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(the turbulent years)

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Preface

This is an account of the development of the Health, Hunger and Humanity Program from my perspective. Others may see it differently. Someone has said: "We see things not as they are, but as we are." Acknowledging this, I have tried to write an account which is factual, based upon research of extensive records and notes which I have retained — much of it not in official files, but retained by me with the intention of committing to paper the development of a program with which I have been closely identified since its inception.

In writing the 3H story I have tried to strike a balance between the strictly official record (transcripts of board discussion, board minutes, resolutions of councils on legislation etc.) unofficial but verifiable records (letters, copies of speeches, extracts from items in Rotary magazines etc.) and my own recollection and opinions of people and events which have shaped the program and brought it to where it is to-day, 21 years after its birth.

Primarily, it is being written "for the record" — as an unofficial but, I believe, accurate record of events. With the passage of the years that becomes increasingly difficult. Records are lost, people associated with its early history forget, and die.

So I'm writing this while there is yet time. If it serves no purpose other than as an historical account of the early years of a Rotary program which, despite the trauma of its birth, seems destined to live and flourish for many years, I will have discharged what I feel is my duty. If there are some who derive enjoyment from it as a human interest story, I will feel amply rewarded.

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