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SIXTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 241

SUNDAY - MAY 1, 1955

5:30 P. M.

GENERAL OGLETHORPE HOTEL

WILMINGTON ISLAND

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

# **"Radiating Rotary"**

at the

## **Governor's Banquet**

Sixth District Rotary Conference

241st District



General Oglethorpe Hotel

Wilmington Island

Savannah, Georgia

May 2, 1955

Sylvania Rotary Club Host



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Service Above Self

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 241



HERBERT J. TAYLOR  
PRESIDENT  
1954 - 1955

*This Certificate of Appreciation for Service to His Club  
and*

The Celebration of The Golden Anniversary

*Is Presented to*

*Sam W. Wells*  
CHAIRMAN



*The Rotary Club of*

*St. Simons Island, Ga.*

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

MAY 2, 1955



HUGH HILL  
DIST. GOVERNOR  
1954 - 1955

*Erwin W. Busch*  
CHAIRMAN

GOVERNOR

*He Profits Most Who Serves Best*

## Voyage Planned For Boat Owners

The St. Simons unit of U. S. Power Squadrons is planning a rendezvous voyage Sunday.

Boat owners will meet at 10 a. m. Sunday morning at the county marina on the island and begin a cruise to Butler's Point, the rendezvous. Swimming and fishing are planned there.

Lunch will be provided by Bennie Gentile, manager of the Frederica Yacht Club and a member of the unit. The price will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under six.

Registration must be made by calling Dick Conger, St. Simons 4751, or by sending him a post card.

## Showers Avoid Boats on Day's Family Cruise

Overcast skies and thunder rumblings failed to dampen interest in the sail yesterday for pilots of the St. Simons unit of the United States Power Squadrons.

The boat owners departed on schedule for a day-long outing and their luck held out, the Sunday thunderstorms that enveloped the area never touching them.

Butler Point, a two-hour, 20-mile run, was rendezvous point. There dinner was served by Bennie Gentile, Frederica Yacht Club manager and member of the unit, and children went swimming.

Commandant M. F. Landesburg of Jesup of the "Teirrah" had as guests three other Jesup families.

Former Commandant A. R. Sellers had with him Chief Dick Conger, Navy photographer, and Dr. James A. Wood, new Brunswick Rotary president, and their families.

W. H. Swinney had aboard Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Black, Donny Doyle, Miss Ammie Ree Penn, Miss Nancy Cooper, and Miss Mary T. McKenna.

Other boats were piloted by E. J. Warren, Jennings R. Burns, Dr. Mack Simmons, Henry R. Moss and R. C. West, most of them accompanied by their families, and some by friends.

## Box Supper Set By Island Rotary

St. Simons Rotarians and their Rotaryans will meet tomorrow night at the Frederica Yacht Club for an evening of fellowship and fun.

Each Rotaryann will bring a box supper to be auctioned off. The winner of each box will find the name of his partner on the inside of the box.

The party, to begin at 8 p. m., will take the place of the Wednesday meeting. Visiting Rotarians have been invited.

## Bennie Gentile Named President Of Trade Board

Bennie Gentile, manager of the Frederica Yacht Club, was elected yesterday as new president of the St. Simons Island Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Gentile will succeed W. A. Cullens, Jr., who was named vice president for the coming year.

Mrs. Robert Weidner, operator of Roberta's shops, was elected treasurer of the chamber.

Mrs. Louise Smith will continue as secretary of the chamber. Mrs. J. W. Jernigan was elected assistant secretary.

The election was made by the board of directors named by the membership at large recently.

Several suggestions regarding changes in the constitution and by-laws were discussed and when plans are completed a special meeting of all members will be called, Mr. Gentile said.

W. H. Backus was appointed chairman of the constitution and by-laws committee.

### SEE DRUG MOVIES

J. T. Manning, sales representative for a pharmaceutical house, showed moving pictures of his company's methods yesterday to the St. Simons Rotary Club.

### TO ADDRESS CLUB

The Rev. P. E. Miller, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Vidalia, who is visiting the Methodist Center, will address the St. Simons Rotary Club tomorrow at the King and Prince Hotel.

## C. Robert West Named Agents' Vice President

C. Robert West of St. Simons Island has been elected first vice president of the Georgia Association of Insurance Agents.

The election was held during the association's annual meeting in Atlanta.



HONORED—J. R. Bankston, right, manager of the Georgia Power Company on St. Simons Island, receives a watch and 40-year service emblem from C. W. Roberts, vice president and Macon division manager of the company. Mr. Bankston was honored at a luncheon yesterday in Brunswick. He began work for the company in 1915 in Brunswick and has been local manager on St. Simons since 1938.



ROTARY GOVERNOR GREETs SUCCESSOR—Hugh Hill of Savannah, left, retiring governor of

Bank of Commerce and Savings

Washington, D.C.

THOMAS J. GROOM  
PRESIDENT

March 1, 1955

Dear Bob:

I am back on the job, but with pleasant memories of my visits to your Club and the many courtesies extended to me. I am especially grateful to you.

I want to congratulate you and the members of your Club on the fine programs which you have been conducting. They would be a credit to any Club, regardless of size.

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed newspaper clipping, as I remember the chart prepared by your International Service Committee.

I look forward to seeing you next winter, if not before.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas J. Groom

Mr. G. Robert West  
St. Simons Rotary Club  
St. Simons Island, Georgia



—Star Staff Photo.

**ROTARY GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED**—What Rotary International has meant during its first 50 years was pointed up yesterday at thanksgiving services at Washington Cathedral. Participating were (left to right): The Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, jr., Dean of the Cathedral; the Right Rev. Angus Dun, Bishop of Washington; Granville Gude, president, Washington Rotary Club; Senator Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico, past International Rotary president, and the Rev. Elton Trueblood, chief of Religious Policy, United States Information Service.

## 7,000 Attend Cathedral Rites Marking Rotary Anniversary

Prayers of thanksgiving were offered at Washington Cathedral by Washington Rotarians yesterday to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Rotary International.

More than 7,000 persons attended the solemn, colorful service in which the Right Rev. Angus Dun, Bishop of Washington, the Rev. Elton Trueblood, chief of Religious Policy of the United States Information Service, and Senator Anderson, Democrat, of New Mexico, participated.

In the principal address Dr. Trueblood said the greatest significance of Rotary has been its dramatization of three great American ideals.

### Work, Service and Peace

These ideals, the dignity of work, the principle of volunteer service and the philosophy of peace through international friendship, are exemplified in the activities of Rotary Clubs all over the world, he said.

Dr. Trueblood warned that an ever-present danger lies in the tendency to look upon another man with contempt because of the type of work he does.

"We must dedicate ourselves to a society in which we do not allow class distinctions to arise," he warned.

He commended Rotarians for their efforts to keep alive the spirit of volunteer service as a bulwark against a "monolithic" government. Without volunteer service the tendency to allow government to "take over all tasks" would be accelerated, he said.

In the field of international understanding, Dr. Trueblood said, Rotarians have made significant contributions. The world's only hope for peace lies in the continued building of friendship between Nations and an adherence to principles of justice and fair play.

### Bishop Leads Prayers.

Bishop Dun led the audience in recital of a prayer of thanksgiving and Senator Anderson, a past president of Rotary International, read the lesson.

Special prayers based on Rotary's objectives of vocational, international, community and club service were read by Ralph W. Lee, Robert B. Riley, Linton M. Collins and Chauncey B. Hanby, committee chairmen of the Washington club.

Flags representing many of the more than 80 countries and territories in which Rotary Clubs have been established were massed at the altar for the benediction by Bishop Dun.



**ROTARY**

**INTERNATIONAL**

**1955**

*Golden Anniversary*

*Convention*

**CHICAGO**

# A BRIEF REPORT

## ON THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION OF Rotary International



29 MAY-2 JUNE, 1955—CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, U.S.A.

Chicago gave a tremendous welcome to Rotary's Golden Anniversary Convention. There were "Welcome" window posters and decorations everywhere.

Arriving delegates and their ladies found that every detail for their comfort and entertainment had been thoroughly planned. The Host Club Convention Committee had for many months planned intensively that this Golden Anniversary Convention be truly one that would be long remembered.

Rotarians came from 64 countries and geographical regions, and discovered upon arrival that while in another country they were nevertheless completely at home and among Rotary friends who were ready to extend themselves in making sure that their experience in the city of Rotary's birth would be a happy one.

Golden Anniversary badges were seen everywhere on the streets, in hotels, and in restaurants. It was a cosmopolitan gathering of Rotarians from the far corners of the earth. Their classifications were all different, but they had Rotary in common and each found together the meaning of service and an experience in the welding influence of Rotary that brought them close and made them friends.

It was truly a GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION and Rotarians and their ladies will be talking for many, many months to come of their experience in Rotary friendship and international understanding!

### Musical Prelude

The official program called it the "Prelude to the Convention"—but it was more than that—much more. For the Sunday evening program was shared jointly by the great 120-piece Chicago Symphony Orchestra, conducted by John Weicher, and



A. Z. Baker of Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. (left), was elected at the Chicago Convention to succeed Herbert J. Taylor, of Chicago, (right) as President of Rotary International for 1955-56.

the Varsity Glee Club of Purdue University, of more than 100 voices, directed by Rotarian Albert P. Stewart, of Lafayette, Indiana, U.S.A.

Both the orchestra and the glee club presented a lively program of classical and popular music and singing, culminating in Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," immediately followed by the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in which both orchestra and glee club joined in a triumphant outpouring of music and song which brought the great audience to its feet—an impressive, magnificent prelude to the events to follow during the week.

### "House of Friendship"

Those were the words in large letters over the portal of the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Sherman—and they reflected the spirit that prevailed within the huge room which literally served during the

Convention Week as the "crossroads" of the Rotary world!

