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TOP ROTARIAN. Arthur Lagueux, of Quebec, (in bow tie), was greeted Thursday at Miami Beach by these Miami area Rotary Club executives. The international president was here to mark Rotary's 46th anniversary. With him, left to right, are James G. Garner, president, Miami North Shore Club; H. W. MacDonald, president, South Miami Club; J. Cleve Allen, of Coral Gables, a director of Rotary International; Walter Grundy and Alex Balfe, presidents, respectively, of the Miami Beach and Miami clubs.

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No. 1 Clubman Greeted

700 Rotarians Mark 46th Birthday On Beach

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More than 700 Rotarians celebrated their organization's 46th birthday Thursday and greeted its international president at a luncheon in Miami Beach.

Honor guest was Arthur Lagueux of Quebec, who addressed Rotary delegates from a dozen South Florida cities and more than 400 out-of-town members in the noon assembly at the Steak House restaurant.

Scores of his own countrymen and their wives were on hand to hear the Canadian Rotary executive who advised them to take in the Florida sunshine and "don't go home yet." It was 18 degrees below zero in Quebec Sunday, Lagueux acknowledged, and snow was six feet deep along the Heights of Abraham.

Rotary's chief international accomplishments are based, he said, on "individual improvement" through friendship, decency and service.

Terming Rotary's program "realistic in a realistic world," Lagueux said that "freedom-loving peoples recognize the essentiality of being fortified for an onslaught against their ideals."

Notwithstanding, Rotary has adopted an "idealistic way" which is "essentially practical," he said.

With some 344,000 members belonging to 7,205 chapters in 83 countries, Rotary is paying strict attention to principles it believes vital to international peace, the Canadian said.

He reminded the audience that 11 Rotarians were at San Francisco as advisers when the United Nations organization was formed.

Lagueux pledged that Rotary International would continue its efforts to accomplish mutual understanding throughout the world.

"Without formality, we will try to practice friendship through service," he said.

Lagueux and many of the high Florida Rotarians present were introduced by J. Cleve Allen, of Coral Gables, a Rotary International director, and by Walter O. LeGrande, district governor.