

# A Bean-In For 25,000

Date: Aug. 30th

Site: Boston Common

Sponsor: Rotary Club,

To Benefit Freedom Trail



ANNOUNCING BEAN-IN were Richard S. Robie Jr. of Rotary, Gov. Volpe, H. Austin Starr Jr. of Rotary, supper chairman; Ernest Henderson, general chairman of American Legion Convention. (Photo by Charles Dixon)

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The world's biggest Bean-In — a supper for 25,000 persons — will be held Aug. 30 on Boston Common.

Boston Rotary Club Pres. Philip Peters describes it as "Rotary's most ambitious public service project ever. It will be people sitting down together in the New England church supper tradition. Visitors will see the true Boston — not just a city of crime."

"The new image will be continued through the \$15,000 profit which will go to the Freedom Trail Foundation to keep the historic sites open seven days a week (five and a half days is the average now) and to maintain them in good repair."

Gov. Volpe attended Thursday's Rotary luncheon at The Union Club—where the bean-in announcement was made—and purchased the first \$2 supper ticket.

Ernest Henderson, chairman of the American Legion National Convention meeting here the last week of August, guaranteed "legionnaires will

attend the bean supper 10,000 strong."

Supper chairman H. Austin Starr Jr. pictured it as "seven and a half acres of tables on the Charles st. side of the Common. Everybody will sit down and be served as well as at any hotel."

How to plan for so many hungry people?

Food committee chairman is William C. Waugh, who organized Boston Common's first bean supper when 10,000 sat down to eat and 40,000 more waited beyond the ropes without tickets. It was a featured event of the Boston Jubilee on May 20, 1950.

"It's simply a matter of logistics and organization," Waugh said. "Think of 500, and plan for one captain with five helpers and 25 waitresses to serve them. After that it's simply a matter of multiply-

John C. Stalker, director of Massachusetts school lunch programs, is in charge of food service with his staff. "I've got an ace in the hole," Stalker said Thursday. "That week we're holding a confer-

a day," Lewis Nausikas of Table Talk said.

The financial success of this fund-raising project has been assured by the contribution of food and supplies.

Outright donations have been made by the following: all the beans, brown bread and napkins, by Friend Bros., Inc.; coffee, by La Touraine; cheese, by H. P. Hood & Sons; mustard, catsup, sail and pepper, by Diamond Crystal Salt Co.; knives, forks and spoons, by Waldorf restaurant; bottled water, by Belmont Springs; sugar and

matches, by the Statler Hilton Hotel; and cream and sugar by H. P. Hood, United Farmers and Whiting Milk Co.

Suppliers of food at greatly reduced prices are Swift & Co., ham; and Salad House, potato salad. Table Talk Pies is furnishing 10,000 pies free, and the balance at a reduced price.

Honorary chairmen of the event are Gov. Volpe and Boston Mayor Collins.

Bean supper tickets are available to the public now by writing Bean Supper, 296 Boylston st.