Here one's eyes focussed immediately upon a mammoth birthday cake, fashioned from papier-mache, with 50 "Golden" candles—and surmounting the cake a large 15-foot Rotary wheel, and in place of hub and spokes, a transparent globe of the world slowly revolving. At either end of the room, one could see displayed on decorated pylons, the hundreds of Rotary Club banners presented through the years to the Rotary Club of Chicago by overseas Rotarians. They spelled out in colorful designs and municipal shields, the true internationality of Rotary. Also surmounting these pylons were Rotary wheels slowly revolving, reminders of the movement of time and tide—and the brief time that exists in which to make the most of the opportunity for friendly fellowship.

As these lines are written, the House of Friendship is filled with many Rotarians and their ladies—filled to overflowing—and if one does not speak the language of his neighbor, he seeks the aid of a green-beribboned interpreter—and all is well.

House of Friendship—Crossroads of the Rotary World!

### Anniversary Album!

Delegates will long remember the colorful, stirring pageant which featured the Monday night program—a feature staged and directed by Helen Ticken Geraghty, with a large cast of singers, dancers and actors.

The Chicago Stadium—scene of all Convention sessions—colorfully decorated—and of huge dimensions—was filled long before the opening time for this feature. Suddenly the great auditorium darkened—and a



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION  
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CHICAGO 1955



PRELUDE  
TO THE  
CONVENTION



CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

*Conducted by John Weicher*

FRANCES YEEND, *Lyric Soprano*

*Soloist*

VARSITY GLEE CLUB OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY

*Conducted by Albert P. Stewart*

CHICAGO STADIUM

*Sunday Evening, May 29, 1955 at 8:30 p.m.*



*Golden Anniversary Convention*  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



# Daily Bulletin

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

### Rotary International

Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1955

## Today's Program

### Registration and Presentation of Credentials

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Exhibition Hall, Conrad Hilton Hotel

House of Friendship and Youth Hub are open at the Hotel Sherman

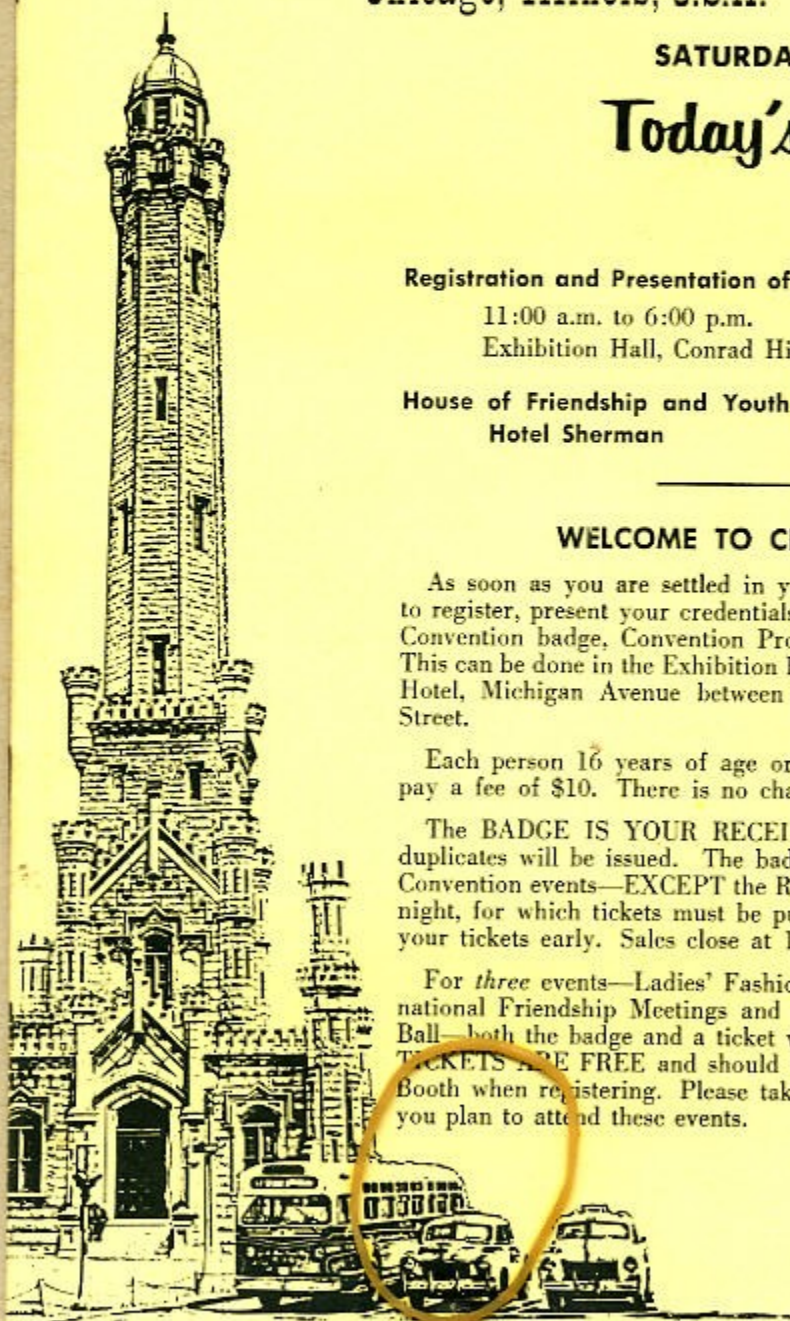
### WELCOME TO CHICAGO!

As soon as you are settled in your hotel, you will want to register, present your credentials and secure your official Convention badge, Convention Program Book, tickets, etc. This can be done in the Exhibition Hall of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Michigan Avenue between Balbo Avenue and 8th Street.

Each person 16 years of age or over must register and pay a fee of \$10. There is no charge for those under 16.

The **BADGE IS YOUR RECEIPT**. Do *not* lose it—no duplicates will be issued. The badge will admit you to all Convention events—EXCEPT the Regional Dinners Tuesday night, for which tickets must be purchased separately. Buy your tickets early. Sales close at 1 p.m. on Monday.

For *three* events—Ladies' Fashion Show and Tea, International Friendship Meetings and the Golden Anniversary Ball—both the badge and a ticket will be required. **THESE TICKETS ARE FREE** and should be secured at the Ticket Booth when registering. Please take these tickets **ONLY** if you plan to attend these events.



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## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

### Rotary International

Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1955

## Today's Program

#### REGISTRATION AND PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.—Exhibition Hall, Conrad Hilton Hotel

#### ROTARY YACHT REVIEW

2:30 p.m.—Lake Michigan off Grant Park

#### CARILLON CONCERT

3:00 p.m.—Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, University of Chicago

#### MEETING OF CONVENTION SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS

4:00 p.m.—Louis XVI Room, Hotel Sherman

#### WREATH LAYING AT THE GRAVES OF PAUL P. HARRIS AND SILVESTER SCHIELE

4:00 p.m.—Mt. Hope Cemetery

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#### PRELUDE TO THE CONVENTION

Chicago Stadium—8:30 p.m.  
(Doors open at 7:30 p.m.)

Opening Remarks by

#### C. REGINALD SMITH

Chairman, Golden Anniversary Convention Committee, RI

Concert by

#### CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

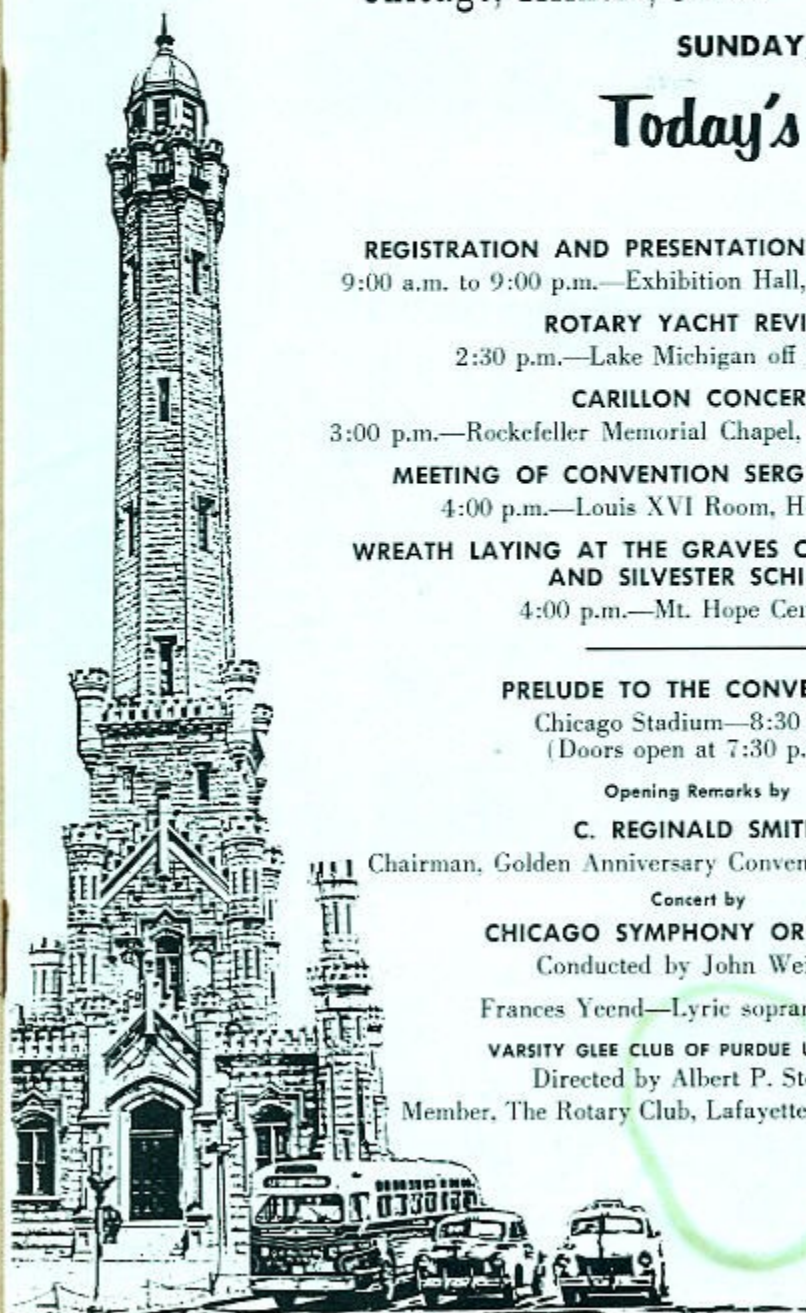
Conducted by John Weicher

Frances Yeend—Lyric soprano, *soloist*

#### VARSITY GLEE CLUB OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Directed by Albert P. Stewart

Member, The Rotary Club, Lafayette, Indiana, U.S.A.



