

As the old saying goes,
"It never rains but it pours!"

by D. Randolph Colby
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The day after being informed by a phone call from Dr. Baer that I had been named State Coordinator, Public Hearings commenced on a proposal to require birds coming into Hawaii to be quarantined for a period of thirty days, and, that persons importing the birds would be required to post a bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars against any of the birds becoming ill. All of us involved with exotic birds were stricken with panic. For many, it meant the beginning of the end of their small businesses; for all, it meant added costs and delays.

Friends at the three major networks gave us great television coverage as we met at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Waikiki charting our defense, and again before the hearing as we demonstrated on the lawns of the Department of Agriculture. They also were right there at the hearing.

The hearing proved to be inconclusive. All that I learned from it was the deep animosities each group harboured against the other. The Poultry Association had even gone so far as to hire their own attorney, determined to prevent those persons involved with exotics from "putting them out of business with their VVND." All in all, it was little more than a shouting match. The results were that yet another hearing had to be called.

Arriving early on the date of the next hearing, I was able to talk directly to people from the poultry industry as well as other segments of aviculture. All agreed that we had a real problem, mostly from misunderstanding. When I proposed that we form a federation of persons representing all forms of aviculture, and that we pull together to solve our

common problems, I was awed at the enthusiastic response from all!

Today in our beautiful Aloha State stands a brand new board—The Hawaiian Federation of Aviculture. A member of the American Federation of Aviculture, it consists of the following: The Chairman, Dr. Nagao, Animal Industry Division, State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture; The Secretary, Dr. Miyahara, Cooperative Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Legal, Leo Young, Office of the Attorney General, State Capitol, Honolulu; State Coordinator, D. Randolph Colby, American Federation of Aviculture; American Racing Pigeons, Charles Weaver; Budgie Fanciers of Hawaii, Scott Smith; American Cockatiel Society, Roxanne Sullivan; Honolulu Canary and Finch, Joe Travaso; Gamecocks, Oliver Kapau; Egg Producers of Hawaii, Hube Burtner; Broilers and Chicken Growers, Don Takaki; Pet Store Owners, Jiro Matsui; Exotic Breeders, Tay Uyeda; Game Birds, Tom Mendes; U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Dr. David Gilhooly; Honolulu Zoo, Dr. Calvin Lum.

We stand ready to serve in an advisory capacity, the Governor, the Lt. Governor, the Attorney General, and the Chairman of the Board of Agriculture, with any problem they may assign to us. The first is guidelines for preventing the introduction of VVND into our state.

I'm sure that all problems assigned us will be difficult but with the deep sense of fraternity and our now-shared mutual goals, Aviculture in Hawaii will be far more gratifying.

D. Randolph Colby
 State Coordinator, Hawaii



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The State Coordinator in each state serves as the Federation's liaison between itself and the membership. It is the most important link in the chain of communications between the A.F.A. and its membership.

All coordinators are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of A.F.A. Coordinators have delegate status on the Board of Directors and as such take an active part in the decision making process of the organization.

At the present time coordinator positions are open in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, Mississippi, New Mexico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming. The other states do have coordinators, but some of these are not active.

If you are deeply interested in the welfare of aviculture and would like to work for its advancement, A.F.A. would be happy to consider your application to fill one of the existing vacancies or to evaluate your qualifications to carry out the responsibilities of A.F.A. representation in your state better than the presently appointed coordinator.

To respond, send a brief resume about yourself, your interest in aviculture and the reasons why you would like to serve as an A.F.A. State Coordinator to:

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