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PRESIDENT of Rotary International, Arthur LeGueux and Mrs. LaGueux, here from Quebec were guests at Hialeah Wednesday . . . They and the Cleve Allens, the Alexander M. Balfes and the Edward Keatings made up a party for the day watching the races in Sam McCormick's box.

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World Rotary President To Speak Here Tomorrow

The balmy beauty of Biscayne Bay held the interest of the president of International Rotary today more than a recent Vatican decree which banned the membership of Catholic priests in that organization.

On his first visit to Florida, **Arthur Lagueux** marveled at the view from his 11th floor suite in the Columbus hotel.



Lagueux

"The snow was 10 feet deep and the temperature was 18 degrees below zero when I left my home in Quebec the other day," the head of the world's 344,000 Rotarians commented.

Lagueux is in Miami to address the 800 Rotarians in the area tomorrow at 12:15 p.m., at the Steak House, 2362 Collins ave., Miami Beach. He came here yesterday from St. Petersburg and will continue his official tour Friday, going to Havana, then Mexico City, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Winnipeg.

The Vatican decree, which had world-wide repercussions, specifically forbade Catholic priests from joining and attending Rotary meetings. It left the membership of Catholic laymen to the jurisdiction of Catholic bishops. There has been no ban by the bishops on Catholic laymen in this country belonging to Rotary since the Papal decree.

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can singled out Rotary from all other service organizations," Legueux declared. He said he was a Catholic, himself.

"There has been some speculation that Rotary in other countries in Europe and in South America have secret rituals and vows and for this reason the Vatican issued the decree. If these things exist, I do not know anything about them," Lagueux said.

Lagueux, who owns and operates an investment banking company in Quebec, said he plans to visit Europe, particularly the Scandanavian countries, during March and April.