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Of Interest to You

Dr. Bob and I have been asked by the Cleveland-Akron Groups and by the Trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation of New York to announce:

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.

This gathering of our fellowships will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, July 28-30, 1950, in celebration of the 15th anniversary of the founding of AA. Such an extraordinary meeting is proposed at this time for excellent reasons:

First: Alcoholics Anonymous is moving from infancy into maturity, so this will be our "coming of age" party. Second: by the vote of a large number of AAs, we hope at Cleveland to see our "Twelve Points of Tradition" so confirmed that none will ever again doubt where we stand upon these Principles. Third: we would like to make possible a series of discussions which could give us sound opinions on current problems as they affect our lives together and our relations with the world. Fourth: naturally everyone will wish to see everyone else, and will be eager to attend the largest AA meeting ever held under a single roof!

Yes, Co-Founder Dr. Bob, our good friends, the Trustees, the *Grapeviners* and the General Office Secretaries will be there. So will Lois and I, full of joy at seeing you, too.

This idea sprang from the AAs of Cleveland and Akron. Though AA was born at Akron, the town couldn't hold us now. So the hospitable Clevelanders (Pioneer Group No. 3) will hold our party in their city and, assisted by the Akronites, will take on the role of playing host. Every AA group in the world will soon receive an invite from their Conference Committee—Dick S., Chairman. Give them a hand, get in your reservations early.

Be seeing you at Cleveland!

By Bill

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