

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER



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No. 8 25 CLUBS -- 1024 MEMBERS

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Translation from Japanese

To the Presidents & Secretaries.  
Rotary Clubs in the 60th District.

Dear Sirs:

1. 1950 District Conference (Change in Dates)

As advised you in an extra letter dated 1 February, the 1950 Conference of District 60 will now be held at Kyoto on dates, changed as follows:

- April 7 (Friday) Pre-Conference Assembly at Kyoto Bankers' Association
- " 8 (Saturday) First day of Conference at Mikokan Hall, the Doshisha University
- " 9 (Sunday) Second day of Conference at Sanboin, Daigo Temple
- " 10 (Monday) Sightseeing tour and inspecting factories

The President's representative to the conference will be Angus Mitchell of Melbourne, Australia, Past President 1948/49 and Director of the Rotary International. As you are well aware of, he was the chairman of the board of R.I. last year that voted unanimously the return of Japan to the Rotary and he naturally has a special interest in the Rotary affairs of our country. He has visited us several times before the war, and I think there are friends here among the present Rotarians. I am quite sure all the members are anxious to greet him because his visit will be most significant on this first district conference after the reinstatement.

The registration for the pre-conference assembly on 7 April commences at 5 p.m. and the meeting at 6 p.m. (to accommodate the arrivals by special express "Tsubame" from eastern points). There will be a council meeting of the club representatives at the same place, from 4 to 5.30 p.m. and either (or both) of the president or secretary of each club is requested to attend by all means.

Apropos of the above, the advanced dates of the Conference, I am afraid, interfere with the annual meeting of some of the clubs, such as the R.C.s of Osaka and Gifu, whose constitution specifies the first Friday of April for such meeting, and necessary steps should be taken ahead of time by such clubs for the election of the new directors and officers. This is just to call attention of the clubs in question.

In my last letter, I requested you to forward to the secretary of the Kyoto club a copy of your roster. If not yet sent, please do so without further delay.

Is your "On-to-Kyoto" committee functioning? Your secretary's cooperation is solicited, for the success of Your Conference.

## 2. New Clubs in District 60

Two more clubs were re-admitted and we now have 25 clubs, with total membership of 1024. Congratulations! New clubs are:

The Rotary club of Sendai (Charter No. 4266 -- admitted on 30 Jan., 1950  
Tuesday 12:30 Brother-ken  
Pres. Himatsu Okazaki Secy. Kozaburo Sasaki  
(Charter members 33)

The Rotary club of Hamamatsu (Charter No. 3923 -- admitted on 6 Feb., 1950  
Tuesday 12:30 Bankers' Association  
Pres. Junichi Wakuda Secy. Kaneji Ohmura  
(Charter members 20)

It is expected that a provisional Rotary club will be set up at Takamatsu on 16 February and a "new" club is to be organized at Himeji on or about 23 February. The office and the meeting place of the Rotary Club of Sapporo are now in the Imai Department Stores, S. 1st Ave. and W. 2nd St.

Total Clubs in the world on 1 February 1950 was 6957 --- Total Rotarians 334,000 --- New Clubs since 1 July, 1949 --- 133.

## 3. "The Sun Never Sets on Rotary"

According to the "Spokes", the weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of New York, the figures based on the first 1,000 clubs in the 1949-50 Official Directory pages 57-36, show the following result on the days of the week on which clubs meet. Considering that the time is different in various parts of the world it can be truthfully said that "the sun never sets on Rotary club meetings."

Day of the Week	Number of Clubs	Percentage
Sunday	3	0.3%
Monday	187	18.7%
Tuesday	270	27.0%
Wednesday	208	20.8%
Thursday	200	20.0%
Friday	104	10.4%
Saturday	28	2.8%

Of the 1,000 clubs tallied, those meeting on Sunday are in Polivia and Brazil; and those meeting on Saturday are Ibero America, The Philippines, India, Italy and Egypt. It has not yet been recorded that there are clubs meeting on Saturdays are in Japan also. Of the same 1,000 clubs, 76% of those in Ibero America, meet in the evening and 24% at noon. In the other parts of the world the percentage is nearly reverse.

## 4. Rotary Foundation Contributions and Fellowship

I appreciate very much for having received contributions of ¥205,200, equivalent of U.S. \$570, from the Rotary Club of Kobe, \$10 each from the

entire membership of 57 and of ¥201,600, equivalent of U.S. \$560, from the Rotary club of Nagoya, \$10 each from the entire 56 members, including an honorary member. I want to thank every one of the members of the above two clubs. We now have six 100% clubs in the 60th District: Okayama, Tokyo, Hiroshima, Osaka, Kobe and Nagoya. With the generous contribution of the Rotary club of Fukuoka, the total contribution received up to date is U.S. \$4600 or ¥1,656,000. It is not only my honor that I can report every month the results of your cooperation but it is the honor of the District 60. The Secretariat has taken up the news in its "Broadcast" and one of the Governors in the U.S. encourages the clubs in his district saying "Should we do less than the clubs in Japan?".

