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## SPIRITUAL RECOVERY

It is apparent that the people of America have devoted too small a proportion of their time and efforts during the past twenty years to a rebuilding of their religious life and spiritual forces.

As the years roll on and the terrible effect of the World War becomes more and more apparent time gives us a better perspective and we cannot help but observe that the human race has declined morally and spiritually.

The spiritual life of a nation is its greatest asset without which civilization will sag and finally fall.

It is with some feeling of reassurance that we see October 2 and 3 set aside by church leaders throughout the nation as "Loyalty Days," to be devoted to "A mobilization of America's spiritual forces."

## LAS VEGAS AIRPORT

The people of Las Vegas gave enthusiastic support to Western Air Express from the day the enterprise was launched more than ten years ago. Perhaps that support and cooperation were of little financial value to the company. Nevertheless, we believe the moral support of this community on all questions which seemed vital to the welfare of the company was of real value.

That same spirit of cooperation was extended to TWA when they showed a desire to get a mail contract and permit to land in Las Vegas.

In anticipation of the increase in traffic as the planes became safer and more comfortable, and the certainty that the Lake Mead-Boulder Dam-Grand Canyon areas would attract many thousands of tourists yearly, Las Vegas entered upon a campaign for a municipal airport immediately adjoining the city instead of eight or ten miles distant.

The city of Las Vegas bought 440 acres of land adjoining the city, and secured promise of approximately \$150,000 from the PWA for improving the municipal field.

Western Air Express Co. immediately got busy at Washington and defeated the desire of Las Vegas for a municipal airport, in the hope of retaining a monopoly on the air transportation of this region.

In spite of opposition, TWA, with the help of Las Vegas, received a permit to operate its Albuquerque-Grand Canyon-San Francisco scenic route with a mail contract and stop at Las Vegas.

Now, less than a month from the time they were able to begin operating that route, TWA is making a strenuous effort to transfer its air terminal to Boulder City. In this effort they are naturally being vigorously opposed by both Western Air and the people of Las Vegas.

We have every reason to believe that if TWA secures a permit to land at Boulder City, Western Air will not be satis-

fied until it gains the same privilege, whereupon Boulder City will become the air traffic center and Las Vegas will be left on the sidelines 24 miles away.

We had assumed that the air transportation companies were given a very raw deal when the postoffice department cancelled their contracts and ruined many people who had invested their money in the development of the business. But, in view of the shifty tactics both the companies are using as suits them toward Las Vegas, we begin to wonder whether there may not have been good reason for wrecking the old companies and whether the present companies are not preparing for themselves another dose of the same medicine.

## Plan Convention In San Francisco

Definite arrangements for the twenty-ninth annual convention of Rotary International to be held in San Francisco, California, June 19-24, 1938, are to be developed by the 1938 convention committee of Rotary International, meeting in San Francisco October 4-7.

Plans are being made to bring back to the regions where the spread of Rotary began, more than 10,000 Rotarians who, it is anticipated, will attend this convention. The second Rotary club to be formed in the world was organized in San Francisco in 1908; the third at Oakland just across the bay from San Francisco; the fourth at Seattle, Washington, and the fifth at Los Angeles, California, these latter three being organized in 1909. Today there are approximately 4,400 clubs.

Rotary's twenty-ninth convention will be a great international affair in which Rotarians from more than 80 countries or geographical regions throughout the world in which there are Rotary clubs will meet to further the ideal of service advanced by Rotary among business and professional men. President Maurice Duprey, Paris, France, the only person from the continent of Europe to be president of Rotary International, will preside at the San Francisco convention.

## GRAVE OF EARLY GOVERNOR BELIEVED FOUND

A dispatch from Cambridge, Mass., states that an ancient brick-lined tomb, recently discovered by federal workers while recording graves in the old Christ church burying ground, is thought to be that of Jonathan Belcher, royal Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony and New Hampshire from 1730 to 1741. It is known that Governor Belcher was buried in Cambridge in 1757, but the site of his grave was forgotten, although in late years many searches have been made for it.

Governor Belcher, born at Boston, January 8, 1682, was the first native born American known to have become a Mason. He received his Masonic degrees in England in 1704, thirteen years prior to the institution of the Grand Lodge of England.

## INCREASE IN WORLD HIGHWAY MILEAGE

Representing an increase of 51 per cent in the past eight years, highways in the world now total 9,900,000 miles, reports the Automobile Club of Southern California.

## Ship Chores



A CITY afloat, the modern liner provides countless tasks for the men who man her. Wire stays and halliards, turnbuckles and superstructure must be kept clean of rust. Before docking a seaman touches up the superstructure of the Grace Line's "Santa Clara."

## NEVADA CHILD STARS IN FILM

The little girl who appeared in "One Mile from Heaven" at the El Portal last week, with Clair Trevor, is the daughter of a Renoite. Her stage name is Joan Carol, but her real name is Joan Felt, daughter of Wright L. Felt, acting PWA director for Nevada. This is her first major role.

## NOTED FILM ACTOR IN ROLE OF BEST MAN

A wedding was quietly celebrated in the clerk's office Wednesday morning when Judge Marion Earl united Clotilde Fargo and Bertran Teitlebaum in marriage. The couple were attended by George Stone, the noted character actor of Hollywood.

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