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War has emphasized the need for carrying out this purpose.

Experience over nearly forty years has shown clearly that recreation is a fundamental human need equally in peacetime as in wartime. The national recreation movement from a very small beginning has come to have a central part in American life. The recreation movement strives to offer opportunities for wholesome leisure-time activities to every age group in every community. Yet all over the world are groups who don't know how -- groups that are groping for the right answers to their recreation problems.