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TO ALL AOTS MEN

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The postal situation has at last been resolved to the point where I can report to you on some of the recent events that are very important to the future of AOTS.

In August, at the 9th Biennial Convention in Ottawa, the delegates adopted the report of the Long Range Planning Committee, including the recommendation to hire an Executive Secretary exclusively for AOTS; and paid for by the National Association. It was envisioned that this person would be a "promoter" and "stimulator" of AOTS activity, travelling all across our country, wherever he is needed. In reality, we were looking for an "almost" full-time person on a part-time pay schedule. This was asking a great deal from men interested in AOTS! Job specifications were established, applications were invited from all clubs and a committee established to interview to recommend to the National Association.

We were most fortunate to have four very capable and energetic people respond for this position that would not only require a lot of travel, activity, and over abundance of enthusiasm but a great deal of organizational skill and diplomacy.

At the November Meeting of the National Executive, Mr. Phil Spence, a former Executive Secretary for AOTS and the United Church, so well known to you, was hired to fill this

position. Phil will take over January 1, 1976 and will be working out of the new National Office for AOTS at his home in Deep River, Ontario.

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We hope to co-ordinate Phil's time and energy for the optimum benefit of AOTS. We expect that all clubs, District Councils and Conferences will use his talents but will prudently co-ordinate any request for his time through your Conference Men's Club Chairman and the Regional Vice-President, so that several events can be arranged whenever he is travelling in your area on AOTS work.

In the past few years, we have had the good fortune to have Don Smith as our Executive Secretary for AOTS. Don has provided a fantastic inspiration and help to us, but in his duties as an Associate Secretary in the Division of Mission, he is increasingly required to spend more of his valuable time away from AOTS. Don has resigned as our Executive Secretary effective December 31, 1975, to devote more time to other areas of concern within his general area of work with laity. He will still be available as a resource