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## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

### Rotary International

Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

MONDAY, MAY 30, 1955

## Today's Program

**8:00 a.m.**—Breakfast Meeting for Leaders of All Group Assemblies. (For Presidents, Secretaries, Etc.) *(Not Craft)*.

*(NOTE: This meeting is ONLY for Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Secretaries of the assemblies to be held THIS afternoon).*

**9:50 a.m.**—First Plenary Session—Chicago Stadium  
(Doors open at 9:00 a.m.)

Addresses of Welcome by Governor William G. Stratton, Mayor Richard J. Daley, and Ollie E. Jones, President, The Rotary Club of Chicago.

Response by the Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Dunwich, Thomas H. Cashmore of Ipswich, Suffolk, England, Member, 1955 Convention Committee.

Presentation of Nominations for President and Treasurer of Rotary International.

Tribute to the Founders and Leaders of Rotary—including selections by the High School Trojan Chorus of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Memorial Service.

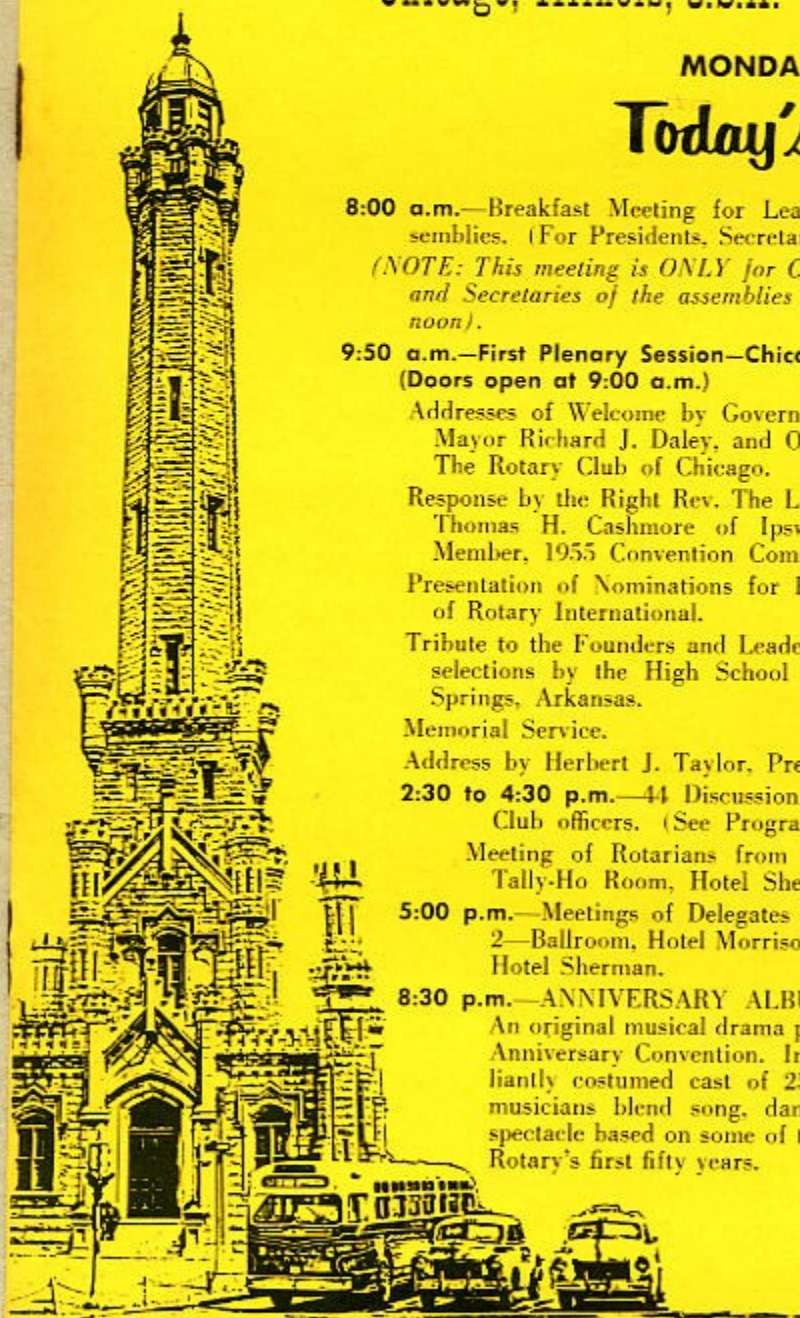
Address by Herbert J. Taylor, President, RI.

**2:30 to 4:30 p.m.**—44 Discussion Assemblies for Rotary Club officers. (See Program Book for locations.)

Meeting of Rotarians from Ibero America in the Tally-Ho Room, Hotel Sheraton.

**5:00 p.m.**—Meetings of Delegates from the U.S.A.—Zone 2—Ballroom, Hotel Morrison; Zone 3—Bal Tabarin, Hotel Sherman.

**8:30 p.m.**—ANNIVERSARY ALBUM—Chicago Stadium. An original musical drama produced for the Golden Anniversary Convention. In a dozen scenes, a brilliantly costumed cast of 250 actors, dancers and musicians blend song, dance and drama into a spectacle based on some of the colorful incidents in Rotary's first fifty years.





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## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

### Rotary International

Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1955

## Today's Program

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. — Registration, Mezzanine Floor, Hotel Sherman

9:50 a.m.—Second Plenary Session—Chicago Stadium  
(Doors open at 9:00 a.m.)

Addresses by the Secretary and Treasurer of Rotary International

Musical Interlude by the Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Choir of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

"America's Town Meeting of the Air" (To be recorded for broadcast on Sunday, 5 June). Subject: "Asia and the West—Gateway to Understanding."

2:00 p.m.—Fashion Show and Tea for the Ladies—Medinah Temple

2:30 p.m.—International Friendship Meetings:

Asia—Grand Ballroom, Hotel Sherman

Australia, New Zealand and South Africa—Constitution Room, Morrison Hotel

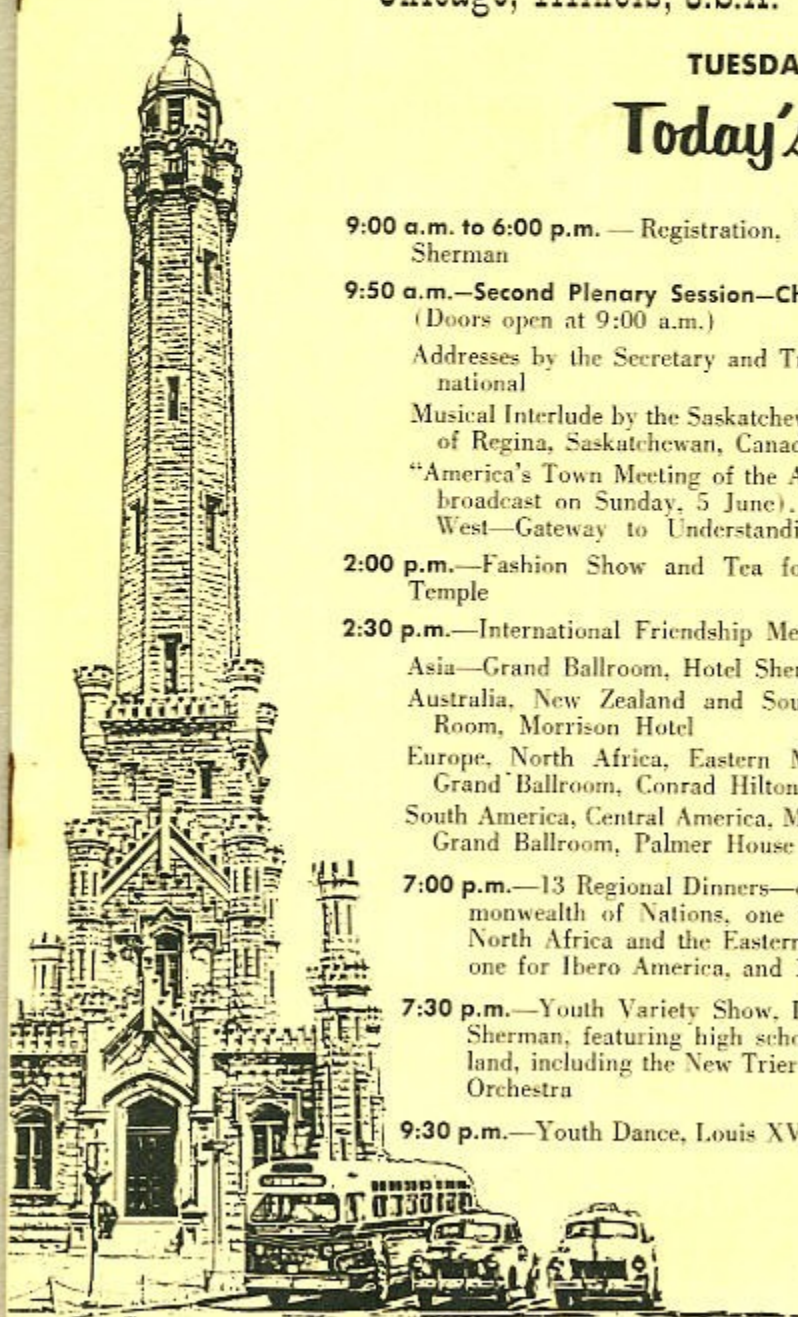
Europe, North Africa, Eastern Mediterranean Region—Grand Ballroom, Conrad Hilton Hotel

South America, Central America, Mexico and the Antilles—Grand Ballroom, Palmer House

7:00 p.m.—13 Regional Dinners—one for the British Commonwealth of Nations, one for Continental Europe, North Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean Region, one for Ibero America, and 10 for the U.S.A.

