A Group of AWCI Contractors Carried Goodwill to the Orient While Attending the Japanese Plasterers Convention

They were wall and ceiling contractors from AWCI and they took their organization to the Far East, making friends all the way.

The contractors were the AWCI group which travelled to Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong under the auspices of the AWCI International Liaison Committee last month.

While in the Far East, the AWCI group managed to attend as honored guests the annual convention of the Japan Plasterers Association while weaving in visits to Kyoto, Tokyo, Sapporo—and then on to Taiwan and Hong Kong for business and travel.

The U.S. contingent numbered 13 and included William and Regina McPherson of Canton, MA; Lynn and Marjorie Lassister, of Murray, KY; Valdez and Lorraine Taylor and their daughter, Cheri, of Santa Barbara, CA; Clint and Rae Fladland, of St. Paul, MN; David and Margie St. Hilaire, of Wallingford, CN; and Jerry and Margaret Wykoff, of Washington, D.C.

In addition to the Japanese Plasterers convention, the AWCI group was treated to the exhibit floor for Japan’s industry suppliers where they viewed firsthand some of the technological developments in that country.

Job visits were available in Japan and Hong Kong.

The trip was particularly enjoyable due largely to the personal efforts of Yasuo “Duke” Suzuki, chief executive officer of the Sugiyama Plastering Company, of Tokyo. Once the Americans reached Tokyo, Mr. Suzuki took time out of his own busy schedule to act as host in behalf of the Japan plasterers organization, continuing his good efforts in Sapporo.