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DETROIT, Oct 7 - Election of eleven new members to the Board of Trustees of the National Sanitation Foundation was announced here today by Dr. Henry F. Vaughan, President of the Foundation and Dean of the School of Public Health, University of Michigan. The announcement followed a special meeting of the enlarged Board held yesterday at the Detroit Athletic Club.

The new Board members are:

Harvey J. Campbell, Executive Vice President, Detroit Board of Commerce; Walker L. Cisler, President, The Detroit Edison Company; Simon D. Den Uyl, President, Bohn Aluminum & Brass Corporation, Detroit; Dr. William G. Fredrick, Director, Bureau of Industrial Health, Detroit Department of Health; K. T. Keller, Chairman

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of the Board, Chrysler Corporation, Detroit; Dr. Joseph G. Molner, Commissioner of Health, Detroit Department of Health; J. Thomas Smith, President, Detroit Harvester Company; Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, Surgeon-General, United States Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.; Herbert B. Trix, President, W. M. Chace Company, Detroit; James B. Webber, Jr., General Manager, The J. L. Hudson Company, Detroit; and Herbert J. Woodall, President, Woodall Industries, Inc., Detroit.

The new appointments bring to sixteen the number of Trustees of the National Sanitation Foundation, whose headquarters are at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health at Ann Arbor.

Other members of the Board, besides Dr. Vaughan, who was Commissioner of Health for the City of Detroit from 1918 to 1941, are H. William Klare and Judge Arthur J. Lacy of Detroit; John H. Wright, of Toledo, and Walter F. Snyder of Ann Arbor.

The National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) is a non-profit organization established in 1945 to promote a better quality of American living through cooperative action by community, industrial and health leaders toward improvement of the total environment.

Environmental improvement is considered by the Foundation to include pure water, sufficient in quantity for all purposes; clean air; noise control; satisfactory disposal of wastes, including radioactive wastes and synthetic chemicals; safe food and beverages; and adequate shelter of all types in pleasant surroundings.

The enlargement of the Board will, according to the announcement, enable the Foundation to work closely with Detroit civic, industrial and health authorities and public groups in developing what is termed a pioneering, city-wide program for environmental improvement.

This program is expected to include stepping up Detroit's present work in air purification and noise abatement, as well as plans to assist the city in improved protection of water and food supplies, housing improvements, etc.

Final details of the program will be worked out in a planning "clinic," sponsored by the Foundation, to be held at a date to be announced in the near future.

It is the Foundation's hope, according to Dr. Vaughan, that the program which will emerge from the Detroit Clinic will be a "pilot study" to guide other cities interested in improving their over-all environment and thus the health and general character of the entire community.

Harvey J. Campbell of the Detroit Board of Commerce said today that "through this program of cooperation with the N. S. F., Detroit looks to the future with an objective, pioneering program of environmental improvement aided by leading national health authorities and backed by leaders of our own community."

To date the National Sanitation Foundation has been chiefly concerned with bringing industrial and health authorities together to establish superior nationally uniform sanitation Standards for food-service and other health-related equipment.

Through the Foundation's separately incorporated Testing Laboratory, a seal of approval is offered for all such new equipment tested and found to comply with the new Standards.

About one hundred leading manufacturers of soda fountain, luncheonette, food-service and commercial dishwashing equipment have to date received authority from the N. S. F. Testing Laboratory to affix the blue and white seals of approval to more than a thousand separate items of food-service and other equipment.

The pilot study in Detroit represents the National Sanitation Foundation's first effort to assist a major city in a program of pre-planned environmental sanitation to include research and community-wide participation.

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