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A.A. BULLETIN

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FLASH!!!!...THE SATURDAY EVENING POST will publish an article on Alcoholics Anonymous to appear in the Feb. 22nd, 1941 issue which appears on the newsstands about Feb. 19th. We know that every A.A. member joins us in an expression of appreciation to the Post and to Jack Alexander, the writer, who so ably pictures A.A. in a thoroughly comprehensive manner.

If the number of inquiries received in response to the Post article even approximates the present estimate, every individual in the various A.A. groups will find it necessary to "stand by for active duty". All inquiries will be relayed along to the secretary or correspondent of the group nearest to the address of the inquirer as soon as possible.

And now for some current A.A. information. Alcoholics Anonymously speaking, things are developing as rapidly as ever. In addition to the small beginnings listed in the last Bulletin, we now add -- BINGHAMTON, N.Y. -- HUDSON FALLS, N.Y. -- BAY CITY, MICH. -- NEW ORLEANS, LA. -- OTTUMWA, IOWA -- and some A.A. activity in VANCOUVER, CANADA.

Our San Diego, Calif. group, listed previously as in the "get together stage" took exception to that remark and in view of the fact that in the last five months they have developed a group of 20 active A.A. workers, we agree that they are entitled to appear in the White Star class. (White stars on our large office map indicate active groups meeting weekly). More power to you at San Diego!

St. Louis, Mo., which two months ago was virtually "without benefit of A.A.", now has ten members who meet every Wednesday evening. Best wishes to you too!

The correspondent of one of our newer groups, five in number, advises that they meet weekly in the Union Station of their particular city. This has inspired a somewhat alcoholic dream (or nightmare?) of immense A.A. meetings in the Grand Central Station of New York. To say the least, we can visualize some amazing reactions.

Another odd meeting place is the Coroner's office in a mid-western city. Obviously such oddities effect in no way the steady march of progress to the desired goal of complete sobriety for those interested in A.A.

"Honorary mention" to an A.A. from Cleveland who travels about a good bit in connection with his business and who was instrumental in originating three A.A. groups in the sunny south. He has made innumerable helpful contacts, is evidently indefatigable, and a man who never takes "no" for an answer. He advises that he may cover the southwest on his next business jaunt and we think it only fair, in view of his past accomplishments, to warn all alkie in that vicinity to do their drinking NOW - before our travelling A.A. catches up with them.

Among the many sources recently mentioning Alcoholics Anonymous was Walter Winchell on Jan. 14th. Such is progress - or is it!

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