

Kodiak, Danes Exchange Bread

When the Kodiak Rotary club members sat at their places at the Tuesday luncheon at the 49 Room this week they found by their plates a neatly celophaned package of one hard roll and one sweet roll bearing the unfamiliar label, Konditori, Norrebro, Copenhagen, Denmark.

This same week, when the Norrebro club met at Strandidsvej 15, Copenhagen, its members found at their places a butter roll and a salmonberry tart from Naughton's Bakery, North Benson, Kodiak.

The idea of breaking bread in friendship across the top of the world came from Edward Naughton in answer to a request from Club President Peter Ramaglia for gestures to commemorate both the 55th birthday of Rotary International this week, and the "Bridges of Friendship" program of Rotary which aims at better international understanding.

When Baker Naughton got the idea he immediately thought of Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) pioneers, of the Polar Route from Copenhagen to Anchorage, which now carries Scandinavian airmail three times weekly from Kodiak over the pole to Europe.

A letter to Margaret Burnett,

SAS representative in Anchorage, really started the idea rolling. Not only would SAS help, she said, in view of the purpose it would be flown without charge, the SAS representative in Copenhagen agent was alerted to the plan, and even customs matters, something that hadn't even been thought of here, were cleared up and arranged for.

So on Sunday the Naughtons whipped out the rolls and the tarts, and sent them via Pacific Northern Airlines to the SAS sales manager in Anchorage. He transhipped them on Monday to the SAS sales manager in Copenhagen as they arrived at their destination in Europe at 7 A. M. Tuesday morning in plenty of time for the members there to pick them up for lunch.

The Copenhagen baker, Jobs Pitzner of the 40-member Norrebro Klub, shipped his rolls at 10 P. M. Sunday, they arrived in Anchorage at 2:35 A. M. Monday and came via PNA that day, in time for the Tuesday luncheon. The entire operation went like clockwork.

In a letter the Norrebro Klub said: "We appreciate very much your fine idea about the exchange of bread to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Rotary International. Furthermore we feel there is a special contact between Kodiak Rotary Club and Norrebro R. K. since one of our members, Pvol Westphall, I suppose you remember it, paid a visit to your club November 10th last."

In presenting the rolls to the club Baker Naughton said: "Down through the ages bread has been an important factor in man's existence and, in fact, sitting and breaking bread together has been symbolic of hospitality, friendship and trust amongst men. Since it is impossible for us to sit together with other clubs I thought it would be nice to exchange bread and in that sense break bread in friendship."

In introducing Mr. Naughton, William Lamme, international committee chairman, gave special thanks for the splendid cooperation of Scandinavian Airways System, whose assistance made the entire idea feasible.

As another part of the birthday meeting Arthur Brooks, community service chairman, had pictures

taken of the members by groups, Merrill Coon, to Robert Spencer from the three charter members, and Walter Kraft, "baby" man Ray Martin, William Lamme, and bers.

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