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30 CLUBS & 1216 MEMBERS

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Translation

To the Presidents and Secretaries,
Rotary Clubs of the 60th District

Dear Sirs:

1. 1950 Conference of the 60th District

The District Conference of the 60th District for the year at Kyoto, preceded by the Pre-Conference Assembly in the evening of 7 April, was a great success, as the result of the most zealous efforts of the members of the host club, on the most favourable climatic conditions, under the Cherry blossoms in full bloom, with the enthusiastic crowd of 678 in attendance that have gathered from 30 clubs all over the country. (419 members, 255 families and 4 observers from clubs not yet re-established.) Your district governor is very much pleased with the fact that both the first day Conference at the Fowler Auditorium of the Doshisha University and the second at the Sampoin of the Daigo Temple were in full attendance, all through sessions.

The banquet at Hotel Rakuyo was the climax of the Conference, by all means. There was no confusion of any kind, as very much feared by the committee and everything went on nicely and smoothly in the most friendly atmosphere. Boogie-woogies by Miss Shizuko Kasagi was so charmingly and ardently performed that ordinarily grouchy old cussess for such modern art seemed well satisfied this evening. The sightseings and inspection tours in which about 350 participated were also a big success, favoured by the continued fair weather and well conducted by the ever unfiring committeemen.

The long and tedious work on the part of the members of the host club was sufficiently rewarded with such achievements and satisfaction of everybody in attendance. I am not going to pick up merit of anyone particular, but all the ceremonial tea services offered by Rotarian Sen and his entire family, assisted by other lady disciples of the Kyoto Rotarians all through the conference days certainly deserve special mention, even from a layman like myself.

Immediate Past President Angus Mitchell who came all the way from Australia, to represent the Rotary International at the Conference and who has experience of attending many district conferences elsewhere, has commented favourably on this conference that it was a great success, in being "well organized, well balanced and All Rotary".

Not only we Rotarians but every thingking people of Kyoto, as well as all

over the country, lamented very much over the theft case of Angus' bag, as the only flaw in this otherwise successful conference. Fortunately, however, as the results of combined efforts of the local Rotarians headed by President Osawa, the sleepless activities of the Kyoto police forces for 100 hours and the hearty cooperation of press and broadcasting station, in consideration of the international aspect of the incident the bag with its contents, minus cash, was recovered and returned to its rightful owner safely, with number of dramatic scenes to go with it. Angus goodnaturedly acknowledged the loss of money, as such "might happen most any place in the world," but something happened as the grand finale that has moved him greatly.

We were at the former Prince Takamatsu's Place, now a club, at noon on 15 April and were about to have a farewell luncheon in honor of Angus Mitchell. Jock Reid of Melbourne and President Kobay of Tokyo Club, who will shortly leave for the U.S., a newspaper reporter came and wanted an interview with Angus. The reporter had Yen 110,000 (about \$380) in an envelope in his hand and wanted him to accept this money, entrusted with the newspaper "The Mainichi Shimbun" by an anonymous person to redeem the shameful act of a countryman of his.

Deeply touched and with eyes filled with tears the Past President said that while he appreciated very much he could by no means accept the money, but if he was to make any suggestions as to its disposition he would like to have the money in equal division given to the YMCA and the Boy Scout, two of the social work in which he has long been particularly interested. The envelope was thus pushed back to the hands of equally touched reporter.

I want to express the sentiment of appreciation to this mindful anonymous Japanese, whoever it may be. The apparently unfortunate incident came to an unexpected happy end by an expression of beautiful sentiment.

Angus left words of hearty thanks to the kindnesses and goodwill of all the Rotarians of the country and boarded an airplane at 1.30 this morning at Haneda airport, homebound for Australia, with many unforgettable memories.

2. Governor Nominee, District 60, R.I. for 1950-51

The most important event at a District Conference is to select the Governor nominee for the coming year and it unexpectedly turned out to be my re-nomination this time and the obligation fell upon me to do the work of the governorship for another year. It is doubtless a great honor bestowed upon me and I appreciate it very much but is at the same time a heavy burden on me, both physically and economically. Meantime I feared the Rotary Clubs in the District were going to inflict a big loss upon themselves, because the decisions of the Board of Directors are the governor succeeding himself, may not attend the International Assembly for the second year.

