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## **CLOSING REMARKS—SEVENTH VERTEBRATE PEST CONFERENCE**

WALTER E. HOWARD, Chairperson-Elect

On behalf of the Council of the Vertebrate Pest Conference, I thank you all for your very apparent interest in the papers and your cooperation in making the Conference a success. The sophistication of vertebrate pest-control methods has come a long way since our first Conference, in 1962. Our outgoing Chairman, Mr. Charles C. Siebe, has acknowledged the fine contributions to this Conference made by so many, including personnel from the County Agricultural Commissioner Offices in California. And we now acknowledge Charlie's fine leadership for the past two years in this organization, known as the "Vertebrate Pest Conference."

There have been many new faces at this Conference, and it has been a grand reunion for those who also attended many of the earlier Conferences. Many of you have come from great distances, representing 11 countries, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and 35 other states. (Those from outside the United States were then introduced.)

An added attraction to this meeting was the American Society for Testing and Materials' Symposium on Test Methods for Vertebrate Pest Control and Management Materials scheduled in the same room on the day preceding the Conference. Those proceedings will be published separately by ASTM.

You have been a wonderful audience. The proceedings should be out by August, 1976. We hope to see you at the Eighth Vertebrate Pest Conference, to be held on March 7-9, 1978, in Sacramento, California.

Have a safe and enjoyable journey home.