

As an organization composed of business and professional men, Rotary has an unequalled opportunity to point the way toward an improvement in business relations and standards—and as a vast world-wide fellowship of men, Rotary can and should be in the forefront of any movement for "the advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace."

Rotary is on the march toward another great year of achievement. Let us go forward steadily—profiting by the experience of the past—but with our eyes set firmly on the future.

Richard C. Hedke, President, Rotary International

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Calcutta Rotary Serves

The Rotary Club of Calcutta, India, supports a Medical Centre, a Milk Centre, and a Free Kitchen. Over 5,400 cases were treated at the Medical Centre during 1945 and more than 500 persons were vaccinated for Small Pox and inoculated against Cholera and Typhoid.

The Milk Centre, catering to mothers, infants, and small children, has an average attendance of 100 daily. The total number of persons supplied with milk during 1945 was more than 37,000.

The Free Kitchen served over 4,500 cooked meals during the year.

More than 8,000 pieces of cloth were distributed by the Rotary Club Relief Centres during the Victory Celebration.

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Rotary and the United Nations

Very often we have said that the objectives of Rotary International and the United Nations are parallel at many points. This conclusion is again confirmed by a preliminary report of the Temporary Social Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the U. N. In what is called "a broad outline of social questions with which an international organization should concern itself" the Temporary Social Commission listed the following: (1) common human needs: such as housing, food, clothing, health, education, recreation; (2) social groups requiring special services: such as children, delinquents, rural populations, disabled persons.

Note how closely these lists of needs and social groups follow the pattern on which a Rotary club builds its local program of community service. Thus it is again apparent that international service begins in the home community. It is also apparent that a Rotary club doing a good job on the whole program of Rotary is making a very direct contribution to the world program of the United Nations.

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Slants at the Meeting

High praise was handed outgoing President Benny Hughes by Winthrop Leach as he presented to Benny the jeweled Past President's pin, and none can say the praise was any more than was deserved. With characteristic modesty, however, Benny declined to accept credit for the remarkable achievements of the past year, stating that every member of the club had played an important part, since every one was a member of some committee and each had served faithfully in his assignment. Particular tribute was paid to Chick Dollinger, Vice President, and Irwin Feray, Secretary, as those on whom the President had leaned most heavily for advice and assistance. Benny then proceeded to point out the fields in which the members had rendered outstanding service to Rotary, and in so doing he made one of the best talks on the "Four-Lane Highway of Rotary" that this club has ever heard. Handing the gavel over to President "Snow" Arthur, he automatically became Chairman of the Past President's Committee, but we who have watched him in action these past few years will not agree that he thereby becomes a "has been" or joins the ranks of "forgotten men." He will be heard from in Rotary for many years to come.

The spirit in which Snow Arthur accepted the Presidency of this club augurs well for the success of his administration. He enters the office a spirit of humility and a sense of responsibility that are plainly evident in his every utterance. No one in the organization understands Rotary better or loves Rotary more than Snow does. He is prepared to make whatever sacrifices may be necessary, in time, money, and effort, to promote the best interests of our club during this year. We have never seen anyone more truly in earnest or more completely unselfish in his desire for the success of an organization or a movement. He feels that Rotary has done much for him, and he wants to make the best possible contribution in return. He has devoted already much time

and thought to the making of plans for the coming year, and, with the able assistance of Herf Weinert and others, has outlined a committee set-up which has all the ear marks of success. But you cannot avoid the feeling that the man is entirely sincere when he invites suggestions and criticism. He means what he says. He has lived Rotary in his personal, business, and community life. His capacity for friendship is limitless. He has all the qualities of leadership and organizing ability. His trip to the Atlantic City convention filled him with Rotary ideas and fairly set him on fire with Rotary zeal. If his administration does not make a high mark, it will not be his fault, but ours. Let's give him the full and complete cooperation he deserves.

—Bill Campbell.

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Visiting Rotarians at July 3, 1946, meeting:
P. P. Butler, Banking, Houston.
Julius C. Foretich, Drilling Contractor, Conroe.
J. Roy Slover, Building Materials, Liberty.
Kit Kittrell, "Legs," Houston.
Thos. R. Davidson, Electrical Equipment, Liberty.

