

A Bean-In For 25,000

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Site: Boston Common

Sponsor: Rotary Club,

To Benefit Freedom Trail

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

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



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)

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-

ing."

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-

ence at Stonehill College in Northeaston for 200 professionals in food service. They can give us a hand in an emergency."

These baked beans will not be out of cans. They'll be baked in pots all night and that morning, ready for serving.

"We're putting on a bean supper shift to do the baking," said Bernard Goldman of Friend Bros. Inc. "They'll be pea beans with salt pork, molasses and spices. And the brown bread will have plenty of raisins."

Individual apple pies will be juicy-sweet with Greening and Baldwin apples. These will be baked the day of the supper. "Bakers begin at 2 a.m. and they'll turn out 25,000 pies in just under half

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.