7:30 p.m.—Youth Variety Show, Louis XVI Room, Hotel Sherman, featuring high school talent from Chicagoland, including the New Trier High School Symphony Orchestra

9:30 p.m.—Youth Dance, Louis XVI Room, Hotel Sherman



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### Rotary International

Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1955

## Today's Program

**8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**—Balloting—Main Exhibit Hall, Hotel Sherman.

**8:00 a.m.**—Breakfast Meeting for Leaders of Vocational Service (Craft) Assemblies—Crystal Room, Hotel Sherman.

*(NOTE: This meeting is ONLY for Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Secretaries of the craft assemblies to be held this afternoon.)*

**9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**—Registration and Presentation of Credentials, Mezzanine Floor, Hotel Sherman.

**9:50 a.m.**—Third Plenary Session—Chicago Stadium.  
(Doors open at 9:00 a.m.)

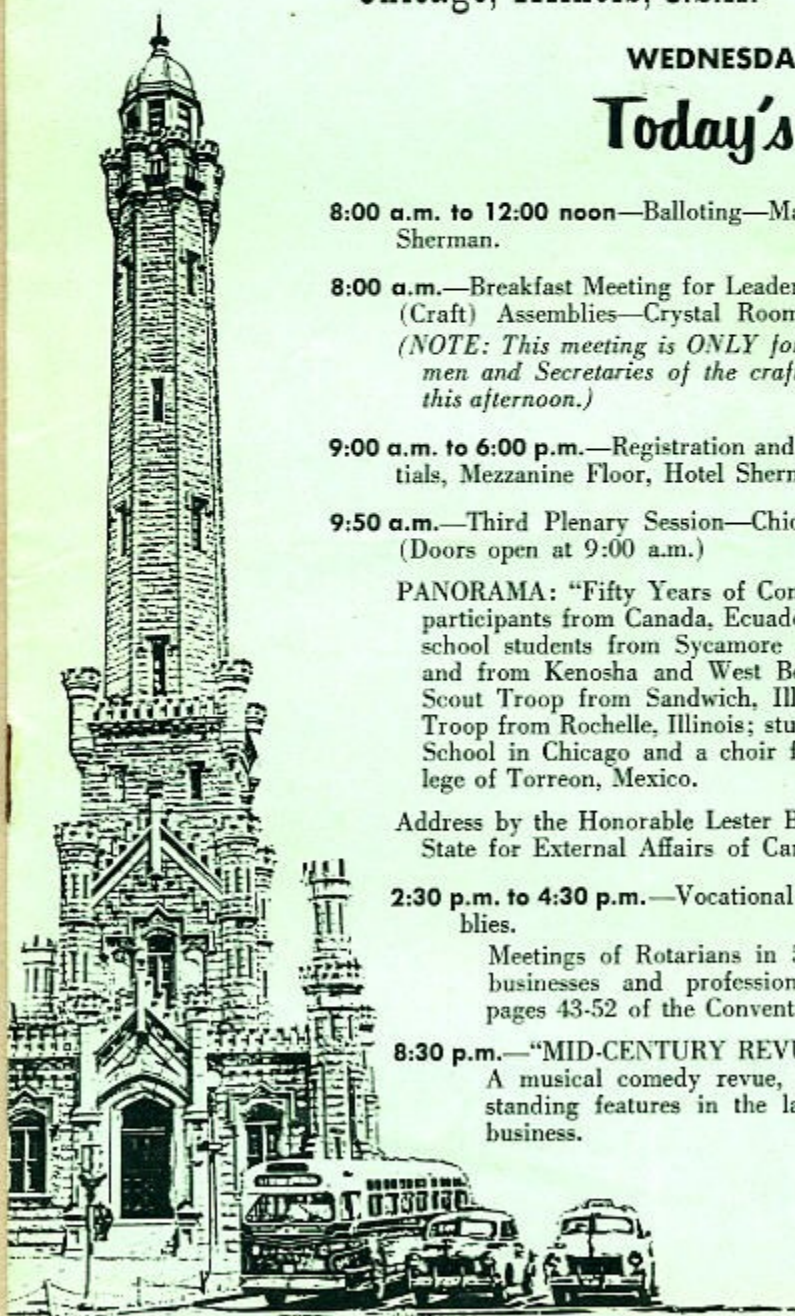
**PANORAMA: "Fifty Years of Community Service"**—with participants from Canada, Ecuador and the U.S.A.; high school students from Sycamore and Winnetka, Illinois, and from Kenosha and West Bend, Wisconsin; a Boy Scout Troop from Sandwich, Illinois; a Campfire Girl Troop from Rochelle, Illinois; students from the Spalding School in Chicago and a choir from the American College of Torreon, Mexico.

Address by the Honorable Lester B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada.

**2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**—Vocational Service (Craft) Assemblies.

Meetings of Rotarians in 50 groups according to businesses and professions. For locations, see pages 43-52 of the Convention Program Book.

**8:30 p.m.**—"MID-CENTURY REVUE"—Chicago Stadium. A musical comedy revue, highlighting some outstanding features in the last fifty years of show business.



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**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION**  
**Rotary International**  
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1955

**Today's Program**

9:00 a.m.-12 noon—Registration—Mezzanine Floor,  
Hotel Sherman

9:50 a.m.—Fourth Plenary Session—Chicago Stadium

Report of Credentials Committee

Report of Registration Committee

Report of Balloting Arrangements Committee

Election and Presentation of Officers

Presentation of 1955 Convention Committee and Others

Address by The Honorable Richard M. Nixon,  
Vice-President of the United States of America

Musical Interlude by the Bacone College Indian Choir  
of Muskogee, Oklahoma, U.S.A.

*Director: Mrs. Frank Thompson*

Presentation of Incoming Board of Directors by In-  
coming President

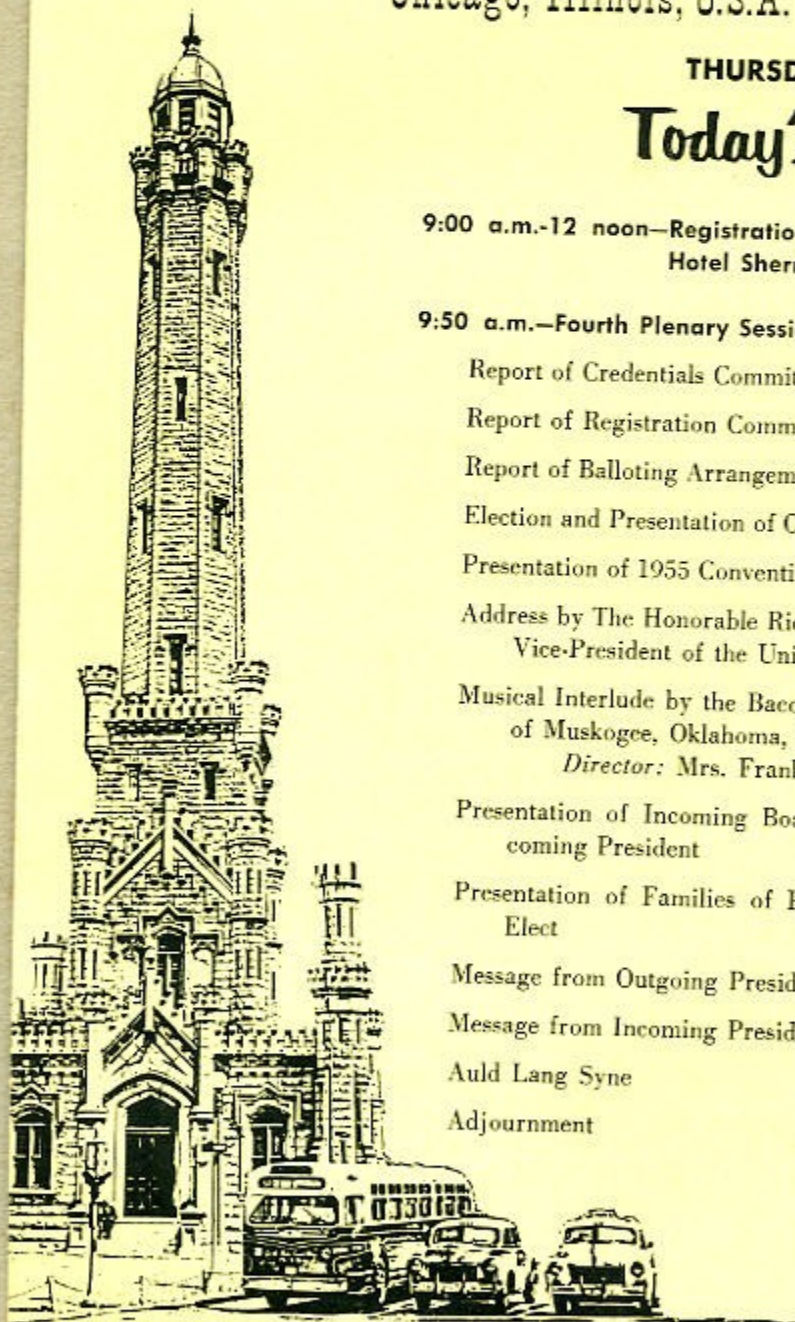
Presentation of Families of President and President-  
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Message from Outgoing President

