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Chairman

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

(Advancing International Understanding and Good Will)

What Is International Service?

"To encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service"—this is the fourth object of Rotary. It is an international extension of the other three objects.

To understand "international service" one must appreciate that this phase of service is the Rotarian's effort to extend his horizon of thought and action beyond the borders of his own country. While he is a sincere and patriotic citizen of his own country, he desires to be thoughtful of and helpful to men of other lands and with them to advance international understanding and good will. This he seeks to accomplish by

developing his own understanding and good will with regard to peoples of other countries;

getting acquainted with people of other countries through personal contact in the Rotarian's own community, or by travel and attendance at conventions, etc., through reading and correspondence;

extending his knowledge of other countries and their culture, customs, accomplishments and aspirations;

trying to understand the point of view of peoples of other countries with regard to their problems;

becoming informed about the policies and issues which draw nations together or cause conflicts between them;

helping to arrange events such as forums, lectures, pageants, exhibits, etc., by which such knowledge of other countries and their peoples may be acquired;

studying what he, as a citizen, can do to make and keep his own country a worthy member of the family of nations—and then doing it;

studying post-war problems and Rotary's place in a post-war world. encouraging others to do all or some of these things.

Many Avenues Still Open

Rotarians should continue to work increasingly and with their best thought and effort to achieve the fourth object. While it is true that some opportunities have been lost, many others remain, providing a greater opportunity for Rotarians than before.

The war, with all of its cruelty and devastation, has opened a wide avenue for the development of understanding. Certain countries, whose people generally thought they had little in common, have been brought together in a