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LOCATED IN NEW YORK, COSMOPOLITAN CLUB TO SERVE ALL A.A.s

A living room in a Brooklyn brownstone, 1934-1939. A swank tailor shop on Fifth Avenue, full of bolts and bolts of handsome tweeds - and assorted A.A.s - spring of 1939. A vacant apartment on West 72nd Street, summer of 1939. The same tailor shop's West Side loft, with the cutting tables for seats, the rest of the hot summer that same year. A real meeting-room in Aeolian Hall, fall and winter, 1939-40. Then, at last, the New York area A.A.s had grown enough to dare taking their own clubhouse, and in the spring of 1940 "24th Street" was ours - A.A.s first clubhouse anywhere.

Now, as the year 1944 ends, the A.A. Cosmopolitan Club has been born. This is, at last, a club for all A.A.s from wherever they may come, passing through New York, visiting here, or living within reach of it. Here, the New York area will hold its Inter-Group meetings every Tuesday night. Here the secretary will take the calls and interview the newcomers from all the New York area, putting them in contact with the group in whose locality they live. And here A.A.s will find each other, to talk with, to play with, to grasp a helping hand or to extend one.

405 West 41st Street is the address of the A.A. Cosmopolitan Club. It has been known as the Knox Memorial Chapel, for it was once used as a church - more recently it has served as a man's club. Let's begin in the basement, which is really the recreation hall: bowling alley, billiard and ping pong tables, plenty of room for cards. The main floor is a panelled hall, two stories in height, with a deep balcony all around it. The seating capacity of the floor alone is seven hundred - the balcony will hold many more. Also on the main floor is the secretary's office, and on the second floor (the balcony entrance) are other rooms, one where newcomers can talk quietly and comfortably to older members. The third floor is a huge meeting room - it seats five hundred - with a dining room and kitchen off it. The top floor is a fully equipped gymnasium with showers.

Taking this club and supporting it is a project of interested A.A. members, individually, not of groups as groups. In other words, it's yours, Mr. A.A., Mrs. A.A., and Miss A.A. Yours to use and yours to support.