Message from Incoming President

Auld Lang Syne

Adjournment



1905 ROTARY'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY 1955

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Dinner



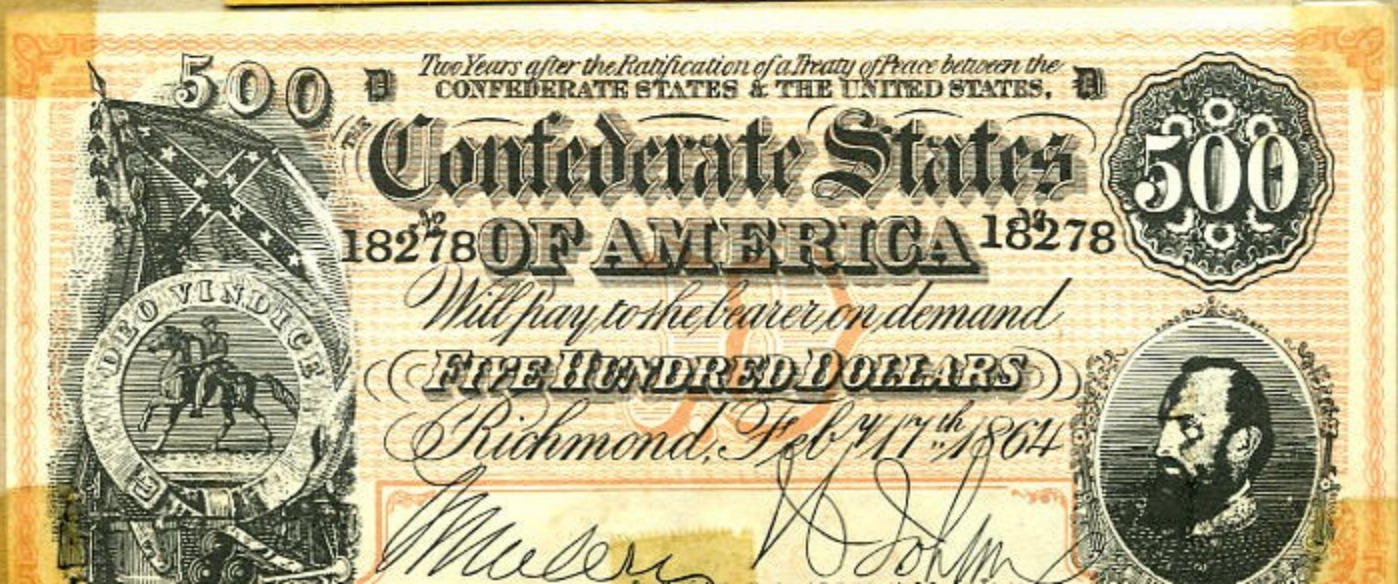
TUESDAY, MAY 31

7:00 P. M.

GRAND BALLROOM

CHICAGO, ILL.

CONRAD HILTON HOTEL



# MID-CENTURY REVUE



CHICAGO STADIUM

*Wednesday Evening, June 1, 1955 at 8:30 p.m.*



*Golden Anniversary Convention*  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



# ROTARY OPENS SESSIONS WITH PLEA FOR PEACE

## 14,000 in Stadium Fete Oldest Members

(Picture on back page)

Members from 44 nations and many old-timers were in the limelight yesterday at the colorful opening general session of Rotary International's golden jubilee convention in Chicago Stadium. An estimated 15,000 delegates gathered for the session.



Taylor

The men from far reaches of the globe passed in review before the throng in a ceremony dedicated to promoting international understanding among free peoples. They were persons nominated as district governors of the international organization.

### Honor Founder's Widow

Old-timers honored included surviving members of the original Rotary group in Chicago and past presidents of the international organization dating back 40 years.

Occupying a key spot in the ceremony was Mrs. Jean Harris, 73, widow of Paul P. Harris, of Chicago, who founded Rotary in 1905. She was escorted to the rostrum by Chesley R. Perry, first secretary of the international organization who served in that capacity from 1910 to 1942.

### Name Baker President

The Rotarians in their first

## Speakers at Opening Session of Rotarians



Ollie E. Jones (left), president of Rotary Club of Chicago, addressing opening session of Rotary International convention in Stadium yesterday. Others on rostrum (left to right) were A. Z. Baker, newly elected Rotary International president; Gov. Stratton, Bishop Thomas H. Cashmore of Wakefield, England, and Mayor Daley. (TRIBUNE Photo)

organization on the occasion of its anniversary convention. He said Chicago could boast of being the home of many renowned persons, but could take no greater pride than in "a young attorney named Harris," who founded the organization.

Bishop Thomas H. Cashmore, of Wakefield, Yorks, England, responded to the welcome addresses.

### "Setting Good Example"

Taylor told the convention that Rotarians are setting a good example of cooperation between men of many races, colors, religions, and political affiliations under the banner "service above self" for the good of mankind.

Taylor said Rotary had a

net increase in membership of 17,300 from June 30, 1954, to last March 31.

A brief Memorial day service followed welcome addresses and election of officers. Officers and directors of the international organization then were introduced, and those nominated as district governors, to be elected Thursday, then were summoned to march thru the Stadium.

### Honor Past Presidents

Among the past presidents honored was Allen D. Albert of Terre Haute, Ind., who served in 1915-16. Mrs. Maud Mulholland, whose late husband, Frank, served as president in 1914-15, also was honored.

Four men who joined the Rotary Club of Chicago, the

first Rotary club, in 1905, also occupied the spotlight. They are Robert C. Fletcher, 86, of 211 Homestead rd., La Grange; Max Goldenberg, 86, of the Blackstone hotel, and Charles A. Newton, 77, and Harry L. Ruggles, 83, both now of Los Angeles.

Delegates last night attended a musical pageant presented by a cast of 250 in the Stadium. It depicted the growth of Rotary thru its first 50 years.

Twelve scenes showed the significant steps in the development of the organization from one club in one country to 8,300 in 90 countries with almost one-half million members.

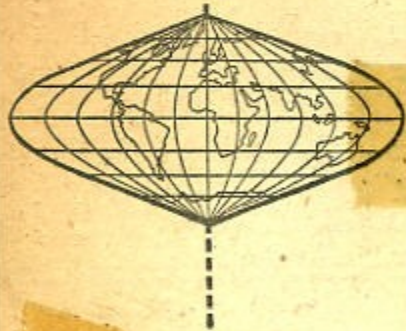
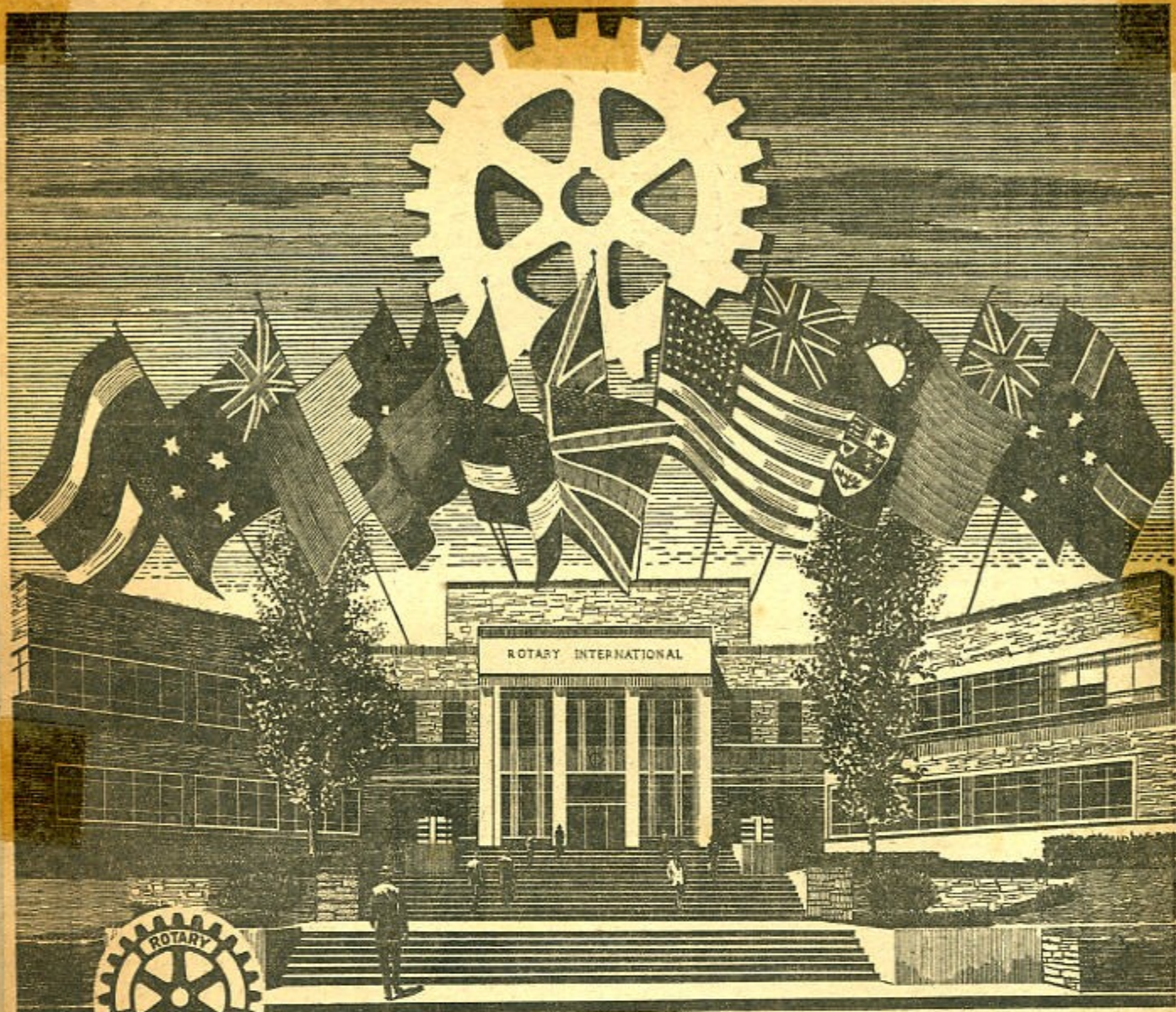
The pageant was directed by Helen Tieken Geraghty. The convention will continue thru Thursday.

