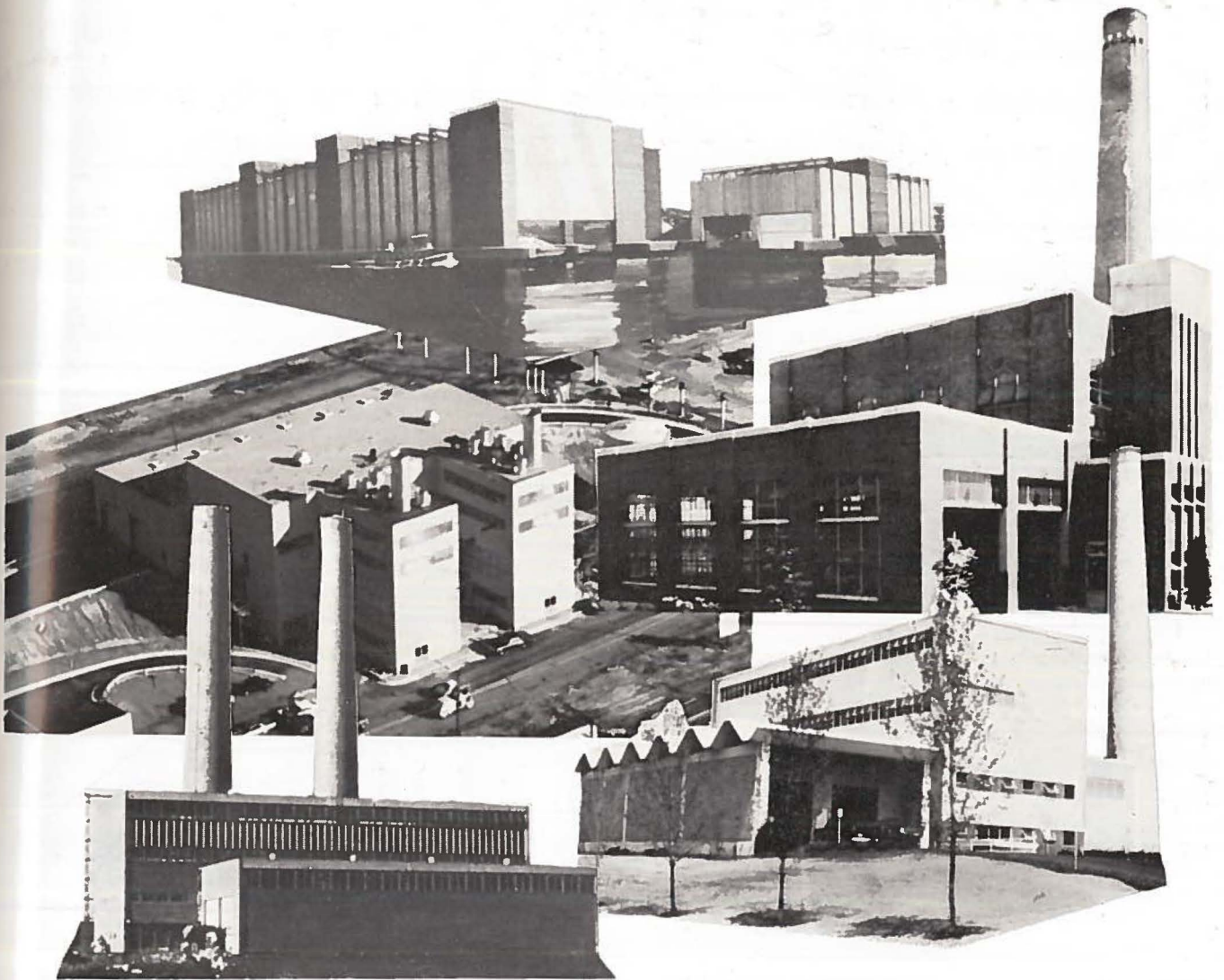




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1st INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT HEATING CONVENTION

Held in London, England, April 20-24, 1970

Five hundred sixty-two delegates attended: 160 from local authorities, 202 from other parts of the United Kingdom, and 200 from 26 other countries. Forty-seven papers were presented by 58 speakers (authors and co-authors).

The main objectives of the conference were "to promote an international exchange of knowledge and experience related to district heating and to provide a suitable background for personal contact to formulate discussion on a local, national and international scale."

The original plan was for a 12-paper program, but as the scope finally grew to include 47, it became necessary to lengthen the sessions, and use the originally-planned free time for the presentation of the additional papers. The enlarged program and the resultant greater number of countries participating, increased the value of the Convention. However, some side effects were that (1) time allowances for paper presentations and discussion periods were shortened and (2) accommodating the extra authors and co-authors made it necessary to limit the number of delegates who could attend.

The quality of the papers was excellent, and much formerly unpublished material was provided by speakers from such countries as the U.S.S.R., Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

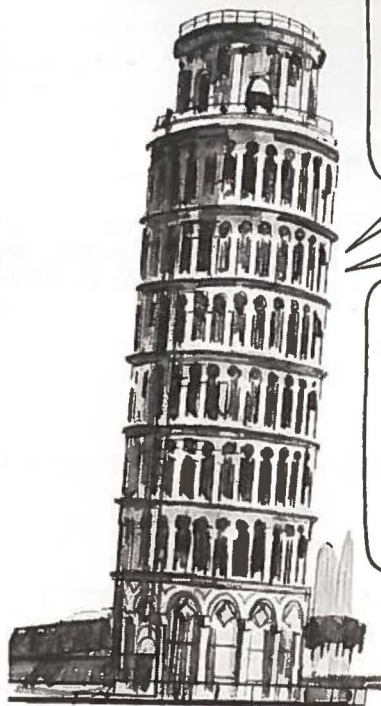
Three field trips to U. K. district heating installations were offered to attending delegates: (1) Brunswick Square by Shell-Mex and B. P. (2) Pimlico by the Electricity Council and Westminster City Council and (3) Leicester and Nottingham by the National Coal Board.

Evidence of the developing wide-spread interest in the district heating field was made apparent by the attendance of delegates and speakers from warmer countries such as Spain, Portugal, Greece, Italy and South Africa.

The success of the Convention resulted in the forming of an International Committee to continue the study and work begun, and to formulate arrangements for similar future conventions. A suggestion that international conventions be held every two years was well received, and both Hungary and Sweden requested that they be considered as the meeting location in 1972.

The International Committee initially has 17 members, two of them from the United States and both members of IDHA: Mr. Erwin G. Hansen, Partner, Syska & Hennessy, Inc. (Engineers), New York City; and Mr. John Henderson, General Sales Manager, American Gilsonite Company, Salt Lake City, Utah.

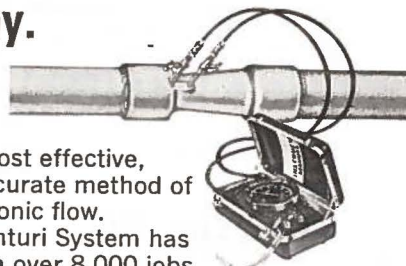
The first scheduled meeting for the International Committee was on September 14, 1970 in Malmo, Sweden. Some of the proposed agenda items were: (1) election of officers (2) co-ordination of the work of national committees who will make arrangements for the conventions (3) set up and maintain a register of district heating specialists and delegates attending the conventions (4) work with other organizations such as the World Energy Conference, UN-ICHAL and International Institute of Refrigeration, so that the best possible arrangements can be made (5) organize a permanent committee whose duties it will be to maintain a record of statistics and operation experience, set up standards for equipment, and sponsor co-operative research. •



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