

12,000 Rotarians Set For Conclave Here Next Week

Warren Austin Among Speakers To Address Delegates At Forum

Some 12,000 Rotarians and their families from 83 countries of Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas are expected to be in the city to attend Rotary International's 42nd annual convention which will begin Sunday and last through Thursday.

Twenty-five hotels here are preparing to house the delegates from various parts of the world, who will register at Convention Hall all day Sunday, from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M.

One of the highlights of the gathering of business executives and professional men, representing 7300 Rotary Clubs, will be a forum discussion participated in by four of the 284 outstanding graduate students from all parts of the world, who have received one-year Rotary fellowships for study, as ambassadors of good will, in countries other than their own.

AUSTIN TO SPEAK

Among speakers scheduled to address the delegates are Ambassador Warren R. Austin, U. S. representative to the United Nations; Arthur Lagreux, of Quebec City, Canada, president of Rotary International; U. S. Sen. Wallace F. Bennett, of Utah; Dr. Kenneth McFarland, superintendent of schools of Topeka, Kans.; and top Rotarians from Australia, Canada, England, France, Lebanon and from various sections of the United States.

Keynote of the gathering will be the internationality of the Rotary organization. Throughout the convention program, said a spokesman, emphasis will be given to the opportunities which Rotarians have in all parts of the world to assist in the achievement of one of the principal goals of Rotary International: the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace.

Atlantic City is the organization's most popular convention location and this will be the fourth time Rotary International has held its annual convention here, more often than any other city in the world. The first Rotary convention was held here in 1920, then again in 1926 and 1946. Conventions held outside the United States have been in Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, France, Mexico and Scotland.

VOICE ON FUND

One resolution scheduled to be voted on by the delegates calls for the provision of \$250,000 a year for three years beginning July 1, 1952, for the furtherance of the purposes of the Rotary Foundation, one of whose principal activities has been the awarding of Rotary fellowships for overseas study to outstanding graduate students.

Since this program was inaugurated in 1947, fellowships have been awarded to 254 youths living in 42 countries of Europe, Asia, Africa, the Americas and the islands of the Pacific Ocean. Total grants to these fellows amount to nearly \$750,000.

All other resolutions to be considered at the convention are related to purely Rotary administrative procedure.

For Rotarians who do not readily understand English, a telephone transmitter system is being installed in the Vernon Room of Haddon Hall for the Council on Legislation. The system is similar to the one used by the United Nations. Simultaneous translations will be available in English and Spanish.

TALENT REVIEW

A special event for the ladies will be a "Miss America Fashion and Talent Review" at 3:30 P. M. on Monday in Convention Hall Ballroom, featuring Miss America for 1951, 1948 and 1949; Miss Canada 1950; Miss Connecticut 1950; Miss Florida 1950; Miss Kansas 1949; Miss New Jersey 1949; Miss North Dakota 1950; and Miss Philadelphia 1950.

Master of ceremonies will be Rotarian Bob Evans, of Helena, Ark., formerly with Fred Waring's orchestra. The production will be directed by Lenora Slaughter, executive director of the Miss America Pageant.

During the past 11 months, said a Rotary spokesman, 246 new Rotary clubs have been organized in 33 countries, bringing the membership of the organization to an all-time high of 947,000 business executives and professional men in 7300 Rotary clubs in 83 countries.

At 10:30 A. M. and 11:35 A. M. on Sunday, sections of a special train will arrive in the city, bringing some 600 Rotarian officials and members of their families from Lake Placid, New York, where they have been attending a special conference to plan Rotary Club activities for the coming year. Heading the delegation will be President Lagreux. Passengers will include Rotarians from 43 countries.

FIRST SESSION

The first plenary session will begin at 10:15 A. M. Monday in Convention Hall with the introduction of Lagreux, to be followed by the presentation of the Board of Directors and past presidents of Rotary International.

Following this will be nominations for president and treasurer.

Also scheduled during the day is an address by the president and another by Sen. Bennett.

Scheduled for 8:30 P. M. Monday is an international pageant, "The Living Spirit of Nations," presented by the Atlantic City High School under the direction of Rotarian John H. Jagusch.

Ambassador Austin, a member of the Rotary Club of Burlington, Vt., will give his address during the evening, which will be followed by a concert by the Arizona Boys Chorus of Tucson.

On Tuesday's schedule is a meeting of the convention by vocations, vocational service assemblies, group discussion assemblies, and a British Commonwealth of Nations dinner in Hotel Traymore with G. E. Madden, of Hong Kong, an incoming director of Rotary International, serving as chairman.

ROMBERG CONCERT
In the evening will be a concert by Sigmund Romberg and his orchestra in Convention Hall Wednesday morning the delegates will hear annual reports of the Rotary, treasurer and Rotary F

Hall will be held in Convention Hall during the evening. There will be a parade through the city by a Philadelphia Mummies Band, dancing and a stage show, with several outstanding attractions of the program.

The election of officers will be held during the final plenary session which will begin in Convention Hall at 10:30 A. M. Thursday. The session will include an address by Dr. Kenneth McFarland, superintendent of schools of Topeka, Kans., committee reports, a message from Lagreux and from the new president, and committee reports.

Education Fellowships Committee in the Ballroom of Convention Hall.

The Foundation Fellows' forum, also scheduled during the morning, will have Richard C. Hedke, of Detroit, Mich., as past president of Rotary International, as moderator. The participants will be a student from Egypt studying at Syracuse University; one from Ireland studying at Yale; one from Japan studying at Cornell; and another from Sweden attending George Washington University.

This will be followed by a report from the Council on Legislation and voting on the measures by the delegates.

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