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To Club Presidents and Secretaries



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A New Rotary Club in China's "Most Bombed" City

A new Rotary club at Kweilin, China, with 26 charter members, has just been admitted to membership in R.I.

Statistics displayed at the recent National Defense Science Exhibition in Chungking reveal that during the past seven years, Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi Province, was raided 1,666 times by an aggregate number of 7,620 enemy planes and bombed 565 times.

Welcome to Kweilin! With this addition, there are now eight Rotary clubs functioning in Free China.

You Never Can Tell

The grant-in-aid of 5,000 Swiss francs for the relief of Rotarians and their families in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, which was recently made from the Relief Fund for War-Affected Rotarians, had a special meaning for the Rotary Club of Coronado, California. The chairman of the international service committee of that club was born in Schaffhausen and it was his committee which was responsible for a very generous contribution which that club made to the Relief Fund some months ago. Little did he know that his efforts would be of direct benefit to the Rotarians in his native town.

Work Pile in India

Rotarian N. C. Ghose of the Rotary Club of Calcutta, in an address on "The Work Pile and India" said:

The post-war problem of this country differs very materially from such problems in most of the countries of the world. This difference basically lies in the extreme poverty of the masses in India . . . While in other countries the problem is mostly rehabilitation of industries which have been destroyed by the war, in India it is a case of industrialisation and in the ultimate sense, the removal of the chronic poverty prevalent in the country.

A Field of Opportunity

Whatever his interest and talents may be, every Rotarian will find in the Rotary program opportunities to be thoughtful of and helpful to others.

TODAY'S SERVICE STORY

Recently Rotarian Germán Granda of Lima, Peru, delivered an address on South America at Mundelein College in Chicago. Following his address, he asked how many of his 300 listeners were students of the Spanish language, and was disappointed that only a very small number replied in the affirmative.

To promote the interest of the students in the study of the Spanish language, Rotarian Granda made the following offer:

a prize every year to the best student of the Spanish language at Mundelein College, the prize to consist of a Peruvian object of art, and to be delivered, in or about the month of May, so that it will be in the hands of the college before the annual examinations.

Rotarian Granda's offer was accepted. The prize will be known as "Granda's Prize for the propagation of the Spanish Language."

In the coming air age, distances will melt away and knowledge of the English and Spanish languages will be all-important to the peoples of the Western Hemisphere. Congratulations to Rotarian Granda for what he is doing in promoting the learning of the Spanish language.

Phil

Rotary at a Glance

5,210 Rotary Clubs
226,800 Rotarians

(Of these, 53 clubs with 1,650 members in war-affected countries are inactive.)

159 New Clubs in 26 Countries
Since July 1, 1943

Home for Students Founded by Rotarians

Last year the first Rotary club in the Dominican Republic was founded at Ciudad Trujillo, the capital city. President Fernando Carbajal attended the charter meeting. One of the honored guests was H. E. Generalissimo Rafael Leonidas Trujillo, President of the Republic, who is honorary president of the Rotary club.

The club has been doing excellent work. As its contribution to President Trujillo's plan to improve the educational system of the Republic, the Rotary club recently founded a "Students' Home" to accommodate students coming to the capital from the interior of the country to study at the University of Ciudad Trujillo.

The Secretaries of State, Education and Fine Arts, and prominent members of the Church as well as leaders in the educational and social life of the Republic were present when the Home was formally dedicated.

As this News Letter goes to press, the good news is received that a second Rotary club in the Dominican Republic has been admitted to membership in R.I.—at Puerto Plata.

Khartoum Rotarians Support Girls' Education

The Rotary Club of Khartoum, The Sudan, has undertaken as its major community service effort the furtherance of girls' education which the club feels is in particular need of support.

The club is allotting £100 per year for this purpose, which will cover the annual tuition fees of ten girls who will be selected by a committee of Rotarians from a list submitted by the education department. To supplement this, Rotarians and their wives will maintain a continuous personal contact with school teachers and pupils through visits to schools, invitations to teachers and students to visit members' homes, the arranging of school expeditions to the cinema, to museums, and to the zoo.

Khartoum Rotarians believe that this program will help to focus public attention on girls' schools and thus eventually lead to wider public interest in and support of female education.