

others, have been making studies for months. In other countries similar efforts are undoubtedly being made. Rotary's unique role is due to its location in so many cities and towns of numerous countries and to its representative character due to the classification of its individual members. Its established policy of cooperating with others for community welfare is an added characteristic that will make its role significant.

What Is the Work Pile Project?

As conceived by the board of directors of Rotary International it is an activity for Rotary clubs everywhere, through initiative, cooperation and sustained interest, to find and record the jobs of all kinds which will become available when the war ends. The magnitude of the task and its tremendous possibilities are indicated by C.E.D. Chairman Paul Hoffman's remark that in the United States there are 130,000,000 post-war plans, meaning that practically every man, woman and child will have needs and desires to be satisfied which will create work for others.

What Clubs Can Engage in the Work Pile Project?

ALL OF THEM! The work pile project is not confined to the United States. In Canada—Australia—South America—in each country where Rotary clubs are located—there will be an imperative need to solve the problems of post-war production and employment. We are involved in a world economy, and the failure to recognize this in one part of the world may seriously hamper the efforts in others.

Neither is this an activity which is limited to the larger cities or industrial centers. If the work pile idea is to succeed there must be an inventory of potential post-war work that will reach even the smallest communities and extend from there out into the rural areas.

What the Work Pile Will Accomplish

The world is witnessing the greatest shortage of consumer goods since the advent of the industrial era. Even without a study we know that immediately following the close of the war there will be an unprecedented demand for repairs and replacement. Under the

Work Pile project we shall know approximately the extent of that demand in all lines.

Example: Smithville is a community of 5000 population. A Work Pile survey is made, and among many items it is found that 300 citizens contemplate putting new roofs on their homes just as soon as possible after the war. What is the benefit of this information?

- A** The contractors and carpenters of Smithville know approximately how much help and how much material they will have to have in order to take care of this Work Pile.
- B** The boys from Smithville, who are in the service, and who are qualified to do this kind of work have their morale strengthened by the knowledge that these jobs are definitely waiting for them.
- C** The lumber and hardware dealers of Smithville can figure approximately how much material will be needed and can arrange accordingly for necessary increase in plants and personnel.
- D** The wholesalers, having this information from Smithville and all other communities in their trade territory, can also make their plans accordingly.
- E** The mills, knowing something of the total demand, will be in a position to make the necessary financial and other arrangements to care for this production and will be ready to offer immediate employment to thousands of men.

Obviously it will not be possible to do all of the work immediately after the war. This Work Pile may provide jobs for several years.

Initiative by Rotary Clubs

The R.I. board thinks of Rotary clubs and Rotarians as initiators, "stirrer-uppers," in the Work Pile project. The first Work Pile duty of a Rotary club is to find out whether any survey of this kind is in process in its community. Rotary's policy is to cooperate, not to compete or to duplicate. If it is found that a survey has been undertaken, then the Rotary club's function is to encourage its members to become active and to help make the survey truly community-wide and successful to the maximum. The Rotary club can also resolve to keep the activity functioning until the job is done.