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PRESIDENT'S *Message*

Greetings to the many friends of motorless flight throughout the World!

We stand just inside the threshold of 1940 with enthusiasm running high. In the main, a good job has been done by your organization since its inception in 1932.

With the backlog of experience gained under previous Presidents, first Warren Eaton, next Ralph Barnaby and my predecessor Richard duPont, we can honestly state we have arrived!

However, it now becomes incumbent upon our organization to adopt a "pay-as-we-go" policy. This means we need financial support!

If the Soaring movement is worth anything at all, it is entitled to your monetary consideration. No longer should we be parasitic! Too few people have given freely of their money and their time to keep alive a national fostering organization such as yours.

This Society is yours—you will have to provide the "nourishment" necessary for its growth and success. Our job is one of only direction!

We had no place in the commercial phases of motorless flight. Rather such problems are those of the many designers and builders of motorless craft along with the many accessories incident to the safe and successful operation of gliders. We have no reason to own or operate motorless craft. Too much friction has been created by our sliding off on these dangerous tangents in the past. Others have tried such tactics and the results attained were neither fruitful nor constructive. Consequently we offer for sale, to the highest bidder, a two-place Schweizer sailplane, which we hope ultimately will receive a certificate of airworthiness. This two-place glider is in excellent state of repair. We also offer for sale, a Franklin Utility Glider which is certificated, and in airworthy condition. Bids on these two pieces of equipment will be accepted up to midnight of April 30. This will give all interested parties plenty of time to get their bids in to the undersigned, after which a meeting of the Executive Committee will be called and formal disposition made of these two gliders. The reason we are disposing of this equipment is that we have neither the financial resources nor the personnel required to properly supervise the operation of such equipment. Furthermore, we have no desire to be in a business that competes with those of you who should be contributing to the support of your national organization and magazine. This same policy ap-

plies to the sale of books and accessories, and in the future all inquiries received by the Society will be referred to the nearest recognized dealer, of which we now have several advertising in the magazine.

So in the future, we should like to think in terms of your assisting by selling space for legitimate advertising purposes in this, your magazine. Thus a two-fold purpose will be achieved. First of all, your dealers being able to announce to the entire field of motorless flight what they have for sale, and incidentally furnishing financial support to a medium that can and should weld together all the various individuals, clubs, regional groups and other organizations who are striving so sincerely for the advancement of soaring throughout the World.

In keeping with the foregoing statements, notice is hereby served on all such that it is up to each and every segment of this movement to strive to forget individual and localized ambitions and work toward a unified front of the motorless flight movement!

This means that new members will have to be obtained! New sites developed! With all this goes an urgent appeal for financial support. By financial support we mean that if each and every person interested in soaring flight was to take first, a subscription to this magazine at \$2.00 a year, and secondly, sell only one additional subscription, your organization would be in a position to do a job that would materially increase your strength and the movement.

It is up to you, all I can do as President, is to direct. I am ready, eager and willing to carry out your wishes; tell me what you want; help by getting some cash into your treasury, and we should go forward to a most successful 1940.

To my many friends, who by their votes for me as Director, have made it possible for me to be elected President, I say thank you, and I promise to do my best. But, remember, this is not a one-man organization. It is simply a machine, and like all mechanical devices, it needs lubricating. That lubricant is financial support, "as ye oil," so shall we soar to bigger and better things in organized motorless flight.

Please write me any time. I'll do my best to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,
EARL R. SOUTHEE, *President.*
Soaring Society of America.