



*The Walter F. Snyder Award for 1977
Presented to
CHARLES C. JOHNSON, JR.*

"Who's Who In America" reports that C. C. Johnson, Jr. was born in Iowa and was awarded two engineering degrees in Indiana. The rest of the biographical listing reveals how greatly this midwestern environmentalist has strived to serve his nation and the world.

He entered the U.S. Public Health Service in 1947 and retired in 1971 with the rank of Assistant Surgeon General. During all of these years his services as an environmental health administrator and consultant were in constant demand by PHS departments and other health agencies.

As a young staff officer he was sent on assignment by the PHS to serve as a sanitary engineering consultant to the government of Liberia. There he helped Liberians to establish defenses against malaria, to improve their hospitals, to provide a better water supply and to solve urgent problems in waste disposal.

Returning to the United States, he

worked in the PHS general engineering program, serving as a consultant on institutional sanitation. Among other things, he aided in developing sanitation standards for swimming pools, trailer parks, schools and migrant labor camps.

Through his organizational and technical abilities, he was largely responsible for the development of guidelines for sanitary engineering consultant services related to institutions in the Indian health program. These guidelines were completed 20 years ago and are in use today.

In 1957 he returned to Purdue University to complete his graduate education in sanitary engineering. After earning his master's degree, he returned to PHS where he accepted an assignment with the division of Indian health as an environmental engineer. In the next ten years his contributions to Indian health were so outstanding, and his leadership so effective, that he

became chief, office of environmental health in the division of Indian health. The PHS commendation medal was conferred upon him in 1963 by the Surgeon General.

Assignment in New York

In 1967, at the request of the commissioner of the New York state health department, the U.S. Surgeon General assigned Mr. Johnson to serve on temporary duty with the New York City health department. There he assisted in reorganizing the city's environmental health administration, including air pollution control, water pollution control, water supply, housing, food and drugs.

In the Spring of the following year, Mr. Johnson was recalled to Washington to participate in the reorganization of the U.S. Public Health Service. He was appointed director of the office of health policy and promoted to Assistant Surgeon General. Soon thereafter, in a government reorganization, he was appointed administrator of consumer protection and environmental health in the U.S. department of Health, Education and Welfare. Later, when areas of his program were transferred to the EPA, he served briefly as director, office of international affairs, EPA, and then returned to PHS.

In 1971, following his retirement, Mr. Johnson accepted an appointment with the American Public Health Association as its associate director. He aided the administration of the APHA at a time when the association was undergoing a dramatic change in its policies, programs and membership qualifications to reflect its adoption of a people-advocacy role.

Following his service on the staff of the APHA, Mr. Johnson accepted an

appointment with the Washington Technical Institute as vice president for research and development. This institute provides education opportunities for young Washingtonians through its two-year associate degree and four-year baccalaureate degree programs. Mr. Johnson served the youth of the community in this post until 1974. At that time he was offered an exceptional opportunity to contribute his talents and experience to the private sector of the environmental engineering profession. He joined Malcom Pirnie, Inc., a national and international organization of consulting environmental engineers with a staff of 400 people, including 250 professional engineers and environmental scientists. Today he is vice president of Malcom Pirnie and resident manager of its Washington office.

The essence of Mr. Johnson's life and career has been his deep concern for the human condition, and ways to make it better.

Since leaving the government, he has continued to work with the Congress, the EPA, other governmental agencies and professional associations as a voluntary advisor and committee member. He is chairman of a major advisory group in the EPA, the National Drinking Water Advisory Council, and has been most active with the technical advisory group for the construction grants program of the EPA. He also serves with the APHA technical advisory panel on environmental hazards.

For a lifetime of achievement in attaining environmental quality, it is a privilege to present to Charles C. Johnson, Jr. the Walter F. Snyder Award for 1977.



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