# For your information

# Past Int. Pres., S. A. Dodge, Dies

Lion S. A. Dodge, who was President of Lions International in 1953-54, has died. He passed away at his home in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., a Detroit suburb.

Although the illness that led to his death was of several years duration, Past Int. Pres. Dodge maintained an active membership to the end.

During his administration as President, Lionism was extended by 13 countries and geographical locations, more than 25,000 members and nearly 1,000 clubs.

Until his retirement, Lion Dodge was president and chairman of the board of Solventol Chemical Products Inc., a Detroit firm.

He was born in St. Clair county, Mich. and graduated from the University of Michigan School of Business Administration. World War I had started so, upon graduation, he entered the U.S. Air Force as an officer. At the end of the war, he became a certified public accountant, a profession that led to his position at Solventol.

A few weeks after the Detroit (Northwest) club was chartered in



S. A. Dodge

1926, Lion Dodge became a member. He was elected its president in 1934, later held the office of Zone Chairman for two terms, and then was elected a Deputy District Governor. In 1937, he was chosen to serve as District Governor. He won the 100% Governor's award at a time when all of Michigan was one District. During his term, a state White Cane law was enacted

by the Michigan legislature. Later, he served as one of the first chairmen of the then newly created State White Cane Committee.

A primary concern of Lion Dodge in District activities was Leader Dogs for the Blind at Rochester. He was one of the founders of the project, and maintained an active interest as a trustee.

In 1947, he was elected an International Director at the San Francisco Convention. Three years later, he was elected Int. Third Vice-President at the Chicago Convention. He served as Second Vice-Pres. in 1951-52 and First Vice-Pres. in 1952-53. He was elected Int. President at the 1953 Chicago Convention.

Outside Lionism, he was active in the religious and community life of his city. For more than 20 years he was an elder of his church. He was a director of the metropolitan YMCA and took a keen interest in the Boy Scout movement. He was a Mason and a member of all Scottish Rite bodies in Detroit.

Lion Dodge is survived by his wife, Verna; a son and daughter, John L. and Mrs. Catherine Hadwin Jr., and five grandchildren.

## President's Travels

Int. Pres. and Mrs. Aubrey D. Green are to conclude November with a half-month's series of visitations in Central America. They're scheduled to make stops in Guatemala City, Guatemala; San Salvador, El Salvador; Managua, Nicaragua; San Jose, Costa Rica; and Panama City, Panama. The presidential couple will return to the United States to participate in club events, including Corpus Christi, Texas' 40th anniversary. They hope to be home in York, Alabama for the holidays.

# New Airways Policy

Pan American World Airways has adopted a new policy for providing special recognition to passengers who are members of major service organizations, including Lions.

Whenever it's known that a passenger is a Lion, that information is included in the reservations message and passed along to both the ground and flight personnel. Should two or more Lions be travelling on the same plane, perhaps unknown to each other, every effort is made to seat them together,

if the arrangement is mutually satisfactory. So far, PanAm has found that Lions appreciate the new service and welcome the opportunity to have another member's company during the flight. The program has been made a part of the basic training for personnel.

### For the Record

As of October 31, 1963, Lions International's membership totaled 674,338 members in 17,664 clubs in 125 countries and geographical locations of the world.