# *A Big 'Wheel' In Rotary*



John Anderson of Morrison, Ill., wears a beard and rides an old-fashioned bicycle Tuesday at the golden anniversary convention of Rotary International in the Chicago Stadium.  
(Story on convention on Page 1)

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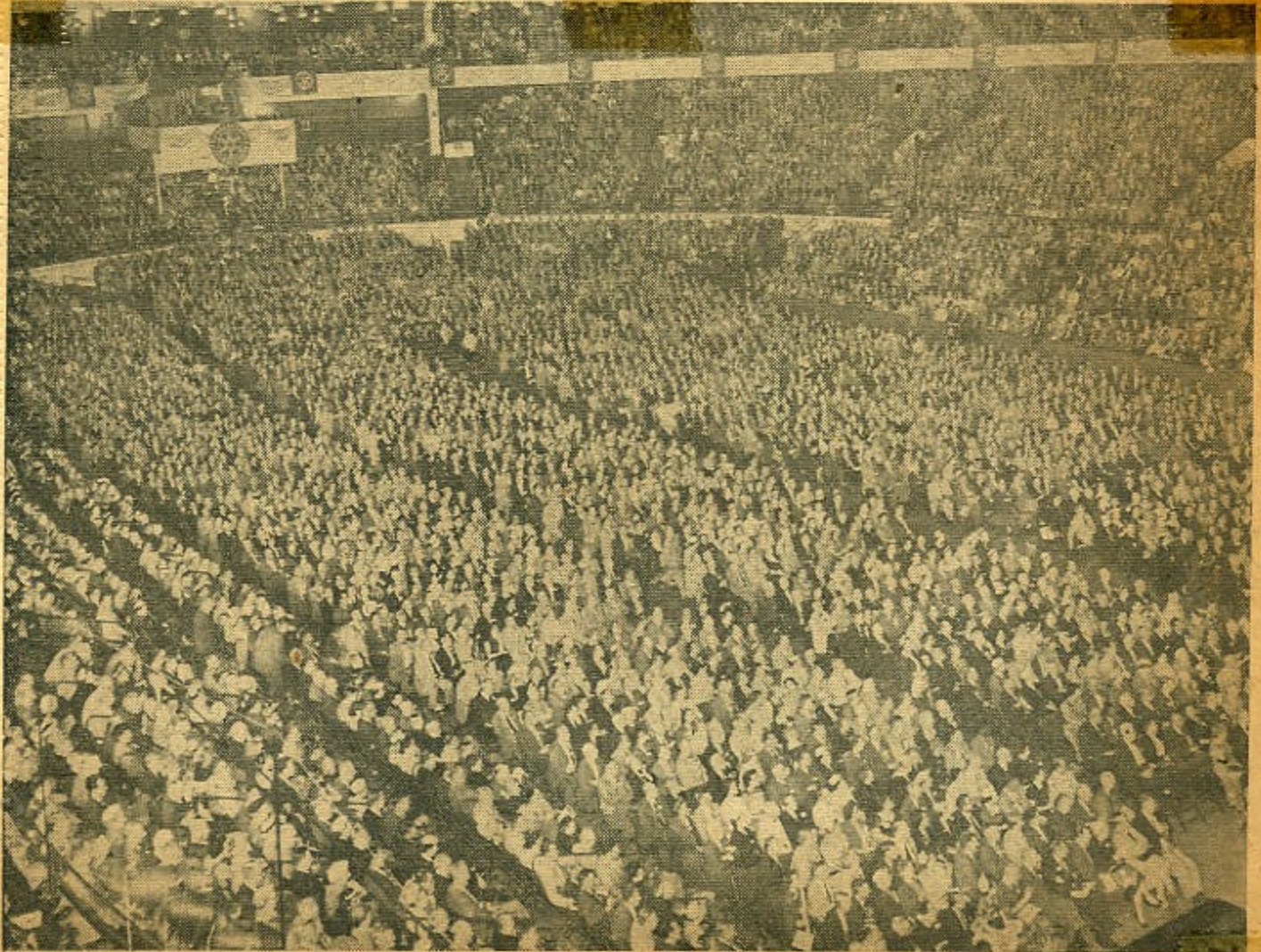
Few organizations in this world can point to solid achievement with as much pride as Rotary International. Few organizations have so successfully promoted the *practical* welfare of people as this great organization.



# Mexican Girls Dance at Rotary International Conclave



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[TRIBUNE Photo]

Rotarians from 44 nations assembled in Stadium last night for pageant depicting 50 year history of Rotary International. Estimated 15,000...

# Pastors Defend Club Work

## Rotarians Deny Duty Forgotten

Belonging to Rotary is another way of serving the Lord, said several ministers at the organization's golden jubilee convention in the Chicago Stadium.

They took issue with recent criticism by the Methodists' executive secretary of evangelism that too many ministers are "fooling" with service clubs and not preaching the gospel.

The evangelist, Harry Denman of Nashville, Tenn., told ministers at a church conference a week ago in Scranton, Pa.:

"People in your community have gone to hell while you've gone to service club meetings."

MINISTER at the convention, many of them local Rotary officers, were quick to respond:

—The Rev. Everett Seale, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Beeville, Tex., and Rotary president:

"I do nearly as much preaching in community associations as I do behind the pulpit. A minister can't lose touch with his community."

"If he's too busy to rub elbows with townspeople, he's too busy to be serving the Lord."

—The Rev. O. Edgar Wright, pastor of the First Christian Church of Winfield, Kan., and Rotary president-elect:

"The influence of a minister among men of Rotary is a service to God. St. Paul said, 'I have become all things to all men if by any chance I may win some.'"

"A preacher has got to watch his time, however, or people will have him running all over the country and he may neglect his basic ministry—winning souls for Christ."

—The Rev. Fred Wyatt, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Cranbrook, British Columbia:

"Rotary is the fruit of what the Christian feels in his heart."

"Service clubs help the community by providing iron lungs for crippled children, establishing parks and swimming pools and recognizing children's scholastic achievements in schools."

—The Rev. Dr. John F. Williams, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Franklin, Ind.:

"A minister must be interested in services that benefit others. The better he learns to get along with other people, the better he can serve his own people."

"Rotary also broadens our international vision and knowledge so we can bring our people a better-informed ministry."

—The Rev. Charles S. Sanger, Presbyterian minister of Eaton, Ohio, and a past-president of Rotary:

"Rotary gives a minister unparalleled opportunities for fellowship and service beyond the confines of his parish."

"He meets men of all faiths and economic strata and sees the whole spectrum of life, business and activity."

"A minister needs this international broadening to fulfill his mission of going 'into all the world.'"

## Nixon: Peace May Rest on 'Big 4' Talk

### Warns Against 'Unguarded Optimism' in Talk to Rotary

Vice-President Nixon warned Thursday that the coming Big 4 conference may be the world's "last chance to avoid a catastrophic war."

But he stressed that "this is no time for unguarded optimism;" that Communist peace moves may be "a change of tactics rather than a change of heart."

Nixon spoke to 10,000 cheering delegates at Rotary International's 50th anniversary convention in Chicago Stadium.

His talk was interrupted several times with bursts of applause.

SPEAKING of the Big 4 meeting, the Vice-President said:

"In President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles, the United States will be represented by two men whose combined military and diplomatic experience will not be exceeded by any other nation at the conference," Nixon continued.

"They are men of peace. But they are tough-minded men who know that the only way to live in peace with a potential aggressor is to be stronger than he is."

The Big 4 talks, Nixon said, will put the "men in the Kremlin on trial before the whole world."

#### HE ADDED:

"People everywhere will be asking: 'Have those who scuttled, obstructed and sabotaged previous conferences changed their ways?'"

"Have they renounced their previously declared policy to conquer the world?"

"Will they agree to a settlement which will recognize the right of individuals to be free, nations to be independent, and all peoples to be free from aggression?"

"Let us hope that world public opinion will be sufficiently strong to force the men in the Kremlin to find the road that leads to peace."

In conclusion, the Vice-President praised Rotary's contribu-

tion to international good will and peace.

"It has been its most significant service," he said.

AFTER his talk, Nixon was serenaded by the Bacon College Indian Choir of Muskogee, Okla.

Then he stepped back stage and shook hands with Rotary's top officers.

During the hand-shaking, former Mayor Martin H. Kennelly, who had been in the audience, dropped in to say hello.

IN HIS inaugural address, A. Z. Baker, incoming president of Rotary, urged members to "light a candle of understanding around the world."

Baker, president of the American Stockyards Association in Cleveland, takes office July 1.

AT CONVENTION HERE

# U.S. Role in Asia Told to Rotary

## Hoffman Urges Delegates: Clear Up Misunderstanding

The United States bears the major responsibility for clearing up its misunderstandings with the free countries of Asia,

Paul G. Hoffman said Tuesday.

Hoffman, chairman of the board of the Studebaker-Packard



PAUL HOFFMAN

Corp., addressed delegates to the golden anniversary convention of Rotary International.

