

him in public service in the community, it is a natural evolution and logical development of the Rotary ideal that Rotary should cause its members to recognize their responsibilities with regard to bringing about a new spirit in the world order. International service is not something superimposed upon Rotary; it is the carrying out of the program for "*the advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service*." The individual Rotarian is the interpreter of Rotary and it is by the fidelity with which he reflects its spirit that Rotary will be judged.

#### Outline of Policy of Rotary International in International Service

Rotary clubs in international service should bend their energies to the stimulation of thought and to the training of the individual Rotarian in open-mindedness rather than in an attempt to influence governments, world affairs and international policies by the corporate action either of Rotary International or Rotary clubs.

For guidance in international service activities the following principles, reaffirmed by the board of directors in July, 1940, are suggested:

1. Because corporate action by any organization on controversial subjects on which its members widely differ is generally inadvisable, no corporate action by Rotary International is desirable on such questions. Nevertheless the organization may properly promote discussion and information on controversial subjects in its conventions and in its publications;

but, where this is done, both sides of the question should be adequately presented.

2. A Rotary club may, with propriety, be used as a forum for the presentation of public questions, but where such questions are controversial, it is desirable, though not absolutely necessary, that both sides be adequately presented. No Rotary club should pass votes or resolutions on specific plans for dealing with international affairs, or direct appeals for action from clubs in one country to clubs, peoples or governments of another nation, nor circulate speeches or proposed plans for the solution of specific international problems.
3. When controversial international subjects are presented and discussed in a Rotary club, the speaker should be cautioned to avoid giving offense to Rotarians or the Rotary clubs of other countries, and it should be made clear that a Rotary club does not necessarily assume responsibility for opinions expressed by individual speakers at its meetings.
4. When two countries in which there are Rotary clubs are engaged in hostilities, or where hostilities are threatened, the utmost caution should be used by the clubs of the countries concerned and by clubs of other countries lest any attempted action may tend to ill will and misunderstanding rather than good will and understanding.
5. Those international service activities which tend to inform Rotarians and non-Rotarians of world problems and to develop public opinion are best suited to Rotary clubs; and Ro-