

A R E P O R T

to the Members of the 213th District of Rotary on Our International Student Project

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As you scan this pamphlet, District 213 of Rotary International will be well in its seventh year of the International Student Project which, unique in its inception, has gained world-wide recognition in Rotary circles.

For the first time in the history of this undertaking, that the more than 4,000 Rotarians in our district have made possible by their generous contributions through the past several years, we now are privileged to sponsor two scholarship students; one pursuing graduate studies at Northwestern University, and another from within our district doing special work in a German University.

Our guest student in the district this year is Diego Calle, 24, of Medellin, Colombia, South America, who entered Northwestern in September, and was scheduled to begin his visitations to the various clubs in the district early in December.

Diego, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrado Calle, is the eldest of ten children. Educated in the public schools of his home community, he is a graduate of the University of Antioquia at Medellin where he majored in economics. Since leaving school last November, he has been engaged in organizing the accounting system of the Medellin municipal government and has also served in a similar capacity for private corporations. He is doing postgraduate work in economics at Northwestern.

Our student now studying abroad is Carl Geffert of Harvey, who is a graduate of Thornton High School and the University of Virginia. After receiving his B.A. degree at Virginia in August, 1949, Carl spent another year at Virginia doing graduate work in the Germanic languages. He now is in residence at Philipps University at Marburg-on-the-Lahn in Germany, where he is engaged in research in Germanic philology (dialects). Carl is the son of the Rev. Rudolf L. Geffert, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Harvey. He is a veteran of World War II and served abroad, including Germany, with the American Occupation forces as an interpreter, with the rating of sergeant T-4. He is pointing for a Doctor of Philosophy degree for which he will later write his dissertation, based upon his research studies, at some American university.

Further expansion of the International Student Project now is insured through the recently established Roy Palmer Memorial Fund, by means of which it is expected that our district will invite a Japanese student to study in the United States next school year.

This fund, as all Rotarians in the district should know, had its inception last spring shortly after the tragic death of District Governor Roy Palmer in an airplane accident. The project to provide a special scholarship for a Japanese student was devised as a fitting memorial to Governor Roy because of the great friendship that had sprung up between himself and Rotary Governor Tomotake Toshima of Japan during the International Assembly both attended at Lake Placid in June, 1949. They became fast friends through a correspondence maintained during Governor Roy's term of office and until the time of his death. It was thought by leaders in District 213 that Governor Roy would have wanted just such a scholarship project to extend this bond of friendship to all Rotarians in the Districts he and Governor Tomotake represented.

Going into the seventh year of the International Student Project we continue to concentrate upon students from South America as guests in our district. Six of the seven students to visit us thus far came from widely separated areas of Latin America, a single exception was the appearance of Philip Foster, our student guest from London.

The project has now progressed to the point where we can begin to perceive the unmistakable values inherent in this worthy venture in international goodwill and friendship. The good results thus far achieved are best interpreted through the correspondence your committee is receiving at frequent intervals from the young men who have come to us through the years not only to broaden their knowledge as students at one of our great institutions of learning, but to obtain lasting impressions of the American way of life as typified in the very heart of the United States.

We know you will want to share with us the expressions of sincere appreciation and gratitude from these young men who are now "out on their own" in their homelands, rapidly assuming places of distinction and influence in their communities and countries, and daily bringing to their fellowmen the benefits of the enriching experience enjoyed while living among friends in North America.

Considered in the order of their appearance in our district, we pass along to you some brief comments about what "Our boys" are doing today and regarding some of the things in which they are especially interested.

Carlos Macchi, of Argentina, the first student guest to come to our district, is firmly established as labor relations director for Philips Products, at Fapasa, a suburb of Buenos Aires, largest manufacturers of light bulbs and radio equipment in South America, employing 2,500 workers.

The concern has its most important contacts, outside South America, in Europe and Canada. He is a member of the board of the Argentine Institute of Personnel Management, an indication of the high position of responsibility he holds in his chosen field of endeavor. In this latter capacity he has traveled extensively in other countries, more especially Brazil.

