

Three delegates from three of the 51 nations now represented at the Detroit meeting sat next to a revolving platform which bore the flags of all 83 Rotary-invaded countries and did some deep reminiscing.

They identified themselves as Edwin Robinson, 70, fruit importer from Sheffield, England; Oscar Machado, 46, college professor from Porto Alegre, Brazil; and Rudolph Herman, 56, of 7223 Barrie, Dearborn, owner of a chemical research laboratory.

**DISAGREE ON WEATHER**

After some reflections on the Detroit weather, which Robinson said was "a bit warm" for him and which Machado flatly labeled "too cold," they got around to some of the "internationalism" of Rotary International. Said Robinson:

**"I remember well our meeting in Czecho-Slovakia, Rudy. It was in 1933, the year before our first trip to Detroit. I looked for you in Vienna and several of the other spots on the continent. Whatever kept you from coming along?"**

Answered Herman:

**"The only places I managed to visit during those years were China, Japan and the Philippines."**

Interjected Machado:

**"The last four conventions have been held rather close by. As a matter of fact, I do not recall meeting either of you in Atlantic City, Rio de Janeiro or San Francisco."**

Finally, when the complete roll had been called on convention sites, either Robinson, Herman or Machado remembered "vividly" or "clearly" incidents in, among other places, Edinburgh, Scotland; Nice, Toronto, Mexico City, Los Angeles and New York.

And theirs was only one of the many cosmopolitan discourses being held in the "House of Friendship," the ballroom's title for the next five days.

All three are officers or past officers of their organizations. Machado is president of the Porto Alegre club and Herman a past governor of the Czech district.

**GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT**

Besides governor of his district in England, Robinson has been president of the Rotary Congress of Britain and Ireland and a member of the International's board of directors.

In keeping with the "cross-roads" atmosphere which prevails in the room, they compared notes on their linguistic achievements and even took a few on-the-spot lessons.

And they are quick to tell you why, in ways that differ but slightly. Said Robinson:

**"The organization has a tendency to break down insularity."**

Said Herman:

**"A feeling of 'one worldism' grips you at these conventions."**

Said Machado:

**"We Latins feel that Rotary symbolizes pan-humanity."**

A worldly bunch, these Rotarians!