

# A Statement

by the chief executives of four great organizations

President Wheeler suggests that this statement be read to the club and, if convenient, printed in the club bulletin, as many members may wish to use it for reference.

★ We—the President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, the National Commander of the American Legion, the President of Rotary International, and the President of Kiwanis International—are of the opinion that our four organizations and all others representing labor, agriculture, business, industry, the arts, and the professions, should work vigorously together in the prosecution of this war to a speedy and successful conclusion and in the establishment of a firm foundation for the peace that is to follow.

The units of our respective organizations will be urged to dedicate their meetings, assemblies, activities, and objectives to the preservation of those principles and ideals for which men and women are sacrificing their lives.


Believing in the loyalty and ability of our individual members, and with faith in the strength of our respective units, we call upon them to intensify their efforts and to seek the cooperation of other organizations, and the support of all freedom-loving peoples of the world in the promotion of the following objectives:

1. Enthusiastic cooperation in all activities which will help to bring the war to a speedy and successful conclusion;
2. The assuming of a specific responsibility in the reconstruction period, to the end that we can help to create a world economy which will be free from the evils of tyranny, slavery, and oppression, and to maintain the personal liberty to plan, work, and live without fear of exploitation from any source;
3. To work together in the development of plans within each community which will bridge the period of reconversion from a wartime to a peacetime basis—to the end that the individual may be assured of opportunities in the kind of work he desires;
4. To work for an orderly but certain demobilization of wartime controls at the close of hostilities in order to foster and strengthen the system of free enterprise.

We further believe that in order to accomplish these objectives, it will be necessary for our organizations and the individual units of our organizations to promote by word and deed such specific activities as:

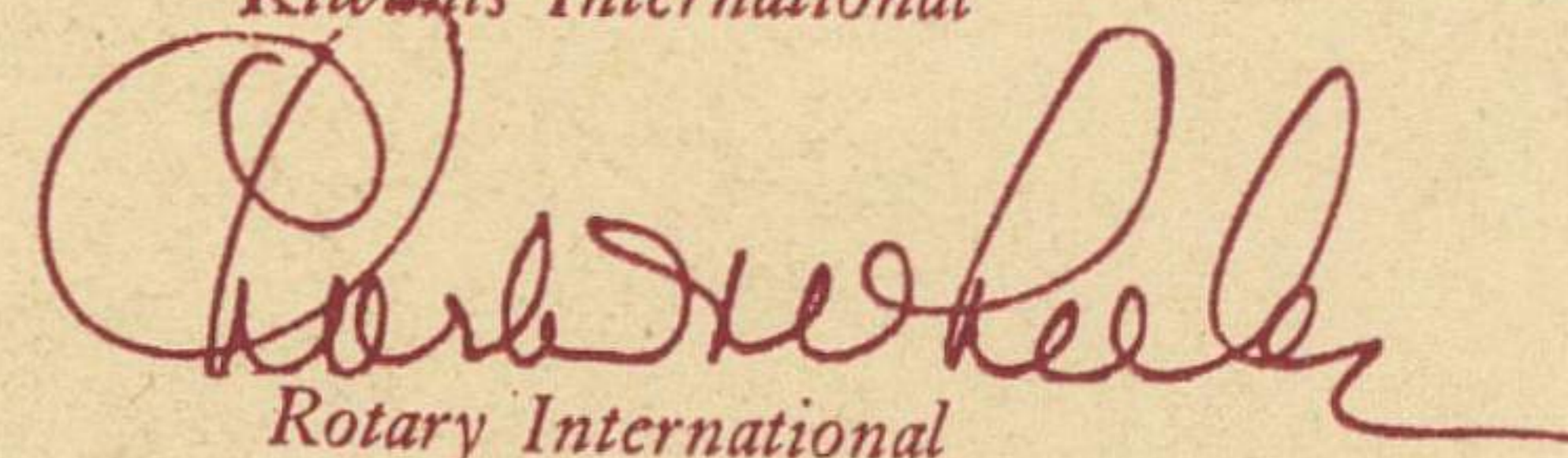
1. The development of sound fiscal policies which will permit men to build reasonable but adequate reserves for the promotion of legitimate business and industry as a service to society, thereby aiding in the development of new frontiers for individual opportunity and which will promote high living standards;
2. An equitable plan for the care, rehabilitation and employment of servicemen and women;
3. A program of education which will develop an intelligent and interested citizenry—fully appreciative of the privileges granted by a free democracy, but truly aware of the individual responsibilities entailed therein;
4. Training of youth in the ideals and responsibilities of citizenship and developing in them an understanding and appreciation of the opportunities in free enterprise.

We offer our support to all other organizations striving for similar objectives:

  
U. S. Chamber of Commerce

  
American Legion

  
Kiwanis International

  
Rotary International

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