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#### INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL FORESTERS

In Washington, D. C., on December 14th, 1950, twenty-four foresters met to form the International Society of Tropical Foresters.

The primary purpose of the new organization is to keep tropical foresters in touch with others in their field and with the work they are doing. It will also serve as a clearing house of information on developments and opportunities in tropical forestry, as well as on recent additions to tropical forestry literature. It will be a repository of information on the location and fields of activity of men working in tropical forests or with tropical forest products. It is planned to keep the membership in touch with developments by means of occasional memoranda or news letters. In this way the organization should facilitate contact between occupational opportunities and qualified foresters.

Membership in the society is open to foresters of all nationalities working in all types of tropical forest products, including rubber. No dues are required, and those interested are urged to write Tom Gill, 1214 16th Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

Foresters present at the organizing meeting were: James S. Bethel, J. Willcox Brown, John R. Camp, H. H. Chapman, Hugh M. Curran, Harvey R. Frantz, Juan B. Gaztambide, Tom Gill, Robert W. Hess, Ralph S. Hosmer, LeRoy W. Huntington, Seth Jackson, Henry S. Kernan, Robert F. Knoth, Elbert L. Little, Jr., C. B. Manifold, K. R. Mayer, Richard A. Morin, Barrington Moore, Arthur F. Muschler, G. P. Spangler, G. R. Trimble, Jr., Marshall R. Turner, Frederick H. Vogel, George F. Walker, and J. J. Zirkle, Jr.