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## NEWS OF THE CONVENTION

*Reported by*  
WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

AN ESTIMATED 12,000 people attended the colorful opening service. The huge auditorium was made into a great cathedral with a high altar, a mass choir of all the parishes in and around Kansas City furnished the music and Presiding Bishop Tucker was impressive as the preacher.

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October 10th being China's National Day, the Convention sent a message to the National Christian Council of China encouraging them in their struggle for freedom and expressing sympathy for the people of China in their suffering.

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The Bishops have voted to set up a committee of three to serve under the Federal Council of Churches to protect the rights of conscientious objectors.

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By a vote of 95 $\frac{1}{4}$  to 41 $\frac{1}{2}$  the House of Deputies voted on October 12th in favor of joining the Federal Council of Churches. The matter now goes to the Bishops and if they concur the Episcopal Church will officially be a part of the Council. Favoring the proposal in the Deputies discussion was the Rev. Gardiner M. Day of Bethlehem, the Rev. A. R. Parshley of Rhode Island, the Rev. Walworth Tyng of China and Dean McAllister of Spokane. Among those opposing were the Rev. Francis Bloodgood of Wisconsin and Mr. Anson T. McCook of Connecticut. A committee of the House of Bishops appointed in 1937 to study the question will recommend membership when the matter comes before the Bishops.

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The Bishops voted on October 12 to establish a jurisdiction for the Dominican Republic separate from that of Haiti, with which it is now asso-

ciated. There will not be an additional bishop however.

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The salaries of the clergy range from nothing, the amount (or lack of it) received by two, to \$22,000 the salary of one rector, according to the report of the commission on clerical salaries. The average salary is estimated at \$2,015. The commission asks for a committee to study living costs in various parts of the country so as to suggest to the next Convention a scale of adequate pay looking toward the establishment of definite standards.

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Bishop Freeman of Washington was called home on October 12th by the death of his sister. The speaker at the domestic missions meeting on October 15th was therefore Bishop Creighton of Michigan.

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There were 650 friends at the dinner on the evening of October 11th to honor Miss Grace Lindley, retiring as secretary of the Auxiliary. The speakers were Miss Eva Corey of Boston and Miss Elizabeth Matthews of Southern Ohio, both of whom have been associated closely with Miss Lindley for twenty years.

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There were 800 young people registered for the youth week-end. The speaker at the mass meeting was the Rev. Pitt Van Dusen of Union Seminary who stressed the point that it was only a united Church that could face the problems of our day.

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Friday was a day when the two houses of Convention and the Auxiliary met together to hear reports by National Council officers. All of them spoke well in urging the Church not only to hold



the line but to advance, with the Presiding Bishop rather stealing the show. He urged a ten-year effort, the objective of the proposed movement being "to cast down the strongholds of evil and replace them with the strongholds of God." A resolution heartily approving Bishop Tucker's program was passed.

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Nearly a million—\$974,089.70 was the amount of the United Thank Offering.

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Suffragan Bishops may some day be allowed to vote in the House of Bishops. Such a constitutional amendment was passed on Friday, but it has to be passed a second time in 1943.

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People are hard to please. First there was a wave of protest because one of the speakers at the forum meetings of the CLID was John L. Lewis, president of the C.I.O. Then on Thursday when it was announced that Mr. Lewis could not come "for reasons beyond his control" one heard only expressions of disappointment that they were not to have the opportunity to hear the labor leader. His place was taken by Jack McMichael, president of the American Youth Congress, who spoke of his experiences working for the church in the rural areas of the middle-west.

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One begins to see definite signs of weariness on the faces of delegates and visitors alike along about the third or fourth day of the Convention. Required to listen to much talk from morning until late at night, one finds them rather prone to skip official business and to get off in small groups in hotel lobbies and grills for fellowship. The tempo of every General Convention is a fast one, with the conviction growing on the part of many that General Conventions should cut out all side shows, exhibits, rallies, mass meetings etc., confine itself strictly to business and get it over with in a week and perhaps less.

