

ROTARY, FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY

**Uxbridge president
says: U.N. must not
be allowed to fail**

ROTARY'S part in supporting the United Nations in its fight to preserve freedom and democracy and to prevent civilisation again being engulfed by war, was stressed by Mr. John Suter in his presidential address to Uxbridge Rotary Club on Thursday (He was invested by the retiring president, Mr. J. H. Dyde).

Mr. Suter reviewed the work of the various committees and commented on the useful tasks they had undertaken. Referring to the Rotary publications he said that if all Rotarians and the rest of the community could carry out even half the suggestions made in them there would not be the need for the controls to which they were subjected at the present time.

"Most controls are placed on us because there were certain individuals who want an exorbitant profit when things are scarce. These people have no sense of decency at all," he said.

Speaking of the work of the Community Service Committee there was one aspect of communal life they might study—that of civic responsibilities.

"Unfortunately the turn of local government has become political," he added, "and you may remember that the last two by-elections of the local council were run on party lines. It is only a thought on my part but I feel any Rotarian who is willing to serve on the council on a non-party ticket would be doing a great service."

WORLD AFFAIRS

In view of the recent happenings in world affairs he considered the work of the International Service Committee of the greatest importance.

They had learned of the changed conditions in Czechoslovakia where democracy had perished. Few of them seemed to realise the value of freedom of speech, thought and action until they had been taken away.

One of the bastions of democracy must be the link up of all the English-speaking nations and those freedom loving peoples of the world still outside the Communist boggy and that bastion must be the United Nations organisation of which he would like to see every nation a member.

"Let us cut out all the 'isms' and dictatorships and think only of democracy, to develop the four freedoms as defined in the Atlantic Charter," he declared.

U.N. must be supported to the bitter end and must not be allowed to fail as the League of Nations did before 1939. Rotary, which was a great international movement, could help as much as anyone.

In his inductory address the retiring president, Mr. J. H. Dyde, said his year of office had been a most happy and pleasing experience and each one of them had made it so.

He coupled the club's thanks to their host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. G. Collins for their unfailing service.

A welcome to the new president and their thanks to his predecessor were voiced by Founder President C. E. King J.P.
