

WORK PILE PROJECT

Gets under way

Many Rotarians and clubs have already indicated their approval of the very practical post-war activity of planning a post-war work pile now.

The project will focus the attention of every individual wherever located on the part he or she can take in helping to solve a very difficult post-war problem.

The work pile developed in any community may not be 100% accurate but it will indicate a very definite trend and desire on the part of the residents of each community to do something to provide jobs for demobilized soldiers and war workers after the cessation of hostilities.

The details of procedure were set forth on page 3 of the folder recently sent to the clubs in the USCNB—We repeat them.

IN TIME OF WAR—HELP WIN THE WAR

Plan a post-war work pile now

Ascertain if any work pile project is already under way in the community as for instance a Committee for Economic Development activity; a local group functioning under the auspices of the National Retail Dry Goods Association; a chamber of commerce activity or some other group. If so, in the traditional Rotary manner, encourage club members to become active in such a survey by helping to make it community wide and successful to the maximum. The Rotary Club can resolve to keep the activity functioning until the job is done. It may be that the plans of any existing group do not contemplate going to the entire community but only to a part of it—the Rotary club can suggest and direct the extension of the plan to cover all phases of community life.

If there is no survey of post-war jobs under way, the Rotary club can proceed as follows:

Have the club board of directors consider the project and come to a conclusion as to the best method of proceeding.

Present the entire project and the board's plan of action to the entire club for its information and approval.

Since it is not planned that the survey shall be made exclusively by the Rotary club but rather by representatives of all organizations in the community, call in representatives of every other organized group in the community to present the plan of action and develop a community wide committee to undertake the building of the post-war work pile.

The representatives of these organizations may well be termed a community council (perhaps organized only for the work pile project). This council will consider ways and means of building the work pile—

How will it get the desired information?

What central clearing house will it provide to receive and compile the data obtained?

How will it finance the survey—i.e. provide for the printed forms—secure clerical help to follow through, etc.?

How shall the surrounding rural territory be covered?

The Rotary club as the initiator should periodically check up on the progress to make certain that the survey is progressing according to the prearranged plan. Reports should be made to the club—periodical reports can be given to the local press—summations in any given field can be provided to the local press.

Subsequently there will be sent to each Rotary club information as to the centralizing of this information, and further steps as to the follow through after the survey is made for this is only the first step—the work pile must be put into operation at the proper time and this activity will be of an entirely different sort. Suggestions as to that phase of the problem will be sent later.

(An outline for a program on the work pile was sent to all Rotary clubs in the USCNB—see No. 625)