Carlos and Beba are the proud parents of two fine children, Carlos, Jr., 22 months old, and Ines, who joined the family circle on June 25 of this year.

His very fine position with the Philips company, coupled with the fact that he is the head of a splendid family, causes Carlos to say: "everything (with us) is happiness and optimism."

Carlos is about to occupy a new home with his growing family in a fine residential district in Acausso, where he promises Rotary visitors the "finest room service in Acausso!"

Carlos' genial and dynamic personality and his ability to readily adapt himself to our language (plus Americanese) and customs when a student here, endeared him to every Rotarian in the district. These exceptional character traits apparently stand him in good stead as he occupies a place of increasing influence in his homeland. We know he is a real ambassador of Rotary.

Rafael Errazuriz, our second student guest, who has been associated with a law firm in Santiago, Chili, in recent years -- going from law clerk to a full partnership -- is soon to engage in a mining business with his father-in-law. Yes, Rafael is married to Doty, and they now have Rafael, Jr. ("Rafa Chico") born September 14, last, as the third member of their household.

"I hope," says Rafael, "that Rafa Jr., in his time, will be understood . . . in a world where people, regardless of their own nationalities, will be more closely in touch and nearer in their mutual understanding. Will that generation comprehend that we, the fathers, did something to create that world of good fellowship?" And again: "I can't help it, but still I'm an optimist. It's true we are perhaps approaching a new war, and that by itself does not speak of good understanding and good fellowship. But out of it, and after the destruction of those forces that menace the freedom of the world, I believe our own ideals will spread through the continents."

Helio Ponna e Costa, our third student guest, has been a very busy man down Brazil way during the years since he completed his scholarship with us.

Returning to his home in Rio de Janeiro, he resumed the practice of law and, soon after his arrival, made a speaking tour of 20 Rotary clubs in that area in fulfillment of that part of his scholarship agreement. He made the visits in less than two months.

Helio next joined his father in law practice as a corporate attorney for the most important bank in Brazil. Meanwhile he was engaged to write special articles about the United States and international relations for two of his country's leading newspapers.

Last year he opened his own law office in partnership with a friend, specializing in civil and commercial law, and as he says, "doing quite well."

"Only recently," he says, "I decided to enter a very tough examination to become one of Rio's District Attorneys, as D.A.'s in Brazil are not elected, but nominated upon approval. . . . I've been studying very hard and expect to be called before the examining committee within a few weeks." Helio's letter was dated October 5, so that it is quite possible he is now an accepted District Attorney. Every Rotarian in the district will hope that he has been successful in achieving his new ambition.

Helio will be married next May to Miss Marilia Sao Paulo, daughter of a prominent Brazilian lawyer. As he puts it: "We expect to bond our lives for good in May (no divorces in Brazil)."

Yes, Helio, who maintains a close touch with Rotary in Brazil, is a true ambassador of our great international fellowship to his home country of Brazil.

Francisco Ponce de Leon of Uruguay, the fourth student from South America, is residing in the United States and, more specifically, in Chicago, where he is associated with John Sexton and Company, wholesale foods, as a chemical engineer. Frank, as many Rotarians will recall, climaxed his period of study at Northwestern University, by taking a beautiful Chicago girl as his bride.

Let him tell something about himself!

"After my marriage to Muriel," he says, "I took a fine position with John Sexton and Company. . . . They in turn sent me to Loyola University at night to study bacteriology. I can assure you that my schedule was rough -- working nine hours a day in a laboratory and then attending classes until 9 and 10 o'clock every night. On top of this an accident occurred in the laboratory whereby I broke my foot and was laid up for some months.

"I have been up to my neck in work -- you know working in industry in the U.S. is rugged -- and I already have been getting my share of it in the last year and a half."

Some day, soon, it is expected that Frank will be counted among the outstanding businessmen of his country. He is very appreciative of what Rotary in our district has done to broaden his experiences and typifies the hard-working characteristics of the young men who have come to visit us.

For Philip (Phil) Foster, our student guest from England, life has taken on an entirely unique pattern. Unlike the lads from South America, who settled into their chosen careers with considerable ease, Phil returned to England a year ago only to face a long period of military training under his country's conscription scheme.