More than 20,000 members and their families from 65 countries are attending the four-day meeting, which opened officially Monday in the Chicago Stadium.

HOFFMAN TOOK part in a panel discussion on "Asia and the West—Gateway to Understanding."

He formerly was head of the Economic Co-operation Administration and was president of the Ford Foundation.

Discussing the free Asians' suspicions of the U.S., Hoffman said:

"We have had our full share in creating those misunderstandings."

The U.S. should take the initiative in clearing them up, he said, because of our "long experience in the ways of democracy and also because of our financial and industrial strength."

"OUR attitude toward free

Asia, and particularly toward the new nations in Asia, should be sympathetic, understanding and uncritical," he said.

"We should remember that these new democracies are going through the same trials and turmoils our country went through in the early years of its existence.

"Not for a moment should we assume that those countries that are unwilling to join a military alliance with us are necessarily against us.

"We followed a neutralist policy for the first century and a half in our life as a nation."

OTHER highlights of Tuesday's session were addresses by Rotary secretary George R. Means of Evanston and treasurer Richard E. Vernor of Chicago.

Keynote of the gathering is the internationality of the Rotary organization

MONDAY A. Z. Baker, of Cleveland, was elected international president for the year beginning July 1.

Baker, president of American Stock Yards Association, succeeds Herbert J. Taylor of Chicago.

Vernor, manager of the fire prevention department of

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# Rotary Told U.S. Role In Asia

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Western Actuarial Bureau of Chicago, was re-elected treasurer.

Many veteran members of Rotary were honored at the session, including past international presidents and surviving members of the first Rotary Club, which was founded in 1905 in Chicago.

Mrs. Jean Harris, 73, widow of Paul P. Harris, founder of the first club, was on the stage with the old-time members.

MESSAGES from President Eisenhower and Queen Elizabeth were read.

"Rotary is making an outstanding contribution toward peace through the promotion of international understanding and good will among the peoples of the free world," the President wrote.

Monday night in the Stadium the delegates and their families watched a musical pageant depicting the first 50 years of Rotary.

It consisted of 12 scenes with a cast of 250. It began with a scene of Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago greeting Barney Oldfield, pioneer auto racer. The ensuing scenes showed how Rotary developed into its present 8,300 clubs in 90 countries.

WEDNESDAY delegates will hear an address by Lester B. Pearson, foreign secretary of Canada.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon is scheduled to speak Thursday.

ATTEND SESSIONS, TOO

# Rotary Wives Here for Business

BY HELEN FLEMING

Right along with Rotarians go Rotary Anns—right along to their conventions, and even to the convention sessions.

Rotary wives lined up with their husbands to ride chartered busses to Chicago Stadium to demonstrate that the trip to Chicago is not just a junket to them.

“THE SESSIONS are really a must,” said Mrs. Merrell Thomas of Mobile, Ala.

“They’re as worth while for women as for men,” agreed her fellow townswoman, Mrs. J. Herbert Murray.

And the ladies at the golden anniversary convention of Rotary speak from experience. They’ve been to Paris and Mexico City for preceding meetings—and they have their sights set on Geneva, Switzerland in 1957.

LETTERS addressed to families all over the world are being mailed from a special branch post office on the Sherman hotel mezzanine.

Rotary has provided special stationery in the convention’s “house of hospitality,” that occupies the entire grand ballroom of the hotel.

Letter-writers are so busy that they even make the mistake of sitting down under signs offering “interpreters” or “home dinners for overseas guests”—until some tries to take them up on the offer.

Bewilderment, laughter, new Rotary friendships follow.

TWENTY-FOUR saris were

packed for the U.S. tour by Mrs. Yussuf Chinoy of Karachi, Pakistan, who brought no Western attire.

Her husband, owner of an interior decorating and furnishing business, is governor of a Rotary district encompassing 29 clubs in India and Pakistan.

“We have villages that are so poor and uneducated that it is the custom for each Rotary club to adopt a village and help with the roads, agriculture and hygiene,” Mrs. Chinoy relates.

“Rotary Anns go out to these districts and teach the women about cleanliness and nutrition. That’s what Rotary is—knowing and helping other people.”

SOME OF the most enthusiastic convention workers are overseas students who are studying in U.S. universities on Rotary fellowships.

“There is such good will in Rotary—and in the world,” said Marcel Belle de Bal, here from Brussels to study industrial relations at the University of Chicago, and currently busy translating convention materials into French.

“I have been treated like a son by many Americans. This human kindness is a power that can do a lot of good, if Rotary can teach people that it exists everywhere.”

# Average Rotarian; He’s Here in Force

BY MILLER DAVIS

Meet Mr. Average Rotarian—the man who dearly loves a crowd.

The Daily News took his measure Monday at the opening of the big golden anniversary of Rotary International here.

It found him plunk in the middle of a crowd, talking “group projects,” and wearing a badge.

IT LEARNED he works best with a motto to follow and a committee to serve on.

“We’re different from any other club,” declared Clifford Erikson, 36, of Burton, Ohio.

“Nobody is more important than the next guy in Rotary. We’re just a bunch of fellows working together to serve others.

“Collective effort is what we love.”

HE SAID the average Rotarian is 48, earns about \$14,000 a year, and travels about 8,000 miles a year.

“We like to travel in groups and we love to sing,” he grinned.

“IN MEXICO the Rotarian is a good fellow,” says Mrs. Conchita de Gonzalez de Alba, of Cuernavaca, Mexico.

“He helps the poor and he makes many friends each day. My husband is best known man for friendliness.”

OFFICE-HOLDING is natural for Mr. Average Rotarian. More than 53 per cent of American Rotarians hold one or more elected or appointed offices.

“The fellowship is most important,” observes Hassan Marrikar, 39, Studebaker and

Hindustan agency auto dealer from Trivandrup, India.

“We break the boundaries of politics with our friendship,” he says. “India may be at odds officially with Africa—but Indian and African Rotarians are dear friends.”

MR. AVERAGE Rotarian has two children, likes fishing best, and manages to read about 31 books a year.

“Going to meetings and working on projects keeps you bouncing,” says Ray Schmitz, of Evanston, business manager of the Rotarian magazine.

“The average Rotarian has to give up a lot of personal activities in order to serve the group. But we feel this is our purpose in life.”

THEN he adds, jovially:

“You know, we’re awfully good business for hotels—we spend about 27 nights in hotel rooms every year.”



EAST IS EAST, and West is West—and the younger set from both meet at Rotary International's convention. The turban and silks of Ravipal Singh Mann, 7,

of Punjab, India, fascinate Cheryl Anne Holmes, 8, of West Orange, N.J., and Robin Street, 9, of Princess Ann, Md.

## Davy Crocketts Make Rotarians Bite the Dust

### *Children of Visitors Keep Fun Committee on the Go*

Davy Crockett—sporting a Rotary badge—has hit Chicago with a howl.

Coonskin caps bobbed in Loop streets Tuesday as 500 children of convening Rotarians took in the sights.

They came here from more than 50 countries and from every state.

"And they've sure got that old Rotary zip," says Dr. Robert W. English, director of education of the American Baking Institute and co-chairman of the children's activities during the golden anniversary of International Rotary.

"IT TOOK 60 men just to plan fun for these kids," he told the

to Texas some time," she added loyally. "We sure have things to see out there."

"Pronounce that 'Referrio,' Tex., will you please, Mister?" she asked very seriously. "That's the way we say it in Texas."

"WE BROUGHT our kids along because we're visiting in Wilmette during the convention," said Stephen R. Holmes,

quarters for the convention in the Sherman, three youngsters were wrestling on the floor. A fourth poured a paper cup of root beer on their faces. Much giggling followed.

ONE "GROWNUP" little boy stood quietly in the lobby. He was Ravipal Singh Mann, 7, of Punjab, India.

He wore a turban and silk trousers bound tightly at his ankles.

His dad, Parmpal Singh Mann, farming expert, also wore a turban and tight-fitting trousers.

Ravipal will have a big day Thursday—Rotary kids will see the White Sox play Boston.

All for \$1, including transportation.

# Friendliness of Reds Merely Tactical: Nixon

## Addresses Final Rotary Session

BY PERCY WOOD

Vice President Nixon told the golden jubilee convention of Rotary International yesterday that the recent "conciliatory actions" of world communist leaders represent a change of tactics rather than a change of heart.

"It is a standard communist tactic to retreat at times for the purpose of being better able to move forward toward their announced ultimate goal of world domination," he declared.

Nixon spoke at the fourth and closing plenary session of the convention which brought 15,000 delegates from 65 countries to the Chicago Stadium, plus about 5,000 members of their families. Dances in five Loop hotels last night concluded the convention activities.

### OK's Big Four Parley

Notwithstanding the "bad record" of the Reds, the Vice President said, the forthcoming top level meeting of American, British, French and Russian heads of state was worth undertaking, since "we must never cease exploring every road that could possibly lead to peace."

"In President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles," Nixon continued, "the United States will be represented by two men whose combined military and diplomatic experience will not be exceeded by the representatives of any other nation attending the big four conference."

"They are men of peace. But they are tough minded men who know that the only way to live in peace with a potential aggressor is to be stronger than he is and to let him know that you will use your strength if he begins to fight."

People on both sides of the iron curtain are tired of war, want peace, and have a right to expect it, the Vice President said, and continued:

"The leaders of the non-communist nations represent



Vice President Nixon addressing convention.

the people and are responsible to them. They will go to this conference with peace as their desire and as their objective.

"The men in the Kremlin, who are responsible only to themselves, will be on trial before the whole world—including their own people. People everywhere will be asking: Have these leaders who scuttled, obstructed, and sabotaged previous conferences changed their ways? Have they renounced their previously declared policy to conquer the world? Will they agree to a settlement which will recognize the right of individuals to be free, nations to be independent, and all peoples to be free from aggression?"