Angus Mitchell, who represented the Rotary International at the conference strongly recommended that I may be allowed to attend the International Assembly again this year, and leading the progress of Rotary in this District, with the renewed inspiration from the meetings personally conducted by President Percy Hodgson. The Rotary International has invited me to come to the State on special consideration for this particular instance, without establishing a precedent in this district, and to attend the International Assembly to be held in Chicago.

I am in hopes of attending the Assembly, provided that I have no trouble about my passport, etc. and of serving the Rotary in Japan for little I may be able to. I, therefore, heartily soficit for your continued support and cooperation.

3. Credential Cirtificate for 1950 International Convention

Your Credential Cirtificate must be presented at the International Convention to be held at Detroit, Mich., 18 - 22 June, by the members attending. If not already handed to your attending delegate, please forward the same to me as soon as possible.

I am in hopes of attending the Convention, after the International Assembly is over but if necessary you will be duly represented at the Convention by some of the members from this district.

4. Charter Nights & Official Visits

The Charter Nights were held by the Sendai Club on 1 April and by the Ichino-miya Club on 12 idem, and they were gala meetings, with Angus Mitchell, Immediate Past President R.I. who came here to attend the District Conference and Jock Reid of Melbourne, who accompanied him. Angus at each case has delivered an appropriate congratulation speech, and appreciated the work of the club committees by telling them that he had never been to the charter meetings anywhere else so pleasant and cheerful. Jock presented the pennant of the Melbourne Club with the blessing to the new Clubs.

As mantioned in my previous letter, I will attend the Charter Night and Inter-city Assembly at Takamatsu on 22-3 April, and another Charter Night at Yokkaichi on 27 April. Official visits will be made to Imabari on 19 April, Kochi on 20-21, Tokushima on 23-24, Nishinomiya on 25 and Yokkaichi club on 26.

On 8 May I will be at Kanazawa to present its Charter and on the way back on 10 May Niigata Club will be visited officially.

5. New Clubs in the 60th District

The Kanazawa and Asahigawa Clubs were readmitted to the R.I. on March 20 and 29 respectively. Just one year since the Rotary Club of Tokyo was readmitted on March 29, 1949 and we have on this anniverary day 30 clubs in District 60 and the total membership of 1216. I believe we are to be highly congratulated.

The Rotary Club of Kanazawa (Charter No. 3841 - admitted on 20 March 1950)
Wednesday, 12:30, Kanazawa Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Pres. Sotokichi Wishikawa, Secy. Jisaku Yoshida
(Charter Members 32)

The Rotary Club of Asahigawa (Charter No. 3744 - admitted on 29 March 1950)
Friday, 12:30, Asahigawa Hokkai Hotel
Pres. Tsunekichi Koizumi, Secy. Isao Onishi
(Charter Members 33)

The Secretary's Letter dated 10 April says, "Particular mention should be made of the excellent record made in Japan -- 23 clubs admitted to membership in

R.I. since last July 1st (19 readmitted and 4 clubs which were not in existence prior to World War II.) There are now 30 clubs in Japan." It should be noted that Brazil for the seventh consecutive year has set a record with 16 new Rotary Clubs so far this Rotary year.

6. Rotary Clubs in the World

On April 10th there are 7,027 clubs and a membership of about 337,000, all over the world. New and reestablished clubs since 1 July 1949 are as follows:

United States, Canada, and Bermuda	59
Great Britain and Ireland	16
Continental European, North African, Eastern Mediterranean Region	50
South America, Central America, Mexico and Antilles	31
Asia	37
Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Other Places	14
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More and more Rotary Clubs are releasing territory so as to permit the formation of Additional Rotary Clubs in distinct trade centers within their cities and the following clubs were recently admitted to membership in R.I.:

East Portland, Oregon - in the city of Edomonton
 South Dallas, Texas - in the city of Dallas
 Weschester (Los Angeles), California - in the city of Los Angeles

The Rotary Club of South Dallas is the fourth additional Rotary Club within the city of Dallas; the Rotary Club of Weschester (Los Angeles) the 21st additional club in the city of Los Angeles. I think the time has come to consider this question seriously in the big cities in Japan.

