

IN MEMORIAM

John Radovich
April 1, 1921-June 27, 1981

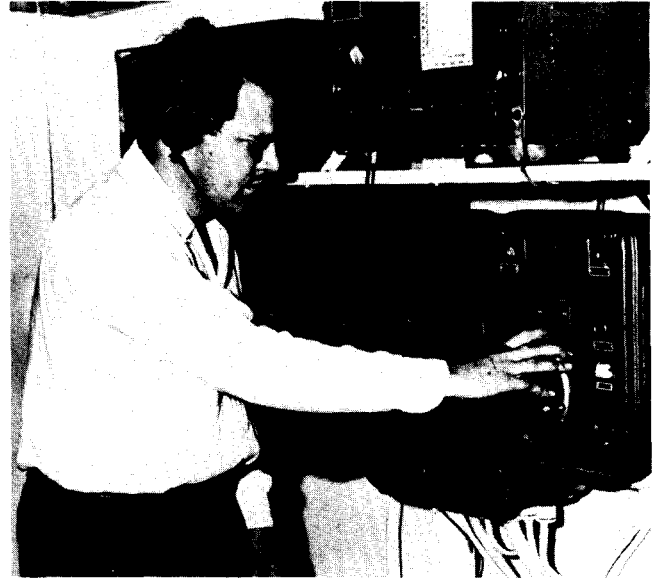
On Saturday, June 27, 1981, fishery science lost John Radovich, who died of a heart attack while playing tennis. He was 60 years old.

John Radovich's involvement with the sea began while he was in the U.S. Navy (1943-46), where he became a diver. After the war, he graduated from the University of Southern California with a degree in zoology. He later obtained a master's degree in public administration at Sacramento State University, and at the time of his death was in the latter stages of work toward a Ph.D. degree at University of California, Davis.

In 1949, John joined the California Department of Fish and Game as a seismic observer, and later became affiliated with the Sea Survey Project. He became Assistant Director of the California State Fisheries Laboratory at Terminal Island, spent 1955 in Sacramento as Assistant Marine Resources Branch Chief, and in 1956 became leader of the Pelagic Fisheries Investigations at Terminal Island. In 1963 he became Chief of Marine Resources Branch in Sacramento. Operations Resource Branch was created in 1969 with John at its helm. In 1979 he was appointed Senior Marine Advisor to the Director of the California Department of Fish and Game.

Radovich was involved with a number of professional, scientific, and fishery management organizations and committees. He was a member of the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists and, at the time of his death, president. He was a member of the American Fisheries Society and Pacific Fisheries Biologists, as well as a Research Associate in Oceanography, Marine Life Research Group, Scripps Institution of Oceanography. He served on a number of advisory committees dealing with living marine resources research. John was a member of the Scientific and Statistical Committee of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and was chairman of this committee at the time of his death. John was deeply involved with CalCOFI from its inception, and was a member of the CalCOFI Committee from 1957 to 1963 and from 1975 to the time of his death. Over the years, his influence and guidance helped mold CalCOFI policies and research activities.

John's numerous papers and publications concerning fisheries, population dynamics, and biological oceanography are a matter of record and need not be enumerated here.



John Radovich and sea survey equipment, 1950.

I knew John as a supervisor, a colleague, and—most of all—as a friend. He was a many-faceted individual. He had numerous interests, all of which he pursued with vigor. He was a yachtsman and a recreational fisherman. As a sports fan he was unsurpassed, especially with respect to USC. He was very competitive at tennis, both on and off the court, where he enthusiastically discussed previous or future matches. At conferences, workshops, or meetings, John's energy was very evident—be it during the meeting, while dining, in after-meeting scientific or philosophical discussions, or in recreational activities. His enthusiasm was infectious; what might start out as a rather routine discussion of a research project or proposal problem would end up with John eagerly suggesting possible approaches or solutions.

John was a gourmet, a cook, and really enjoyed both consuming and talking about fine foods and wines. He liked fine art and enjoyed viewing it. In fact, most activities in which John participated were approached with keen interest, warmth, and determination.

John Radovich—scientist, colleague, and friend—will remain deeply impressed in our memories. To his wife, Marie, and his sons, Bob and Don, I express our deep sympathy. It is with both sadness and honor that we dedicate this volume to him.

Herbert W. Frey