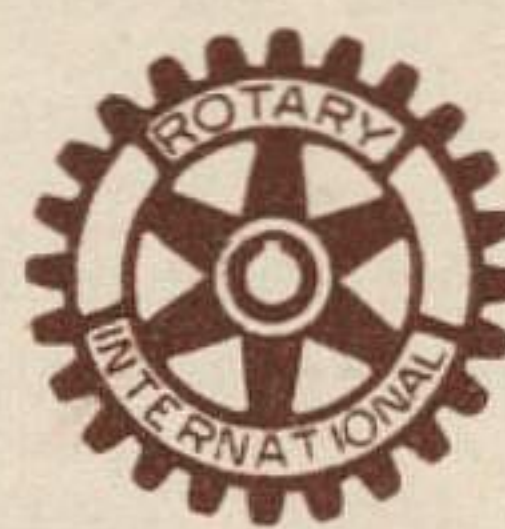


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To Club Presidents and Secretaries
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Legislation Adopted at St. Louis

Here is a summary of the legislation adopted at the convention in St. Louis. The complete text of all proposed legislation considered at St. Louis, together with the recommendations of the council on legislation and the action of the convention thereon, will be published in the convention proceedings book which is scheduled to be mailed around July first.

In order to organize more than one Rotary club in a city, it is necessary to get a release of the territory from the existing club or clubs. Enactment 43-1 amended this provision of the R.I. constitution to provide that when a club releases such territory it may retain the right to admit from the territorial limits of the new club or clubs, members whose business, executive duties, or professional activities are of a scope to include the entire city or municipal area.

The terms of reference of the finance committee of R.I. were clarified by the adoption of enactment 43-4.

To assure change of personnel on the committees of R.I., enactment 43-5 amended the by-laws of R.I. limiting the term of service to two years on the same R.I. committee, except there be specific provision to the contrary in the by-laws or by convention action.

Because world conditions prevent clubs from many parts of the world from being represented at the convention, resolution 43-6 suspended the convention attendance contest until such time as this suspension may be revoked by the R.I. board.

Resolution 43-8 approved amendments to the constitution of RIBI changing the designation of senior membership to senior active membership in accordance with similar action taken by R.I. at the Toronto convention last year.

In resolution 43-12 the convention provided for a continuation of the committee on participation of Rotarians in the post-war world for the duration of the present wars and for a period of at least two years thereafter.

The magazine committee of R.I. has been increased from five to six members by the adoption of resolu-

tion 43-13 which adds to the committee one director from the USCNB to serve for a term of one year. This legislation also directs the R.I. board to present to the next convention a proposed enactment to make the magazine committee a standing committee of R.I.

The position of Rotary with reference to a Rotarian's relation to his country was redefined in resolution 43-14 and the previous statement on this subject, adopted in resolution 29-13 of the 1929 (Dallas) convention, was rescinded.

Resolution 43-15 authorized the transfer of \$100,000 from the surplus funds of R.I. to the Rotary Foundation.

The terms of reference of the committee on relief to Rotarians were revised in resolution 43-16 and the procedure for handling the moneys in the fund was simplified and made more specific as to the R.I. board's final control on all expenditures.

Brisbane Provides Cigarette Lighters

Because the generally damp conditions in New Guinea made matches practically useless, the Rotary Club of Brisbane, Australia, started a campaign to collect cigarette lighters for reconditioning and distribution to the service men fighting in that territory. With the cooperation of other Rotary clubs in the district, some 200 lighters were collected, reconditioned and distributed. The need was thus brought to the notice of government authorities and steps were initiated for supplying a much greater quantity.

President Carbajal Says

If some of you have written me and haven't received an opportune reply to your letter, please do not attribute this to a lack of courtesy, which certainly I do not intend to show to my friends in Rotary for whom I have such deep affection. There are many reasons for thinking that a great number of letters, because of the war and resulting difficulties in handling the mail, has never reached me. Please accept my general apologies for any involuntary omissions which may thus have occurred.

Opportunities for New Members in Johannesburg

When a new member joins the Rotary Club of Johannesburg, South Africa, he receives a brief summary of the work of the various committees. This not only acquaints him with the fine work that the club is doing, but helps him discover the avenues of service into which he can best direct his own activities.

The summary is impressive because of the wealth of opportunities which it offers to the new members. To mention just a few:

The Boys Work Committee takes an active interest in boys' clubs and institutions; the Educational Facilities Committee each year assists some 50 boys and girls in securing an education; the Community Service Committee is interested in slum clearance and housing, the provision of adequate hospital facilities, penal reform, and transport problems due to war conditions; the Service Committee arranges an average of 25 motion picture shows or concerts per month at hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the aged; another committee directs its endeavors toward the enlightenment and welfare of the non-European peoples of the community; and the Rotary War Effort Committee raises funds for the amelioration of distress caused by war.

These are only a few of the avenues of service which are opened up to new members of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg. Small wonder that they quickly catch the spirit of Rotary and help make Johannesburg the successful Rotary club that it is.

Donald A. Adams, LL. D.

The degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) was conferred upon Past President of R.I. Donald A. Adams of New Haven, Conn., by Yankton College, Yankton, S. Dak., at the 61st annual commencement convocation on May 24th. Don gave the commencement address. Our congratulations to him on this honor.

Colonel E. W. Palmer

Past R.I. director E. W. Palmer of Kingsport, Tennessee, has entered the United States Army as a Colonel in the Adjutant General's Office. Prior to being commissioned, Rotarian Palmer was Deputy Director of the Printing and Publishing Division of the War Production Board of the United States.