7. Rotary Foundation Fellowship

The Rotary Foundation Fellowship Committee Examined the 138 applications submitted by candidates and selected 84 young men and women to receive the awards for 1950-51. The Committee also awarded the Teenie Robertson Mitchell Memorial Fellowship (established by Past R.I. President Angus Mitchell) to a young man in Australia. The regions from which the 85 Fellows were selected are:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Fellowships Awarded</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
Australia & New Zealand	3	0	3
Great Britain	11	1	12
Burma, Ceylon, India, etc.	0	1	1
Canada	4	1	5
Caribbean Region	2	0	2
China, Japan, The Philippines, etc.	1	2	3
Continental Europe	6	1	7
South America	4	1	5
United States of America	37	9	46
Teenie Robertson Mitchell Memorial Fellowship (Australia)	68	16	84
	1	0	1
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The Secretary's Letter states that the Rotary Club of Hakodate is the eighth club in Japan to make 100% contribution to the Foundation and that the Rotary Club of Sydney presented Past R.I. President Angus Mitchell, on his recent visit, a check for 1,000 pounds, representing a second 100% contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

It further states that all application papers and other literature on Rotary Foundation Fellowships should be DESTROYED. The material you have is OBSOLETE. New Revised literature will be sent to all district governors and club presidents early in July.

8. "HOSHI KOSO WAGA TSUTOME" in different languages

The "Service Is My Business" is being used widely as text book of the Vocational Service and according to the recent Secretary's Letter:

- it has been translated into Spanish and arrangements are being made for its publication;
- possibilities as to a French edition are being explored;
- it has been translated into the Tamil Language by the Rotary Club of Tuticorin, India;
- it has been summarized in the Marathi language by the Rotary Club of Vesik, India - the summary to be distributed gratis in that community;
- the president of the Rotary Club of Tokyo has published a Japanese edition;
- there are two Portuguese editions -- one brought out in Brazil and the other in Portugal.

A copy of the "Hoshi Koso Waga Tsutome" is being sent to each club gratis and every new club member is being asked to buy a copy. Let me ask you for your cooperation in recommending the book to non-Rotarians as well.

9. New Club Officers for 1950-51

I have reports of the newly elected club officers from some but not from all. Please send in the report as soon as possible.

I asked you to send the DATA FOR 1950-51 OFFICIAL DIRECTORY (Yellow Sheet), to the Chicago Central Office and the White Sheet to the Governor. I have only 14 of these up to this date and other 16, including the Tokyo Club, are urged to send in promptly.

10. Club Bulletins

I have since received Bulletins also from Hiroshima and Tokushima Clubs. The Rotary Club of Kumamoto issued its bulletin called the "Volcano" with certain singularity. I am very glad that each shows its characteristic. Other clubs are requested to follow suit.

11. Attendance Record for the Month of March

Clubs	Meetings	Membership	March Attendance	100% Meetings	February Attendance
Otaru	4	31	95.7%	1	98.1%
Yokohama	4	43	94.8%	1	96.8%
Sapporo	5	51	91.9%	0	91.6%
Niigata	3	28	90.5%	1	89.8%
Hamamatsu	3	20	90.0%	1	96.3%
Nishinomiya	3	24	89.0%	0	86.5%
Kyoto	5	67	88.8%	0	85.9%
Kobe	5	61	88.5%	0	88.8%
Okayama	5	23	87.8%	0	80.2%
Imabari	5	34	87.0%	0	80.0%
Gifu	5	23	87.0%	0	85.0%
Tokushima	5	29	85.5%	0	84.0%
Kokura	4	27	84.8%	0	77.6%
Asahigawa	1	33	84.8%	0	---
Hakodate	5	26	84.3%	1	83.0%
Yokkaichi	5	21	84.3%	0	83.8%
<u>District Average</u>			84.1%		
Kochi	4	24	83.4%	0	89.6%
Ichinomiya	4	22	83.0%	1	90.9%
Kumamoto	6	35	82.9%	0	80.2%
Tokyo	5	181	82.4%	0	83.2%
Himeji	1	28	82.2%	0	---
Osaka	5	89	81.7%	0	85.4%
Sendsai	4	39	80.2%	0	85.9%
Nagoya	3	56	79.4%	0	88.5%
Meji	5	26	79.4%	0	78.9%
Takamatsu	5	26	78.4%	0	---
Kanazawa	2	30	78.3%	0	---
Tsu	5	26	75.7%	0	---
Fukuoka	5	48	73.4%	0	84.6%
Firoshima	3	45	68.1%	0	76.9%
Total		1,216	84.1%	6	82.4%

Much better showing except one or two clubs and I want you to continue this upward tendency. Reports from clubs are re-checked and corrected. Please correct your records accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

Tomotake Teshima
Governor, 60th District, R.I.
(1949 - 50)