

LIONISM ON THE MARCH

INDIA BECOMES THE 72ND COUNTRY OR REGION in the great International family of Lionism, with the organization of the Bombay Lions Club by International Representative Shafeec Mansour, thus establishing a "beachhead of good will" in an entirely new area of the world. Congratulatory messages may be sent to:

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The Governor of Bombay State is Honorary President while the Mayor of the city of Bombay is Honorary Vice-President. A hearty welcome and sincere congratulations to the Bombay Lions Club—our first club in the 72nd country or region of Lionism!

THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet in Chicago, Ill., April 12th and 13th, 1956.

THE PASSING OF PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR HORACE S. KERR of Columbus, Ohio, after a brief illness, came as a shock to the many who knew and loved him. Lion Kerr had served the Association as International Director from 1927 to 1930 and was much admired for his sterling qualities of leadership. Our sympathies go to the bereaved family.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN is conducting extensive studies on how communities function. Although they are not yet prepared to release complete findings, we quote from their recent letter: "You may be interested to know that in the five communities studied, the Lions Club was consistently found to be among the organizations which were seen as being the most active and successful in getting things done about community problems."

MAKE YOUR PLANS EARLY to attend the International Convention at Greater Miami June 27th through 30th, 1956! It promises to be one of the finest yet held.

LADY BADEN-POWELL, founder of the Girl Guide and Girl Scout movement, and widow of the late Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout organization, writes: "As a sort of 'younger brother' movement, the Scouts are of course very much akin to your Lions, in having the same ideals of good citizenship and helpfulness to others. And I hope indeed that this generous helpfulness already shown to our movement in the past will continue far into the future!" And apropos of this comment, one of the 12 Boy Scouts selected from all areas of the United States for special honors in Washington, D.C., was Scout David Swick, a member of Explorer Post 7, sponsored by the Lions Club of Newark, Ohio. On February 8th, these 12 Scouts met the President and congressional leaders and were feted at a banquet in the Presidential Room of the Statler Hotel, Washington, D.C.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STAUNTON, VIRGINIA, LIONS CLUB for helping to tell the story of Lionism in their community by subscribing to THE LION Magazine for ten libraries in the Staunton area!

WE STARTED SOMETHING when we recently pointed out on this page that the Jefferson City, Missouri, Lions Club, after 30 years of service, enjoys having 18 of its 30 past presidents still active in the Club! Contenders have appeared from far and near to challenge or duplicate that record—and our hats are off to them. Here are a few: Germantown, Penna., 31 years old with 22 past presidents still active; Texarkana, Ark., with 36 past presidents and 21 still active; Clarksburg, W. Va., 32 years old, 22 past presidents active; Vancouver, B.C., Canada, with 26 of its 33 past presidents still active; Gibson City, Ill., with 16 of its 34 past presidents still active; Stoughton, Wis., 32 years old with 21 past presidents still active; Miami Beach, Fla., with 29 past presidents of whom 22 are still active. And they point out impressive records in other phases of the work, too. For example, Vancouver, after 33 years, has 6 charter members still active, one of whom has 33 years of perfect attendance. Gibson City, Ill., is proud of having sponsored ten new Lions clubs. Miami Beach has furnished five District Governors.

And so the story goes—each account underscoring the ability of Lionism to captivate the energies of its members who continue to serve wherever need is present. To these clubs and to all others who proudly point to similar records, we extend our **HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS!**

PROGRESS STATISTICS: During the month of January, 96 new Lions clubs were organized, bringing the total for the first seven months of the current fiscal year to 578 new clubs. Lionism is now established in 72 countries or regions. As of July 1st, 1955, there was a total of 522,577 members in the Association.