

teach, promote and sell their product," says the center director, "so we can help them earn their livelihood and give us sufficient funds with which to operate." The borderline between various forms of assistance and the exchange of lasting symbols of friendship is hard to define, and it is crossed frequently. Such is the case of Palo Alto, California, which helped Palo, on the island of Leyte in the Philippines, build a new recreational center. In return, Palo Alto's new public hall proudly sports a cherished collection of Philippine acacia wood carvings and artistic scrolls.

Experimental soy bean varieties have been grown in Uruguay as a result of the active contacts between the two Montevideos, the small town in Minnesota and the capital of the South American nation. An active participant in the Minnesota side of the program, who is also a soybean expert, arranged for the new varieties to be tested under Uruguayan conditions at Montevideo's Crandon University.

One of the earliest and still active Sister City technical assistance ventures has been the mutually beneficial medical intern program pioneered by Montclair, New Jersey which has maintained its active affiliation with the Austrian provincial capital of Graz since 1950. Over the years more than 20 young Austrian doctors have gained experience and shared their skills at Montclair's Mountainside Hospital, carrying back to Graz and other parts of Austria a record of professional growth and a lifelong feeling of friendship for the city's "overseas neighbor."

Remember. . . .

Don't start a technical project unless you have a clear understanding with the Sister City Committee in your affiliated city concerning what each of your two cities is expected to contribute to the project.

Check with TAA to determine what successes or failures other communities have experienced with similar technical projects.

Technical exchanges are just that - technical so be sure you don't promise something you can't deliver. Check it out beforehand with experts in your community and with national organizations experienced in that particular field. Write TAA for names and addresses.

