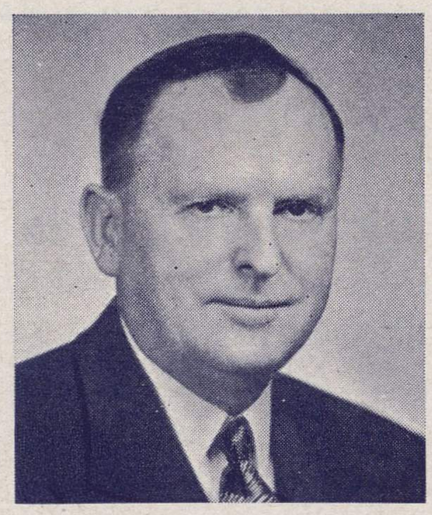
## CHARLES L. WHEELER
### President, RI

If the world of tomorrow is to be worthy of the sacrifices of today, it must be based on the great principles for which Rotary stands. We are proud of



the manner in which Rotary Clubs everywhere have responded to the unusual needs created by a world at war. The real test for humanity, however, will come when the last shot of this war is fired. Will we be able to face the problems of peace with the same courage and fortitude with which we have faced the problems of war? Today we present a united front against a common foe, because we can visualize that enemy as other human beings who would impose their philosophy of life upon us, against our will. Tomorrow we will again be facing the less tangible, but no less dangerous enemies of crime, poverty, disease, famine, greed, and all of their allies. Will these enemies of mankind be aided and abetted by the fifth column of indifference within our ranks?

If we are able to learn any lesson from this terrible war, it should be in the value of unity, coordination, and cooperation. Through those attributes we are winning glorious victories on the field of battle. Let us learn to use them, also, in helping to build a world which will be worthy of the sacrifices we have made—a world in which the spirit of service will be the governing principle in the lives of men.

## ARMANDO PEREIRA
### Past President, RI

I feel proud that since the time of the Brazilian Empire, our foreign policy has run parallel and in absolute accord with that of the U.S.A. The ties which unite my country to the U.S.A. and Great Britain are very soon going to be still more solidly cemented, with the strongest of all cements: blood. Our air forces are already cooperating in Africa and our first Army Expeditionary Forces are awaiting orders to depart!

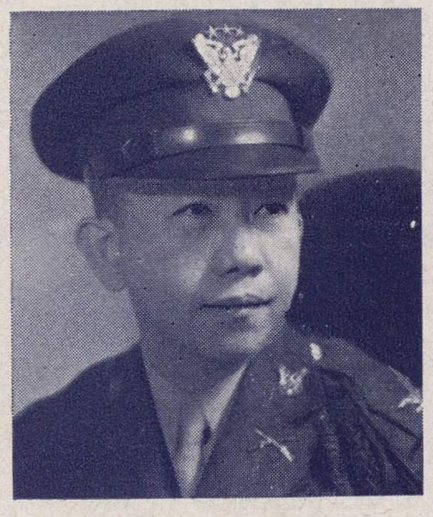
Allow me to say something more clearly interpreting the sentiment of Brazilians: Even if it were to go down in defeat, Brazil would still be friendly, brotherly, and indestructably tied, as in the past, to the same fate and destiny as the U.S.A.

America — land of liberty — where men fought for their freedom; America, where borders do not serve to divide but to unite peoples and nations; America, where Rotary was born to inspire and teach men how to live in harmony! North, Central, and South America are only geographical designations, for there is only one America, your land, my land, the land of our sons!

To have faith and perseverance is to have confidence in self strength. I believe in God. I believe in America and in the intelligence and kindheartedness of its people. I believe in Rotary as a powerful means of establishing friendliness and justice for the reconstruction of the better world of tomorrow for mankind.

## COL. CARLOS ROMULO
### Past Vice-President, RI

I want to call to the attention of this conference—in behalf of the millions of Orientals who will have to play a vital role in the postwar world of tomorrow—the problem of extending the influence of Rotary in that part of the world after the defeat of Japan.

The countries in the Far East will need, after the war, more than anywhere else and more than at any time before, the vitalizing force and influence of Rotary. Rotary must focus its spotlight on the Orient where it has an unlimited field of expansion and service, a field where its high ideals have so far not been heard adequately and applied, a field so rich in possibilities that nobody who has the interests of Rotary at heart can afford to ignore the tremendous opportunities which it offers.

In an even more important sense, Rotary should fix its attention on the Far East because it is the stage whereon the next great drama of our time will be enacted. After the achievement of victory, the Far East will be the theater of great happenings. If Rotary is to be true to its name, it must seek every means by which its participation in those tremendous happenings may be insured. The spotlight of contemporary history has been focused upon the Far East. May the spotlight of Rotary idealism and achievement be focused in the same direction with equal clarity and force.