

bled air. To clean it, the "window monkey" merely lets out the air; the window, hinged on a center pivot, swings open. No longer need cleaners disturb office procedure by swinging perilously from a strap; they can work at night from inside, with probably eventual savings in insurance.

Skeptics think the skyscraper may look "tin canish," but Alcoa denies this, pointing to decorative spandrels and mullions which will break the sleek monotony. "If this building can't be beautiful," suggested one Alcoa official, "I'm sure we couldn't have persuaded Wallace K. Harrison [designer of Rockefeller Center and the U.N. building] to lend his name as architect."

Lower Prices Coming?

Just how much Americans yearn for the end of resurging inflation was seen last week in the sales-chart of William J. Baxter's new *Lower Prices Coming* (International Economic Research Bureau; New York: \$1). IERB has sold more than 100,000 copies. Sales are running at a phenomenal 11,000-a-week clip.

If Baxter, a Harvard educated economist and Wall Street bear, is right, nearly every other recognized economist is wrong. To the theory that the "boys in Washington will not allow prices to go lower," he says: "High-price propaganda—BUNK." He counts on housewives, scientists and surpluses to bring lower prices.

"... In simple, everyday terms," purrs happy IERB, "he breaks down the present situation so that you can easily see how you and your business and investments stand." What IERB understandably omits is Baxter's box score as a seer. Among his previous writings:

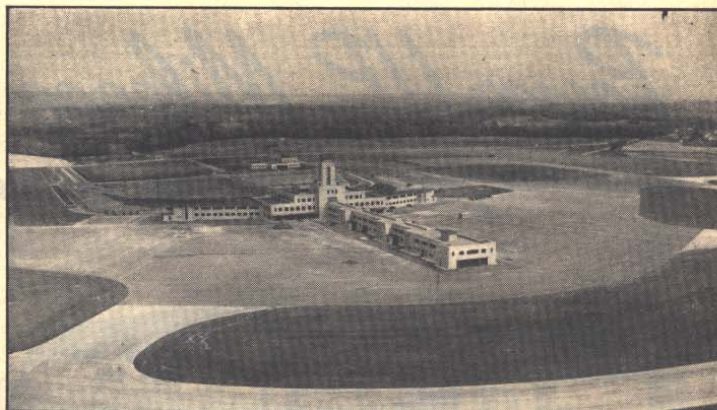
- • *America Faces Its Greatest Business Depression* (1937).
 - • *How to Survive the Coming Breakdown* (1939).
 - • *Japan and America Must Work Together* (1941).
 - • *No Inflation Coming* (1944).
- Still to be written: How Wrong Can a Prediction Be?

Rotary: Small World

The sight was strange to Detroit. So many of the faces were foreign. The attire of some of the women was Far Eastern, and held the eye after the one polite look. A Detroit reporter looked and wrote: "You keep thinking what a small world this is."

It was the world of Rotary International in 41st annual convention. To Detroit came 6,949 delegates from 50 of the 83 Rotary countries. They shared a common bond: a great fear of world conditions; they also harbored a hope.

The hope sprang from people themselves. First to express it was outgoing President Percy Hodgson of Pawtucket, R.I. His bags scarcely unpacked from a 200,000-mile tour of 79 Rotary countries, he said: "I found one thought uppermost in every mind—let us have peace."



Baltimore's new airport. Everything but Washington's business. (SEE: Two-City)

He believed Rotary's ideals would help, if widely radiated. Rotarians should carry hope and good will into schools, clubs and communities, he said.

Cordial Babel. Listeners included nine Japanese, two Germans and three Italians, first former enemies at a Rotary International convention since the war. Here, too, were Prince Bidyalarb Prittyakom, president of Thailand's Privy Council; Thomas Cashmore, Canon of Wakefield Cathedral in England; Raffaele Count Admiral de Courten, former Minister of the Italian Navy.

They learned what Rotary is doing in America to build better communities and people and thinking. Many, not knowing English, heard translations by earphones, and will retell it later in their own tongues back home.

If not enough, a lot has been done. In Elizabethtown, Pa.; Warsaw, Ind., Chicago and Moorestown, N.J., Rotarians counsel high school children toward careers. In Memphis, Rotarians from Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi maintain the Hospital for Crippled Adults.



Rotary presidency. From Hodgson to Canada's Arthur Lagueux. (SEE: World)

In Hazletown, Pa., Rotarians provide radios and Braille materials for the blind. In Arlington, Mass., Rotarians organized a boys' club and junior police department under leadership of the local police chief. In Parsons, Kan., Muskegon, Mich., and Zanesville, Ohio, Rotary clubs sponsor cancer clinics. In Pueblo, Col., hundreds of spastic children are helped at a center Rotary started.

A week later, General Secretary Philip Lovejoy said: "The big thing about this convention was that we brought people from 50 nations together in harmony. We believe they will go back as emissaries of good will."

Two-City Airport?

At the dedication of the \$15 million Friendship International Airport in Anne Arundel County, Md., Harry Truman was at his smiling best. But he neatly sidestepped the two issues which the 3,200-acre airport poses, namely:

- • Is such a field better than a postage-stamp strip located more conveniently to the business section?
- • Can two major cities hope to use a single airport together successfully?

While the major airlines like Friendship as a port for Baltimore (15 minutes away by limousine), there is less enthusiasm over the 52-minute ride to Washington. The capital's existing National airport is only 12 minutes from downtown hotels.

Big but Distant. Although Friendship is five times the size of National, Washington would at best use it as a bad-weather field. At worst, Congress would approve a pending bill to construct a new Washington airport in Virginia.

Baltimoreans believe that Friendship's vast accommodations (it even has a nursery with bottle sterilizers and diaper-vending machines) will make Washington see the light. Encouraging is the fact that other rival cities have found common airports financially advantageous.

Both St. Paul and Minneapolis, for instance, use Wold-Chamberlain Field.

Raleigh and Durham, N.C., compro-