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Goodwill Shown—

KETCHIKAN ROTARIANS PAY VISIT

Interesting International Affair Illustrative of American-British Bonds in Face of Crisis

Rotarians of Ketchikan and Prince Rupert mingled Saturday night in a fine spirit of international fellowship, exemplifying in this outpost of the northwest the bonds that throughout the world are uniting America and Great Britain closer and closer together in goodwill and mutual assistance for the preservation of such ideals and principles as Rotary stands. The occasion was a fraternal visit of twelve members of Ketchikan Rotary to the Prince Rupert club. The principal event of the visit was a dinner in the Commodore Cafe when greetings were exchanged in a delightful atmosphere of hospitality and goodfellowship with reciprocal expressions of warm sentiments both individual and collective.

Dr. Neal M. Carter, president of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club, was in the chair and with him at the head table were Edward Elliott, vice-president and president-elect of the Ketchikan Rotary Club; William Spalding, mayor and prominent Rotarian of Ketchikan, and Capt. G. W. Marsden of the Royal Canadian Engineers, the latter being a special speaker of the evening, giving an address on Shanghai.

The background for the head table consisted of two large flags—one the Union Jack and the other the Stars and Stripes, below the crossed staffs of which was a large Rotary Wheel emblem centred with the words "Welcome Ketchikan."

Rotary Under Trial

The spirit of the Ketchikan visit was appropriately enough expressed by President-elect Elliott who, after due sentiments of welcome had been expressed by President Carter and other opening formalities disposed of, spoke as follows:

"It is particularly fitting that visits such as this should be undertaken during this period in world history when democracy and Rotary, as ways of life, are being restricted and threatened as they have never been threatened before.

"We Alaskans and Americans with the rest of the free world, have looked with something more than admiration at the way that Canada and the other nations of the British Commonwealth have rallied to cause of the Mother Country. The spirit of the British people during the terrible ordeals of war calls forth the earnest gratitude of all free people.

"In our country there is a feeling, becoming more pronounced every day, that our gratitude shall be expressed in something more tangible than expressions of sympathy. We are increasingly showing our sympathy in terms that Hitler can understand.

"Speaking of the burdens imposed by war all of Rotary has been inspired by the manner in which British Rotarians have carried on. There are indications that Rotary ideals are not diverted when subjected to the anti-Rotary atmosphere generated by war. While our fellow Rotarians are united with the nation in prosecuting their duties as citizens, their eyes are on the future when peace again will come and when the spirit of Rotary will have to permeate the council of nations—if peace and goodwill are to be more successful than they have been in the past.

"We Ketchikan Rotarians recognize this and our visit to you will, in this small corner of the world, serve to aid in the maintaining of Rotary ideals.

"You Prince Rupert fellows have been carrying heavy burdens in this community. We appreciate your faithfulness and we trust that our meeting with you will infuse each of us, hosts and visitors alike, to keep alive in our lives the ideals that brings us together today—Rotary fellowship and International goodwill."

Mayor Spalding

Mayor William Spalding of Ketchikan spoke briefly and in vein somewhat similar to that of Mr. Elliott. He, too, expressed appreciation of the fine hospitality that had been extended here and reiterated the statement that the United States was in an ever-increasing way getting behind the British Empire in the war effort as opposed to Hitlerism and the menace which it symbolized.

Another Ketchikan speaker, Adjutant Nick Belkovitch, Salvation Army commandant and seeming "life of the party," also spoke strongly along the pro-British line. He made it clear that, while he was a believer in peace, he felt the immediate necessity was to do everything possible to promote and support the British war effort by supplying ships, tanks and guns. As far as he personally was concerned he declared that he was willing at any time to change his Army uniform for the military uniform to serve in any capacity or rank in which his services might be best used. Adjutant Belkovitch's remarks were punctuated with buoyant and happy witticisms.

Other speakers from among the Ketchikan Rotarians were George Beck, the treasurer of the club, Hal Brennan, the baby member, and Casey Moran, owner and skipper of the yacht Arrow which brought the party to Prince Rupert.

Col. J. W. Nicholls, being called upon, gave some impressions of Rotary as he had seen it in various parts of the world, including Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Germany and of certain of its more serious implications. He expressed the hope that the time would not be far removed when Prince Rupert would be able to return Ketchikan's visit but, until the war was won, this could not be done in view of the necessity of Canada conserving all its financial resources in order to obtain the sinews of war.

Entertainment Features

A feature of the evening's entertainment program was a radio skit performed by several members of the Ketchikan club from an enclosure and transmitted through an amplifier. It was a humorous satire on a Rotary business meeting discussion which proved very entertaining.

Another amusing diversion of the evening was a quiz contest in which various questions were presented to the Rotarians and fines imposed, the whole resulting in a collection of $26 being obtained for the Rotary fund to provide blankets for Britain.

Piano-accordian selections by Mike Colussi and cornet solos by Adjutant Belkovitch were much appreciated and community singing under the direction of Adjutant Belkovitch and Lieut. A. F. Graves of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, the latter a Kamloops Rotarian, was enjoyed. A. C. Small was piano accompanist.

The Ketchikan visitors were Edward Elliott, William Spalding, A. M. Spaeth, Adjutant Nick Belkovich, H. S. Brennan, Ralph Bartholomew, Lee Dickenson, George Beck, J. W. Mendenhall, A. F. Bethe, A. W. Sundstrum, Paul J. Wingren and Casey Moran.

Other dinner guests were Major M. A. Burbank, Lieut. A. F. Graves, C. C. Mills and G. A. Hunter as well as the speaker of the evening, Capt. G. W. Marsden.

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It is beyond the span of a lifetime now since Skidegate roads heard the tramp of the Haidas when, to the throb of war drums, the native warriors of old responded to the call of arms and, calling their slaves to outfit and man the great war canoes, they put forth not only to repel invaders from their own shores but to meet them on the high seas, the large sixty or seventy foot craft sometimes travelling as far as the mouth of the Columbia River.

One Sunday recently Skidegate roads heard the tramp of fighting men when men of the Rocky Mountain Rangers regiment came over from Aliford Bay to attend a service especially for them in the Skidegate Mission Hall, the hall being used because Spencer United Church, in itself, was not large enough to accomodate all the congregation. An impressive sermon, appropriate to the occasion, was preached by Rev. Basil Hartley and the Skidegate Mission choir, under the direction of Matthew Williams, rendered several anthems. Weather was perfect with warm ,bright sunshine and there were visitors from the East Coast of Graham Island, Queen Charlotte City, Skidegate and Aliford Bay.

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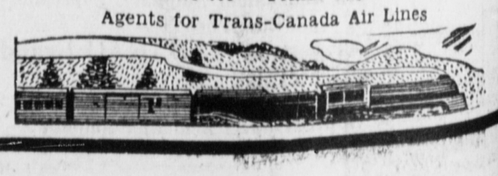
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