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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT IN CITY—

Arthur Lagueux of Quebec City, president of Rotary International, is pictured as he arrived here this morning via plane to be guest of honor at an international Rotary meeting being held by the Watertown club at the Hotel Woodruff. Mr. Lagueux was greeted by a group of local Rotarians upon his arrival here. Those in the picture, from left to right are: Howard F. Farrington, Cecil B. Aiken, President Lagueux, Clarence E. Scott, president of the local club; Harry J. Yoder, past district governor of Rotary; Herbert Hewelson, secretary of the Montreal Rotary club; Robert T. Puffer, Alvie M. Edwards, general chairman of the international meeting, and Dr. Norman L. Hawkins.

Seaway Needed Now, Says Head of Rotary

Arthur Lagueux, Quebec, Arrives in City by Plane for Meeting.

Canada is keenly interested in St. Lawrence seaway and power development project and is working diligently to bring about its construction, according to Arthur Lagueux of Quebec City, president of Rotary International. Mr. Lagueux arrived here this morning from Montreal to be guest of honor at an international Rotary meeting to be held at the Hotel Woodruff this evening at 8:30.

Arriving here at 11:10 on a Colonial Airline plane, Mr. Lagueux was met at the municipal airport by a delegation of Watertown Rotarians including President Clarence E. Scott, Alvie M. Edwards, chairman in charge of arrangements for the meeting; Harry J. Yoder, past district governor; Dr. Norman L. Hawkins, Howard F. Farrington, both past presidents of the local club; Cecil B. Aiken, who is in charge of reservations for the meeting, and Robert T. Puffer, member of the committee in charge of presentations.

Making his first visit to Watertown, President Lagueux told the delegation that welcomed him that he was pleased to be in this city as he was familiar with the fine spirit of Rotary that has always been shown by the Watertown club.

As he walked from the plane accompanied by Herbert Hewelson, secretary of the Montreal club, the president of Rotary International said that the trip from Montreal to Watertown was highly enjoyable. He left Montreal at 8:50 this morning and arrived here just a few minutes before 11:10, the plane being a few minutes ahead of schedule.

"All Canada is interested in seeing the St. Lawrence seaway and power project started," said President Lagueux. "We are working diligently to get the necessary legislation now to have it started. It is difficult for us to understand just why there is delay on the part of your leaders in approving the project. Usually the people of your country are ahead of us, but in this great project we are taking the lead."

"We are all anxious for the development and it is going to come. It may take time, but believe me when I say that we are for it and we are confident it is going to become a reality. The project will be a great benefit to both countries. I know that eventually it is going to be constructed."

Discussing business conditions in Canada, President Lagueux said they have been excellent during 1950. He said it would be difficult to venture an opinion as to what they will be in 1951, pointing out that everyone is just a little frightened by the international situation. The international head of Rotary said that he would not be at all surprised to see conditions tighter in 1951 than they were this year.

When asked about the international situation as it affected Canada and the feelings of the Canadian people regarding the Korean situation, President Lagueux said he did not want to get into a discussion on the international situation. He pointed out that the Korean situation was one that he did not care to discuss.

Discussing the Rotary picture as he sees it, President Lagueux said the organization was growing, pointing out that 1950 has been a great year for the service organization. He said that 107 new clubs have been formed, making a total of 7,000 clubs in 83 countries. President Lagueux was especially pleased with the growth of Rotary in Europe—especially France and Germany—and in present.

North Africa. He said that during World War II clubs in Germany and Italy were forced to suspend operation. He said that now these clubs are coming back strong. He pointed out that there are 26 new clubs in Germany and 20 in Italy. Mr. Lagueux smiled as he said that naturally the Rotary clubs in Germany are in the American, English and French sphere of influence. He said there was none in the Russian zone.

Japan is another country where Rotary is coming back. The clubs in that country suspended operation during the war, but the president said there are now 28 clubs operating in Japan.

"There have been 23 charters cancelled in China," said Mr. Lagueux. "The clubs in China did not function according to the rules of Rotary as far as meetings and the high principles of Rotary are concerned so the charters were cancelled. We heard little from Rotary in China and when they are not active and doing the work as taught by Rotary it is necessary to cancel their charters."

Mr. Lagueux said that he has two other trips planned to cities in the United States early in January. He will attend a Rotary gathering in Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, Jan. 10, which he is looking forward to with keen anticipation.

Rotarians from all sections of New York state and neighboring Canadian cities and villages will be here this evening for the international meeting at the Hotel Woodruff. Dinner will be served at 6:30. There will likely be 350