

GENERAL SESSION

SECOND MEETING AND CLOSING CEREMONY

The General Session was opened by the President of the 16th ITTC Prof. Dr. *G.A. MATVEYEV*.

The Conference approved the Final Recommendations of the Executive and Technical Committees of the 16th ITTC, which were presented by Dr. *V.N. TRESHCHEVSKY*.

The Chairman addressed the Conference presenting the invitation of Swedish Maritime Research Center to hold the 17th ITTC in Göteborg, Sweden. The approval was given with applause.

The Secretary of Executive Committee presented the lists of the 17th ITTC Executive and Technical Committees. The nominations were approved by the Conference. He also informed about the elections of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Advisory Council.

The Chairman expressed his gratitude to the Advisory Council, 16th ITTC Executive and Technical Committees, and all those whose assistance ensured the success of the Conference.

The floor was then given to Dr. *H. LINDGREN*. After his speech the Chairman declared the 16th ITTC Full Conference closed.

Closing Speech by *HANS LINDGREN*

I attended the ITTC for the first time in 1954, when the 7th ITTC was arranged in Scandinavia, the main part being held

in Gothenburg, Sweden. I then met those tank superintendents and well-known scientists, who had taken the initiative to start up the ITTC, thus forming the basis for our work. They are now no longer with us.

In Gothenburg in 1954 I also met for the first time some delegates, who still play an important role in the activities of the ITTC. I may here mention:

Professor Aertssen	Professor Mazarredo
Mr. Crago	Mr. Mathews
Dr. St. Denis	Professor Schuster
Professor van Manen	

who are all with us here in Leningrad.

As you may know, I have taken part in the work of the ITTC as a member of different technical committees. I came to the present ITTC, which is the 10th I am attending, as an observer, and I have really tried to be an active observer. I have taken part in all the technical sessions and have also enjoyed the hospitality of Professor Matveyev, the host organizations and the city of Leningrad in connection with parties and banquets, sightseeing arrangements and visits to interesting cultural institutions and events and not least the visit to the impressive Krylov



H. Lindgren is making his closing speech

Institute.

Unfortunately, due to my technical ambitions, I have not been able to take part in the Ladies' Programme, but I understand that it has been no less attractive. Today I find it slightly onerous that due to the decision taken by the Conference at this session, I have been given the honourable and important position as president of the ITTC and host of the 17th ITTC, which will take place in Gothenburg in 1984.

On my new position I take this opportunity to wish you all very welcome to Sweden, Gothenburg and the 17th ITTC.

We do not have the Hermitage, we do not have the St. Isaac's Cathedral or any of the

fantastic palaces. I do not even believe that we have as gifted students in Sweden as you have here in Leningrad, if I am to judge from the impression I received at the students' fascinating performance in the Yussoupov Palace.

Nevertheless, I am sure that you will find our city an enjoyable place to stay in and I hope that we will be able to arrange a program that will be attractive to all of you, not least to the ladies.

Finally, on behalf of the delegates, the ladies and children, my sincere thanks to Professor Matveyev, Dr. Treshchevsky and all the representatives of the host organizations, who have contributed to make our stay in Leningrad so fruitful, inspiring and enjoyable.