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## Richard A. Sweet

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*Class of 1927*

Retired vice president of the Aluminum Company of America, Richard Sweet was born and raised in Erie, Pa. He launched his ALCOA career as a sales trainee shortly after graduation. Following various sales and sales manager assignments in the New York and Cleveland offices, he transferred to Pittsburgh as manager of sheet and plate sales and became general manager of distribution in 1961. He was elected a vice president in 1969. Sweet was a leading proponent of the use of aluminum for monumental architecture in high-rise buildings and skyscrapers all over the world. He also was one of the pioneers who encouraged the sale of aluminum through distributors and, at the time of his award, more than 25 percent of ALCOA's sales were marketed through metal.

Sweet, also widely known in the sporting world, established as a retirement project for himself a business as consultant and lecturer on hunting and fishing expeditions. He had a large collection of trophies of North American, African and India game in the record class. His record Atlantic salmon (40 1/2 lbs. on a 5 oz. fly-rod) was publicized in Europe and North America. His films, particularly of Africa and Iceland were much in demand by sportsmen and civic organizations. He was a member of numerous professional organizations, ecological and conservation activities, and was on the advisory council of F & G Frontiers, Inc., in Wexford, Pa.

He passed away.

