splendid progress which they have made may be gauged by the fact that four new Rotary Clubs in that country have been admitted to membership in RI during the past twelve months. The excellent work which the Swedish Rotarians and the Swedish nation generally are doing to relieve the suffering of its war-stricken neighboring Scandinavian countries, was also described by Rotarian Velander.

China was the next stop on this round-the-world tour. Rotarian G. H. Wang, Chinese Vice Consul at New Orleans, Louisiana, and nephew of RI Director-Elect C. T. Wang, told of the grave problems confronting Rotary in China, the difficulty of fixing a time or place for meetings because the building might not be standing when the time for a meeting came around, or an air raid might be on which would make it necessary to go to an air raid shelter. Despite such obstacles, Rotarian Wang reported that the Clubs in Free China are carrying on and have in fact added two new Clubs to their number during the past Rotary year. Rotarian Dr. W. W. Pettus, Past President of the Rotary Club of Changsha, China, told of the courageous manner in which that Club has coped with the almost insurmountable problems facing it, and has been able to accomplish splendid humanitarian work for thousands of war refugees.

The status of Rotary in Mexico, the contribution which that country is making toward the victory of the United Nations, and the fine relationship between Mexico and others of the United Nations, particularly the U.S.A., were discussed by Director Carlos Collignon of Guadalajara, Mexico. Particularly interesting was his statement that 100,000 Mexican workers have been taken from the fields, factories, and railways of Mexico in order to help the U.S.A. meet its war production problems, and that some 10,000 Mexican citizens residing in the United States are serving in the Armed Forces.

The International Kaleidoscope closed in a blaze of color with a brilliant address by RI Past Vice-President Col. Carlos P. Romulo, of Manila, Philippine Islands. Speaking on behalf of the peoples of the Far East—half of the peoples of the entire world—who are now living under the heel of the oppressor, he thrilled his audience in a dramatic appeal for freedom and justice for these "Unconquerables" who represent the undaunted spirit of freedom everywhere and who are unceasingly and relentlessly resisting the invader.

Col. Romulo's address completed the general program of the evening, but the official delegates remained in the Convention hall for almost two hours longer for the business session which was marked by animated discussion and lively debate on many issues. The action of the Convention on proposed enactments and resolutions is recorded on page 6 of this report.

No Sessions Saturday or Sunday

Saturday and Sunday were devoted to sessions of the International Assembly, so there were no plenary sessions of the Convention.

★ ★

President-Elect Wells Speaks at Special Luncheon

On Monday, the participants in the Convention and the International Assembly attended a special luncheon where President-Elect Richard H. Wells introduced his Board. In an inspiring address, he forecast that the coming year—during which Rotary will celebrate its fortieth anniversary—will be a victory year for Rotary, and he stated that it is time for Rotarians to reaffirm their belief in the aims and objects of Rotary. The past successes which Rotary has had he attributed to the fact that Rotary has never tried to reform people, has never tried to change their beliefs or opinions, but has only endeavored to add to the idealism of their lives.

★ ★

Monday Afternoon Session

At the final plenary session on Monday afternoon, the Convention elected Directors of RI, the elective officers of the General Council of RIBI, and the District Governors and RI Representatives.

Sir Gerald Campbell, British Minister in Washington and Special Assistant to the British Ambassador in the United States, then delivered his address on "What Are the Nations Striving For?" in which he expressed the hope that mutual confidence between the United Nations will be solidly established and maintained to the end that effective international cooperation may prevail in the postwar world.

The challenge of the future, particularly as it pertains to Rotary, was the subject of an address by Past President Will R. Manier, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee, who commanded the rapt attention of the Convention with the lucid interpretation of the role which Rotary can and must play in the days that lie ahead.

Datus Proper of San Antonio, Texas, presented the report of the Election Arrangements Committee, and Frank Phillips of Ithaca, New York, reported for the Credentials Committee. The final session of the Convention was then concluded with a message from President Wheeler and the traditional singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Report of the Registration Committee

There were 266 Rotarians in attendance at the Convention from the following 26 countries:

Argentina
Australia
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
Chile
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
England
India
Mexico
Netherlands West Indies
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Panama
Peru
Puerto Rico
Sweden
Switzerland
Union of South Africa
United States of America
Uruguay

★ ★

Council on Legislation

The Council on Legislation of the 1944 Convention met on Thursday afternoon, May 18th. Thorough consideration was given to all proposed enactments and resolutions, and although there was considerable debate concerning some of the proposed legislation, the Council was able to formulate its recommendations in record time because of the limited number of matters to be presented to the Convention for action.

★ ★

A Romantic Journey

On Sunday evening the participants in the Convention took a "Romantic Journey on the Wings of Song" to the colorful countries of Ibero America. The program, which featured songs and dances by the talented Navarro sisters, also included travelogues in technicolor and piano selections by Miss Elena Hitchcock, daughter of Mervyn Hitchcock, of San Francisco, California, Governor of the 104th District.