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There is the usual flock of resolutions about the Church League for Industrial Democracy which, as usual, is sponsoring forum meetings. Most of them ask the Convention not to allow such meetings at future Conventions. There was one introduced in the House of Bishops by an organization calling itself The Layman's Alliance, which nobody seems ever to have heard of, which denounced the Auxiliary as a radical organization, the Federal Council of Churches was condemned, as was also the Universal Christian Council. Even the House of Bishops was declared to be "red" because on former occasions it had favored the

entrance of the United States into the League of Nations. The real spleen however was poured out upon the CLID. The document brought the first laugh in the House.

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The Church has at least gone as far toward unity with the Presbyterians as to sponsor a meeting of leaders of the two Churches at a General Convention. It was held on Friday evening, with Bishop Parsons presiding and with Moderator William L. Young and Bishop Oldham of Albany as the speakers. "We are missing more than we know by disunity," said Bishop Oldham. "We are not looking for a greater Episcopal Church, a greater Methodist Church, a greater Presbyterian Church, but for a Church greater than them all. We are not aiming at uniformity but at unity—not merely a spiritual unity but unity in organization as well."

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Dr. John W. Wood, to retire at the end of this year after many years as secretary of foreign missions, was the headliner at the mass meeting for Churchwomen held on October 10th. He commended the missionary spirit of the "thousands of women who are praying, working and giving" for the extension of Christian work throughout the world. The United Thank Offering, Dr. Wood reminded the large audience (in spite of rain), exceeded \$100,000 for the first time in 1901. Since that time it has grown until on one occasion it passed the million mark.

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The Living Church, vigorous objectors to the Church injecting itself into politics, is conducting a Roosevelt vs. Willkie poll which it will then send to newspapers throughout the country in order to get publicity for the Living Church. There have been protests to the officers of the Church, particularly on the part of those who favor Mr. Roosevelt since they are convinced that a false impression will be created because those attending General Convention do not represent the political mind of the Church. At the last count the straw vote showed a two to one preference for Willkie.

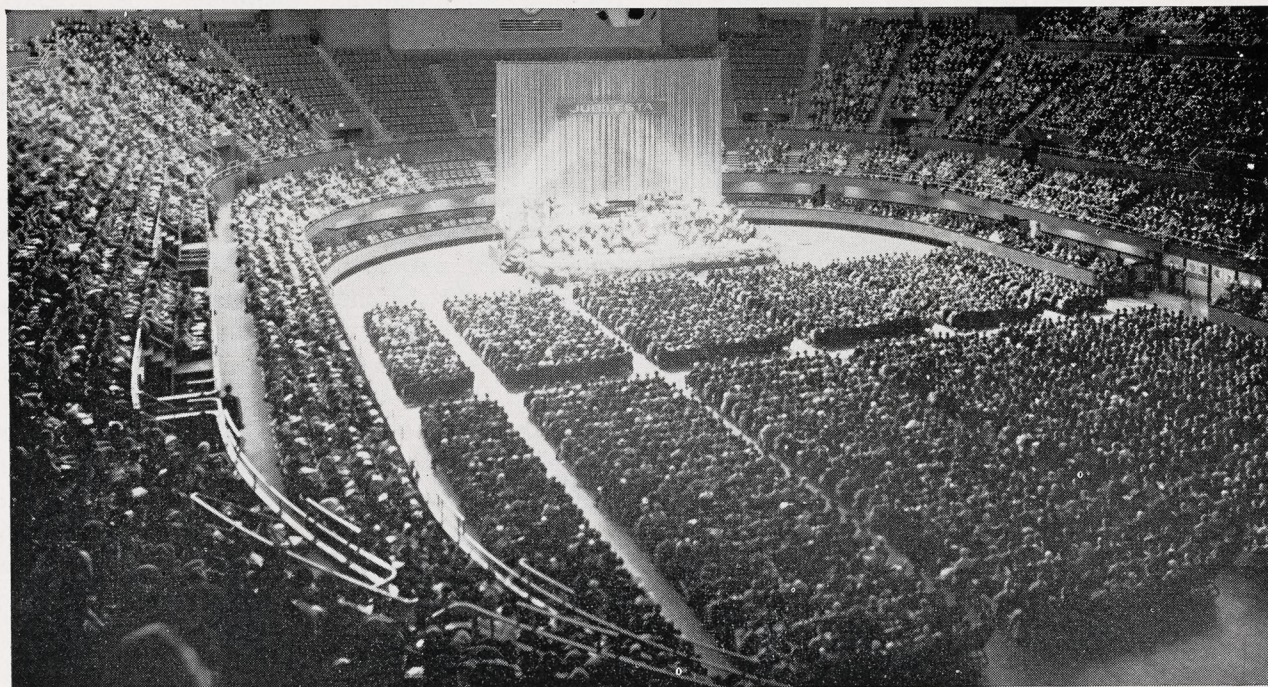
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The department of social service has recommended to the Convention that the Church center its relief activities in three areas: assistance in supporting the missions of the Church of England; civilian relief in China; resettlement and rehabilitation of European refugees coming to this country.