Net result for Phil has been that he almost immediately went into basic training, later to attend officers training school from which he recently emerged as a Royal Air Force Pilot Officer (second lieutenant in U.S.A.). Here Phil has conducted himself with distinction, having been accorded various high honors. Now a fullfledged officer, he is looking forward to overseas duty in the not too distant future. Philosophically minded Phil takes this interruption to his civilian-life ambitions with good grace in the knowledge that he is lending his talents to secure the defenses of his country and democracy in this critical time in world affairs.

The prayers and best wishes of every Rotarian in District 213 go with Phil as he serves his country. We will expect great things from him when at some later time he devotes his good services to other fields of endeavor in times of peace.

The last student guest to conclude his scholarship studies with us will have returned to his native Peru when this pamphlet reaches your hands.

He is, of course, Vladislao Falla of Lima, affectionately known to all of us as "Lalo. Lalo made a sort of Cook's Tour of his homeward journey, traveling by way of eastern United States and Canada before shipping out from New York.

In expressing his sincere thanks to all Rotarians in the 213th District for the privilege of studying under the scholarship plan, and the many kindnesses accorded him on his visits in the district, Falla pays a glowing tribute to Roy Palmer, who was governor of the district during most of his stay in this vicinity.

Says Falla: "It comes to my memory that one of the most sorrowful episodes I have experienced during my stay in the United States was the death of Dr. Roy A. Falmer. He was one of the most admirable persons I have ever known. He specially attended three of the meetings to listen to me: in Peru (Ill.), in Dwight, and in Marseilles. . . I met him only five times personally, but he was one of my best friends. . . I am glad to know of the scholarship you have established as a memorial to Dr. Palmer. He spoke to me once about the Rotarians of Japan and how he admired their efforts in contributing to the Paul Harris Foundation."

We hope to be hearing many good things about Lalla after he again becomes established in his homeland and tells the Rotarians in Peru about his experiences in the United States.

Holiday Greetings

It occurs to your International Student Project Committee that Rotarians in our district will want to send holiday greeting to our student guest "alummi." Here are their addresses:

C A R L O

CARLOS MACCHI

Juan J. Dias 661-A

San Isidro, FONGBM

Argentina

RAFEAL ERRAZURIZ

Calle San Francisco de Asis 0354

El Golf

Santiago, Chile

HELIO PERINA e COSTA

R. Euricledes de Matos 10

(Laranjeiras)

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

FRANCISCO PONCE de LEON

6336 N. Claremont Ave.

Chicago 45, Illinois

PHILIP FOSTER, Pilot Officer

Officers Mess

Royal Air Force

Wittering

Northants, England

ULADISAO FALL

Montezuma 974

Callao, Peru

Club Visitation Program

As previously indicated, Diego Calle, our current student guest, from Medellin, Colombia, is beginning his round of speaking engagements in the 213th District this December.

Continuing the custom established a few years ago, Diego will be required to visit only half the clubs in the district, since calling upon each of the 66 clubs would impose too great a burden upon him and interfere seriously with his study schedule at Northwestern University.

In order that every Rotarian in the district may have an opportunity to greet and hear Diego during the course of his stay with us, the committee suggests that his visits be arranged, wherever possible, so that members of two or more clubs in any given area in the district might hear him at inter-city meetings.

In accordance with the present plan, this year's student guest will not be scheduled for regular appearances at any club visited by the student guest during the past club year.

The committee further urges that clubs to be visited by the student guests at such meetings as "Ladies Nights" so that the Rotary-Anns and other members of Rotary families may have the privilege and pleasure of greeting the student guest. Such a practice has become very popular with several clubs in the past few years. We urge you to try this plan!

Summary

The 213th District is deeply indebted to Northwestern University for its continuing whole-hearted cooperation in the International Student Project. No enterprise of this nature could enjoy true success unless the co-operating institution which provides the academic opportunities is in complete harmony with the project. The active interest and unfailing help accorded the plan by university officials through the past several years is ample proof that they are in complete accord with our objective of furthering international good will and understanding in this student guest program. We feel certain that, like Northwestern, other great universities in the country will wish to participate in similar forward-looking International Service activities.

