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On behalf of the California Vertebrate Pest Committee, which sponsors these conferences, I wish to thank all of the speakers for their contribution to the program and the session chairmen who kept the meeting moving so smoothly. We would like to extend a special thanks to the speakers and participants who have come from other countries to share with us some of their knowledge concerning vertebrate pest problems and their solutions. Hopefully, the acquaintances made here and the exchange of information with our colleagues from distant places will be the beginning of long-lasting friendships and will foster better communications between those with mutual interests.

The Vertebrate Pest Committee also wishes to thank all of the individuals, organizations, and agencies who have worked behind the scene to make this conference a success. Particular thanks goes to the working group of volunteers who operated the projectors, handled the registration desk, and the many other conference details.

The fine attendance and enthusiasm shown throughout the meeting was most gratifying and the California Vertebrate Pest Committee sincerely hopes this conference has met, in some part, the objectives as were so well phrased at the beginning of the conference by General Chairman, Dick Dana. The importance of the conference becomes more and more evident as concern over our ecology increases. Never has the need for expertise in vertebrate pest problems been greater than it is today when the awareness of our environment is at an all time high. Our sociological and economic progress will require greater knowledge for resolving problems of pests which conflict with man's interests and well being.

We anticipate the next conference will be held about this time in 1972 with the exact dates and place to be announced later. Your suggestions for topics or improvements for future conferences are welcomed by the committee.

Thank you for attending and we wish you a pleasant journey home.