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Next week's meeting to be on roof.

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Chairman of last week's Program Committee was Whit Outlaw, who pronounced the invocation and later introduced Doc Leach for his presentation speech. Pat Peyton introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians. Rotary Sweetheart for the day, the young lady who assisted the Fellowship Committee in welcoming our guests, was Miss Carter Arthur, daughter of incoming President Snow.

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TABLE TALK—things and stuff about us everyone at one table said "amen" to Russell Phels intro of Irwin Feray, Jr. . . . just right, not too long . . . not too short . . . friendly and to the point. Ray Wynn perhaps we should have said "fashion Plate" Wynn was a study in "brown" at last meeting . . . what the well dressed man will wear "next" season. That "triple" against the Exporters was played over dozens of times and as many tables . . . "Dutch" Lorbeer has since said "'twas'nt no such thing" . . . "Dutch" says "it was just aggressive base runnin'" . . . talkin' 'bout triple plays what about all that soap (soft) passed among and between those at head-table Benny to Snow to Jenkins to Perk to Snow to Benny to Doc . . . Chick said "its pourin' from every pore" . . . any of you boys got a date for saturday nite? Frank Cantella swears there's always someone worse off than you are . . . he says they were "soundin'" for trucks and cars on Houston streets after a heavy dew last week. One TABLE TALK reporter reports that if a psychiatrist (spellin'?) could hear the chit-chat at his table they'd all be in Rusk. Joe Broussard still wants to know where Tom got all that Rice. Father Michalka (Ma-halk-a) after a meal like this I feel the need of a ROMEO Y JULIETA CORONATION DE LUXE SELECTION SUPERFINA . . .

(is that good?). Billy Bryant said that if Snow talked one minute longer he was goin' to fumble the ball and give us the "straight" dope about Atlantic City . . . that is, if he really went to Atlantic City. Hap also reports some doubt about Snow's attendance at the International meeting . . . no one could find him in the picture at the door. Homer Fort and other "shouters" discussin' relative merits of "dry cleanin'" . . . Oh yes, he was in on that triple play discussion too . . . fact is, he was tryin' to explain an unassisted T. P. . . . no one understood what he was talking about . . . reckon Homer figures if you can't convince 'em . . . confuse'em. Judge Strong and Steve king talkin' technicalities of law usin' such big words TABLE TALK reporter couldn't tell what they were saying . . . using Homers method I guess. Kyburz says working on the button board whets his appetite for lunch . . . (better quit Lee you can't win workin' up appetite for our lunches). (wonder what that "crack" will get for lunch next week?) George Hodgson got do durned excited the other day he forgot he was no longer a banker . . . a fellow went into his office and "asked" to buy some insurance . . . it upset George so much he said "no" before he thot.

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To Rotarians Everywhere:

At the Atlantic City Convention I had the soul-stirring experience of again greeting Rotary friends from 46 different countries, after an enforced separation of several years.

Coupled with joy at seeing old friends again was the realization that "our year" would be the first in several in which we would not be handicapped by an artificial barrier created through a lack of direct contact and communications with each other. With this realization came a feeling of great responsibility — which rests on your shoulders and mine — arising from the fact that in 1946-47 we shall have a greater opportunity than ever before to carry the high ideals of Rotary to a world which is so much in need of what Rotary has to offer.

Today the entire world is treading an almost uncharted path toward a goal which, as yet, is not clearly defined. One of the very few direction markers along that path is the one labeled "Rotary" — a sign-post which points to many years of successful and unique experience in the field of human relations on a world-wide scale. We must take advantage of the fact that we can again operate actively and openly in most of the world, to the end that we can assist humanity to define and discover the goal which it is seeking.

Without in any way diminishing our efforts to make our unit clubs even stronger — and while being of every possible service to our own communities—I call upon Rotarians everywhere to give special emphasis, during 1946-47, to our unusual opportunities in the rich fields of vocational and international service.