



Rotarians of the St. Petersburg area today heard their international president, Arthur Lagueux, (center), of Quebec, in an address at a meeting held this afternoon in the Soreno hotel. Shown above with Lagueux are Frank M. Rhodes, governor Rotary district 244, (left) and Withers R. Lee, president, St. Petersburg Rotary club.

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## Rotary Chief Declines Papal Ban Comment

Arthur Lagueux, president of Rotary International, today maintained his "no comment" attitude toward the recent decrees of Pope Pius barring Rotary membership to members of the Catholic clergy.

Lagueux, a resident of Quebec, a leading Catholic layman and prominent investment broker, of Canada, was honored guest at a special meeting of St. Petersburg area Rotarians held in the Soreno hotel this afternoon. More than 600 Rotarians heard their international head commend the two main them-

lution of the world's ills. He cited the two themes—friendship and service—as having all the ingredients for eliminating strife and hatred in the world.

Developing his theme that Rotary principles are principles of peace, Lagueux recalled that 11 Rotarians were advisors at the charter meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945 and that these men had written Rotary principles into many of the charter's provisions.

Frank M. Rhodes, district Rotary governor, introduced Lagueux and praised the international president as a "great leader".