What our previous student guests are accomplishing, together with their kind expressions of appreciation, should leave no doubt in any Rotarian's mind as to the efficacy of our District International Student Project. Indeed, this thoroughly practical and positive venture in International Service has attracted attention far beyond the confines of our district. Inquiries from District governors in all parts of the country continue to come to our attention as Rotarians everywhere seek to stimulate similar activity in advancing the Fourth Object of Rotary.

As has been stated before, we in the 213th District know of no district project that has brought so much satisfaction to so many Rotarians as the International Student Program. We are convinced that this project constitutes a practical application of the Fourth Object of Rotary. We are further convinced that, as the idea gains momentum it will develop limitless possibilities in the furtherance of Rotary's unceasing efforts to foster international understanding and good will among the peoples of all nations in the interest of enduring peace.

Every club in our district, save one, made a financial contribution last year to this project. Your committee hopes to again, this year, receive this generous support by every club in the district with amminimum contribution of \$1.50 for each member. Particularly is such a contribution per member imperative if we are to continue with our plan launched this year, to send out a student from this district to engage in a year of postgraduate study in another country.

To reiterate, the seeds sown in the past six years already are yielding a harvest as the young men we have entertained and subsequently sent back to their homelands assume their places of distinction and influence in the public, business and cultural spheres of their native lands.

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213TH DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROJECT
Financial Report Year Ending June 30, 1950

RECEIPTS FROM CLUBS

MEMBERS 7-;-49

82 Aurora	\$ 79.00	56 Maywood	\$ 79.50
23 Batavia	20.00	151 Moline	230.00
64 Belvidere	110.50	41 Morris	63.00
26 Blue Island	25.00	51 Morrison	52.00
15 Braidwood	20.00	41 Naperville.....	54.00
20 Byron	31.50	39 North Chicago	55.50
664 Chicago	655.00	112 Oak Park	233.00
85 Chicago Heights	85.00	22 Oglesby	24.00
53 Chicero	81.00	44 Oregon	44.00
24 Deerfield-Northbrook	50.00	57 Ottawa	77.00
49 Dekalb	69.00	28 Peotone	29.00
37 Dixon	40.00	45 Peru	69.00
32 Dwight	33.00	25 Plano	25.00
59 East Moline	82.50	32 Polo	46.50
62 Elgin.....	91.50	46 Rochelle	69.00
21 Erie	34.50	52 Rock Falls	76.50
104 Evanston	154.50	139 Rock Island	200.00
114 Freeport	100.00	151 Rockford	175.00
18 Geneseo	22.00	55 St. Charles	56.00
52 Glen Ellyn	53.00	34 Sandwich	40.50
35 Glencoe	54.00	50 Savanna	50.00
32 Glenview	35.00	34 Skokie	33.00
45 Harvard	40.00	38 Spring Valley	39.00
25 Harvey	26.00	67 Sterling	96.30
27 Henry	26.00	56 Streator	60.00
58 Highland Park	60.00	42 Sycamore	73.50
43 Homewood	40.00	21 Varna	21.00
137 Joliet	137.00	24 Walnut	37.50
65 Kankakee	97.50	107 Waukegan	25.00
31 Lacon	30.00	67 Wilmette	150.00
44 LaSalle	NONE	30 Wilmington	29.00
26 Manteno	26.00	68 Winnetka	100.00
47 Marseilles	41.00	32 Princeton	35.00
Total Receipts (66 Clubs, 4,076 Members)		\$4,897.30	

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Balance July 1, 1949	\$4,221.04	
Receipts from Clubs	4,897.30	\$9,118.34
Disbursements:		
Transportation - To London	390.00	
Transportation - From Peru	505.75	
Transportation - Visiting Clubs	15.70	
Student Subsistence	1,800.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	80.82	
Postage	25.21	
Printing	120.80	
Committee Meeting Expenses	74.52	3,012.80
		\$ 6,105.54
Reserve for return transportation to Peru		600.00
		\$ 5,505.54