#### 5. Re the club bulletins

Besides the "Takamatsu Rotary Club Bulletin" that I have spoken of in my last letter, I have since received copies of the "Otaru Rotarian" and the "Okayama Rotary Bulletin". The "Yokohama Rotary Club Monthly" and the English Monthly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Nagoya are continuing their work. I earnestly hope the other clubs that are seriously considering the matter will quickly follow the above examples.

#### 6. International Convention

As reported before, the 41st international convention will be held in Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. from 18 June to 22 June. Rotarian Charles Miller, the governor of the 222nd district now writes me that "the State of Michigan has an infinite variety of vacation attractions -- nearly surrounded by the Great Lakes, it also has 11,000 inland lakes which offer excellent swimming, boating and fishing" and he suggests that we plan to combine our attendance at the Convention with a pleasant Michigan vacation in June. It may be out of question for us even to think of such vacation; still it will be possible and desirable that the Rotarians who make a trip to the States on business, manage to attend the Convention and bask in the fellowship of Rotary ideals.

By the way, the 1951 International Convention has now been decided to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, U.S.A., May 27-31.

#### 7. Honor to the President Hodgson

On 6 January 1950, President Hugh Tiner of George Pepperdine College of Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., has conferred on President Percy Hodgson the Degree of Doctor of Laws, in recognition of his notable service to his country and his contribution to the advancement of understanding at the community, vocational, national and international levels through his untiring efforts as president of Rotary International and officers of many other organizations. An honor to the president of Rotary International is an honor to us individual Rotarians. To us who know President Perce personally the joy is particularly great.

#### 8. "Hoshi Koso Kaga Tsutome"

After the translation of the "Service Is My Business" was published in Japanese last September, we have heard of the work being translated into

Portuguese. Now the Secretary of Rotary International reports that 5000 copies of the "Service Is My Business" in Spanish and 500 copies in French have recently been authorized. It occurs to me that the worthy translation of this book should certainly be more widely read and the contents applied to more actual work. Your redoubled efforts are earnestly desired towards this end.

9. "Rotary Taiyo", the Japanese "Brief Facts"

The "Rotary Taiyo", the Japanese translation of the R.I. pamphlet No. 1 "Brief Facts About Rotary" is now ready and enough copies to go round to each member, with additional 10 or more copies for use of candidates for membership in the club, have been sent to each club by parcel post. Please have the same distributed to each of your members. This is in accordance with the instructions from the Secretariat and there will be no charge for the same.

Indifferent parts of the world, Rotary clubs have found it desirable to hand this leaflet to non-Rotarian figures who attend their meetings, whether as guest speakers or guest observers. In this manner they extend in the community a wider knowledge of Rotary. If you wish to prepare the leaflets for this purpose copies are available at ¥10 each, including postage.

10. Public Opinion and the United Nations

The recoding of the 12 minutes interview between Ambassador Warren Austin, the chief delegate of the U.S. to the United Nations and Ambassador Carlos Romulo, President of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the subject of "Public Opinion and the United Nations", has recently arrived from the secretariat.

As you know General Romulo is an active Rotarian, member of the Rotary Club of Manila, since 1931 and served as Club President and as Vice President, Director & Committee member of the R.I. He is the chief delegate of the Philippines to the United Nations. Warren Austin is a former United States Senator from Vermont. He was the charter president of the Rotary Club of Burlington, Vermont, and is an honorary member of the club at present.

The recording was made on 2/2" Vinylite Discs at the standard phonographic speed of 78 r.p.m.

If any of the clubs is desirous of using the same for club program let me know, setting the date. When they have served your purpose return them to me, carefully packed, by registered parcel post, as soon as possible, as the other clubs may be desirous of having them.

I understand the International Service Paper No. 716 in connection with the above recording has been sent to you directly from the secretariat.

11. Attendance Record for the Month of January

Clubs	No. of Meetings	Membership	January Attendance	100% Meetings	December Attendance for comparison
Otaru	5	27	92.8%	0	93.8%
Saporo	4	48	91.6%	1	86.2%
Kochi	4	24	90.7%	0	82.3%
Niigata	4	24	89.6%	1	84.4%
Yokohama	4	39	89.1%	0	89.8%
Imabari	3	35	88.6%	0	85.7%
Kumamoto	4	30	86.0%	0	80.0%
Nishinomiya	4	23	85.9%	0	94.6%
Gifu	4	20	85.0%	0	81.7%
Tokushima	4	27	83.4%	0	90.8%
Yobe	3	56	83.3%	0	86.7%
Ichinomiya	4	22	83.0%	0	--
District Average			82.9%		
Kyoto	4	67	82.8%	0	92.0%
Nagoya	4	55	82.7%	0	87.0%
Yokkaichi	4	20	82.5%	0	80.0%
Tokyo	4	176	82.2%	0	81.5%
Firoshima	4	43	81.4%	0	64.9%
Moji	2	29	81.1%	0	--
Osaka	4	65	80.5%	0	82.8%
Hakodate	4	25	78.0%	0	81.7%
Fukuoka	3	43	76.7%	0	81.9%
Sendai	1	33	72.7%	0	--
Yokura	3	29	71.3%	0	--
Okayama	4	24	68.8%	0	75.0%
Total		1004	82.9%	2	84.1%

The result of January attendance was bad, perhaps due to the epidemic of influenza.

Let us have a better showing for February!

Sincerely yours,

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(1949-50)