

# Ideals Require Action, Rotary Chieftain Says

Local Club Inspired by International  
President Arthur Lagueux

"Ideals without action are nearly as bad as action without ideals," Rotary International President Arthur Lagueux of Quebec told the local club and guests at dinner Saturday night. The occasion was the first visit of an international president to the Prince Rupert club.

Battle of Tago—

Besides Rotarians, there were present Rotary Annes, Rotarians from Ketchikan, Presidents Eddie Garner and A. J. Dominato of the Kinsmen and Gyro Clubs, President Mrs. Willa Ray of the Business and Professional Women's Club, Bishop J. B. Gibson and other guests. Tables at the Canadian Legion hall were centered with cut flowers, the gift of the court house gardener, Mr. Baxter.

Speaking for the Ketchikan club, President Mitchell Spaeth said the meeting was memorable for three reasons for the Alaskan delegates. They were attending a Rotary meeting in the closest city. They had crossed an international boundary and the international president was attending the meeting.

Ray Hall, chairman of the international service committee of the Ketchikan club, told of what his club was doing to promote international thinking and good will. He said he had been with the friendship that went to Europe and that contacts from that trip were still alive. Among items sent to Germany and Austria were CARE parcels and the English edition of the "Rotarian." At home they were sponsoring an essay contest in the local high school and furnishing contestants with all United Nations literature. The contest subject was "What the United Nations Means and What They Are Doing in the International Field."

Following dinner there was a musical interlude. The program was:

Vocal solos, "I Heard You Go By" and "Mighty Lak a Rose," Mrs. Vera Roberts.

Vocal duet, "Thinking I See Thee," Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts.

Vocal solos, "Lucky Old Sun" and "Bluebird of Happiness," Bernard Fortune.

H. T. Lock was accompanist. Then followed community singing while the tables were being cleared.

In introducing the distinguished guest, President Bruce Brown said it was the first time in the history of the club there had been a visit from the international president. It meant a great deal to have him here, he said. There were few men who have the distinction to be the head of an organization with members in 80 countries.

## INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mr. Lagueux told the gathering Rotary was a timely organization that its guiding principle, service, was always up-to-date. The ideal of Rotary was to give service to humanity wherever and whenever possible and to give it freely and ungrudgingly. Rotary's bond of fellowship stretched around the world.

The speaker said Rotary was not a synthetic organization but a vital one, born of a need. He mentioned the significance of its simplicity, how the idea of engaging in it for the purpose of rendering service rather than for seeking publicity or personal gain struck a chord. It has a definite place in society, he continued, and how well it fills that place "depends on you and me. We are Rotary."

Mr. Lagueux said that ideals had to be acted upon to be useful. "We must harness the power of idealism if we are to turn the wheels of tomorrow."

He compared Rotary to his native city of Quebec. He said there were really two cities—upper town and lower town. Lower town is the old fashioned narrow streets with buildings nearly touching each other over them. Upper town is modern, with wide thoroughfares. But Quebec is one city, he said. And so with his Rotary Club. Of the 80 members, 25 are English speaking.