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Rotary Club, Cleveland, 1953.

1) Please to address - Rotary - "The Advancement of inter. understanding -
| friendship, good will, and peace thru a world fellowship of business
| and professionals were united in the "Ideal of Service".

at this part. season - season | Good will.

Jews + Chrs. unite this month ① 21/10 - "Fest. of Lights" - defense of
their faith - freedom
"and aid to men"

this Judaea-Chrs. Israel. - brotherhood, peace and freedom -
embodied in your Rotary platform - has been challenged
in our generation as never before -

It is still under attack.

Strange. - Whereas in other fields - so much & such rapid
progress - is there among the most ancient of human
aspirations - no better progress! I a fact retrogression!
Wars - Dictatorships - Brotherhood - Prep of Hate -

2/. But, the very celebration of Christmas & 21/10 - purge -
not darkened - Long is the road & far more arduous
to sp. goals > to any physical or intell. goal -
let beyond our desires - not alone our efforts
A rededication on our part - serve others - we mean
to carry on the good fight - until dark forces, war,
and tyranny and hate - are finally vanquished
and launched from the earth - that there is nothing

3/ May I comment on 3 - (1) Inter. Understanding (2) Good Will and (3) Peace.

(A). Why is Inter. Understanding so difficult? Why League Nations forums to arrive at inter. understanding - broke down? Why V.N - so helpless?

(1) Not only bec. inter understanding is truly is very different, but also bec. Understanding also is not enough.

Difficult to understand mentality - attitudes, the historical background against which they evaluate every event and incident - of other peoples.

But, when we approach an understanding - and discuss their just demands and grievances - if they have any - we must go beyond understanding to action.

Int. Understanding must, in the last analysis, be based on justice!

There are weak nations and strong - advanced and backward - European - bullying nations and colonially dominated nations -

Have we the vision and courage and rel. convictions not only to understand this - & realized that 2/3 of humanity live in misery, want, sub-standard, health - illness - exploited by nations and major markets - and wish to do something about it -

Raise their standard of living - help them to help Europe - put an end to imperialism and colonialism - as required

as possible -

Or - shall we be content merely with "understanding" the situation, ^B
sympathizing with it, but ~~preventing~~ for "political" reasons, a ~~policy~~
to help allies where no other considerations - to let the conditions
remain, and even lend support to imperial domination?
(2) To do that is to advance "misunderstanding" - and to
~~under~~ ^{then} ~~can~~ to ~~communist~~ ^{of} ~~paranoia~~ - ^{not} ~~can~~ ^{the} ~~surface~~ ^{and}
reaches of mankind

(3) Israel: "Hear and hear, but do not understand"
"See and see, but do not perceive"

(4) Right approach - v.s. - Point 4 - ~~Exclusion~~ - ~~Return~~ ^{look}

- Save an argument to raise level -

This is in the way of the Jordan-River. Trade/in

~~Mex~~ ^{and} ~~Texas~~ would appear.

4/ Good will - What is meant by it? Toward our friends?

Requires no special effort - calls for no special admiration

~~was~~ Do not even the publicists the same?

Our ^{diff} ~~transitions~~ - not only - ~~not~~ - ^{> 2??} - but to talk

[Require, not to bear any grudge, to help our enemy -
Texas even urged to "help" our enemy" - plus then that

course for - do not to them

It is a quite diff. grad. of ~~sympathy~~ ^{sympathy} that, Communists
and ~~agents~~ ^{agents} - ~~who~~ ^{who} not only ~~but~~ ^{but} would seek to destroy
all who differ with her

As we proposed to apply concept, Good will - not

only to indiv - but also to nations - ^{not only to allies} - ^{who are our enemies?} 14
Or shall we say - this is good Sunday-school ~~stuff~~ ^{dogma} but
has no validity in the practical affairs of the world?

Rotary doesn't seem to think so - judging by their program -
- of an ideal of later Ford-will.

Enter. Ford-will - means (1) no nation is perfect, beyond
question even, and no nation is damned beyond and but
better - (2) When grave issues exist - ways to be explored

- again and again - then conference and diplomatic approach -
to find solution - to live in same world.
Practically every body subscribes to this principle - but when
it comes to its application - shies away - as verars
why it is not possible practically - even dangerous!
- those who advocate it - is unpractical -

There is no Ford will without courage! (The coward
man a nation has fear - and fear gives rise to weakness
and defeat - not Ford-will!

Our country - Amerikaween - is moving away
from fear to courage - + even moving towards Latin
Ford-will.

S. P. Peace - An age needs the conviction that Peace is possible!
- that war is not inevitable -

Gandhi had it - and - in an age when war was
idolized - invincible, unconquerable, of order, thing -
Plato and Aristotle -

not Israel or Jewish - or Jews - who banned it in
the art, the Torah - in the Hebrew School Synagogue -
7. Follow

Unless we make that conviction - thought further -

- we shall stall members beyond help -
 - commit one deep blunder after another -
 - make of members a military disaster caliph
- and, along with rest, will, frank in the atomic world
disaster -

It is not enough to look in Boe - "his must
send peace and prevent it" - in practice idealism
- no longer a European place or idea
- just Boe in America

6. Then that came possible to us at this stage of the year
a glorious success when the heart spend man - his undisturbed
hopes and to do come into their own.

Faith in God - who is in the historical process of man
and not altered men -
Faith in the infirmities of the mind Law - Justo - John Ham
Faith in the Man - undisturbed personality - undisturbed of all
Faith in Brotherhood = child God - made in his image
Faith in a world order Universal order at the center -
① Have we not all
② that of our beliefs
③ at the center -

We are not always true to them! Not Perfect!

There are not dealing them - Try to approach with their own eyes
closely -

7. For the world is not as God said at the beginning - Run for all -