### Rely on Public Opinion

"This conference could be the world's last chance to settle differences peacefully and avoid a catastrophic war. The question it may answer is whether negotiated peace is possible or whether the danger of nuclear war is to hang over us for generations to come."

"There is no question about the desire and intent of free world leaders to try to find the road that leads to peace. Let us hope that world public opinion will be sufficiently strong to force the men in the Kremlin to do likewise."

Nixon warned, however, that the Russian disarmament proposal is "full of booby traps."

"If we should agree to it, communist domination of the world would be inevitable," he said.

### Gains Without Cost

The Vice President also said that, during the past 10 years the communist world has gained, and the "free world" has lost, 600 million persons, and that not in one of the countries involved did the Reds come to power thru free elections. Nor, he added, had a single Russian soldier been lost in combat for those nations.

The United States

must remain militarily powerful "so that its leaders can deal from strength." It must also maintain its private enterprise system, "and never forget that the government supplements rather than supplants."

"In the end," he said, "the peoples of the free nations will win against the forces of hate and slavery. No leader in the world will begin a war which might mean the destruction of his own country—unless he is mad."

### Luncheon Guest

After his Rotary address, Nixon was guest at a private luncheon in the Chicago Athletic association given by Ben Regan, executive vice president of Nation-Wide Food Service. Among the 45 business men and lawyers attending were Joel Goldblatt, Ex-mayor Martin Kennelly, James Kemper, and Edward Moore, Republican county central committee chairman.

It was Nixon's first visit to Chicago since March 17, when he was principal speaker before the Irish Fellowship club. Nixon spoke on world and Washington conditions, but his remarks were off the record, Regan said. He left Chicago for Washington on an American Airlines flight last night.

### Elect President

The Rotarians concluded the business of their convention by installing A. Z. Baker of Cleveland as president, succeeding Herbert J. Taylor of Chicago, both of whom addressed the closing session.

Six new directors were also elected to the board of Rotary International. They are Allin W. Dakin, Iowa City; C. Dan Procter, Chickasha, Okla.; W. B. Todd, Fort Worth, Tex.; Spencer J. Hollands, Wallington, England; C. P. H. Teenstra, Hilversum, the Netherlands, and Alejandro Garretón Silva, Santiago, Chile.

Baker and Taylor will also serve on the board of directors with the following, who will serve a second year in office: Alphonse Fieves, Soignies, Belgium; Ernesto de Mello, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; O. D. A. Oberg, Sydney, Australia; Kenneth C. Partridge, Port Credit, Ont.;

Joseph A. Abey, Reading, Pa., and Ray D. Hickman, Birmingham, Ala.

A mixed choir of American Indians from Bacone college, Muskogee, Okla., sang at the concluding session, wearing Indian dress.

# Nixon Sees West Victor In Cold War

The free nations will win the cold war without having to fight a hot war, Vice President Nixon predicted here.

Speaking on the final day of Rotary International's 50th anniversary convention, the vice president said Thursday there was "no question of the outcome."

## Cites Factors

He cited these factors present now but absent before in the world's seeking after peace:

The United Nations—"Not perfect," Nixon said, but an agency which has settled some differences and does provide an international forum. "Talk is better than fighting."

The H-bomb—"No leader of the world is going to begin a war when he realizes that it might mean the complete destruction of his country."

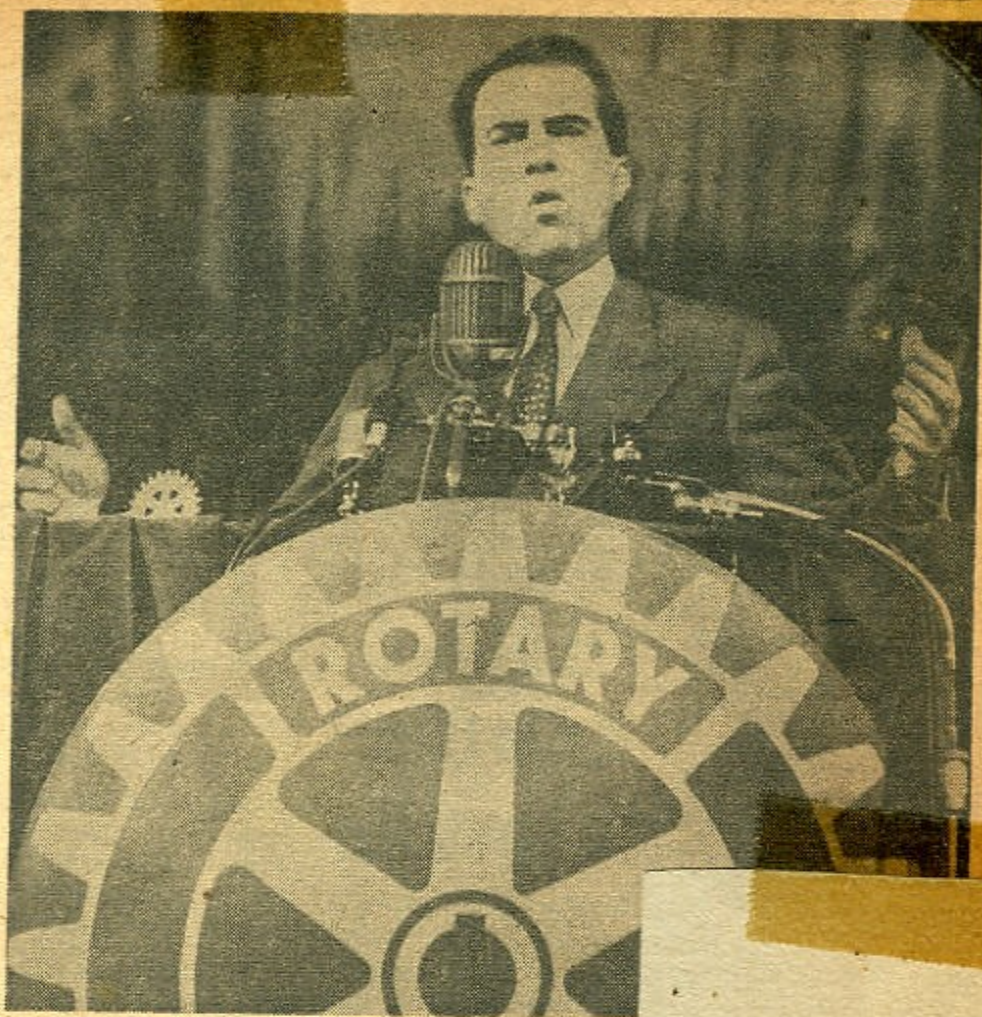
People—"The people of the world on both sides of the Iron Curtain want peace."

However, he told the Rotarians gathered at Chicago Stadium that this was "no time for unguarded optimism."

## Change In Tactics

Communist domination of the world, he said, would be inevitable if the United States agreed to the Soviet disarmament proposal, and recent Red concessions represent "change in tactics rather than change in heart."

The forthcoming Big Four conference, he went on, "could be the world's last chance to settle differences peacefully and



Vice President Nixon addresses final session of convention at Chicago Stadium. (Sun-Times Photo)

# Nixon Sees West Winning Cold War

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avoid a catastrophic war. The question it may answer is whether negotiated peace is possible or whether the danger of nuclear war is to hang over us for generations to come."

He said the conference must be held because "we must never cease exploring every road that can possibly lead to peace." This nation, he said, will make any peace that will assure freedom of individuals, independence of nations, and security from aggression.

Nixon was greeted at the Stadium by the organ strains of "Hail to the Chief" which was repeated when he finished speaking. This number is usually reserved for the President of the United States.

## Guest At Luncheon

Nixon went from the Stadium to the Chicago Athletic Club, where a nonpolitical private luncheon was given in his honor by Ben Regan, executive vice

president of Nationwide Food Service and head of the Republicans for Kennelly organization in the recent mayoral campaign here.

Other guests were businessmen and social and civic leaders, including Martin H. Kennelly, the former mayor.

The new Rotary president, A. Z. Baker of Cleveland, told the convention delegates, "Peace is the most important thing in the world. And the transcending aid of Rotary, in its second half century, should and must be to encourage and foster understanding and good will among people."

One way toward this end, he said, would be the expansion of international trade.

# Urges 'Neighborly' East-West Ties

## Canada's Foreign Chief Tells Rotary of Hopes for World

Canada's foreign secretary called Wednesday for "neighborliness" among countries of the world.

Lester B. Pearson said the West and the Communist countries must work for the kind of co-existence "that we find between the United States and Canada . . . based on friendship and good neighborliness."

Pearson spoke to the Rotary International convention in the Chicago Stadium.

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**PRAISING ROTARY** for its contributions to better understanding among all peoples, he stressed:

"A lessening of fear and suspicion must be the first step toward anything that even approaches neighborliness. When this takes place, ideas can be exchanged and contacts made."

Pearson warned that it "would be unwise to expect immediate and exciting results from approaching Big Four meetings 'at the summit.'"

"Peace, firm and final peace, will not come from a meeting at the highest level, but from innumerable meetings at lower levels. The talks ahead are only a beginning, not an end," he said.

**TURNING TO U.S.-Canadian relations**, Pearson said, "the history of our border has not been one long, sweet song. From those earliest hostile times . . . this song has been frequently interrupted by war whoops.

"But good sense and generosity prevailed.

"Good neighborliness was achieved long ago and has been maintained pretty consistently ever since."

"One day, please God, we can move forward to this kind of neighborliness on a global scale. . . . Then, indeed, peace, deep and genuine, will have been assured," he concluded.

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**ROTARY'S** 50th anniversary convention will end Thursday with an address by Vice-President Nixon and the election of its president to take office one year from now.

Rotary always elects its president a year ahead of time. The incoming president is A. Z. Baker of Cleveland, who was elected last year.