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William A. Eddy, president of Hobart College, addressing the Auxiliary declared; "I shall be





Twelve thousand Church men and women attended the Service which opened the General Convention in Kansas City's Auditorium

entitled to vote for intervention when I am ready to turn over half my salary and offer my boy as a sacrifice. I tremble for the soul of America if we meddle with this terrible tragedy on the frivolous grounds that it will increase our trade and raise the curve of prosperity. Another performance like that, a war to make millionaires, and our churches had better close up because America will be irretrievably damned."

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Remember way back when the chief excitement at a General Convention was whether the word "Protestant" should be dropped from the official name of the Church? It is in again, but is unlikely to receive much attention.

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An unusually large proportion of the delegates to the Auxiliary meeting are new—nearly three-fourths of the total registration.

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That double quartette of Negro singers is here again. They come from the various schools of the American Church Institute for Negroes and are to hold forth tonight (17th) at the mass meeting of the Institute. Dr. Blanton, head of the school, said that under the impetus of the Institute's effort to preserve the Spiritual, congregational singing of hymns in many Southern Negro churches is now pitched almost wholly in the spiritual tempo. He also told the story of Bill Anthony, a Negro who was frequently in trouble, though generally able to find someone to bail him

out. An evangelistic meeting followed one of Bill's periodical arrests. As the meeting progressed the leader burst into an improvised spiritual, which frequently happens. She wailed:

"If Bill Anthony's fingers hadn't been so light, He wouldn't be in the jail house tonight."

But Bill had been bailed out, and swiftly on the echo of the last words a voice from the rear caught up the refrain:

"Ef yo' sing dat song, yo' better sing it right, Cose ole Bill Anthony's huar to-night!"

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Declaring that the question of marriage and divorce was a matter of Christian character rather than canons, Bishop Page, retired bishop of Michigan, presented the report of the commission to the Bishops on the 10th. "What has led to the whole matter of a new canon," he said, "has been the steady mounting rate of divorce, now higher in the United States than in any country in the world. Until we can carry loving kindness from our homes we cannot hope to solve world problems such as war. I do not believe that in fifteen years the House of Bishops has devoted fifteen hours to the subject. I do not think that the canon has the amount of mercy in it in which we all believe. Our Lord Jesus Christ taught mercy and forgiveness. The Anglican Church has the most merciless canon in the world on marriage and divorce. It bears unjustly on many lovely men and women." Emphasizing that as the House was sitting as a committee of the whole it



was merely expressing its opinion, Bishop Page presented the clause in the present canon which makes an exception in the case of the innocent party in a divorce for adultery. He asked whether the House would approve dropping the exception, as is provided in the proposed new canon. With few dissenting votes, the House approved the elimination of this exception. The whole subject will be thoroughly discussed in both Houses before any final action is taken, with it likely to be about the liveliest subject to be debated, as it was in Cincinnati.

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Grace Lindley, retiring as executive secretary of the Auxiliary after twenty years of service, at the close of her report on the 10th, raised several questions of keen interest to all Church people, without indicating what she considered the proper answers: "Would the use of another name than that of 'Woman's Auxiliary' be helpful? Might not the United Thank Offering be a great gift made by the men and women of the Church at the opening service of the General Convention? Should there be more careful evaluation of the training now done for professional service in the Church, with perhaps a plan worked out for combinations of schools and training centers? Should not the men and women of the Church work in closer cooperation in parish, diocese and national Church? Is not the time approaching when they might plan together in General Convention for the Church's welfare and mission?"

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The corporate communion at which the United Thank Offering was presented was an impressive service. Bishop Tucker was the celebrant, assisted by twenty-five missionary bishops from various parts of the world. The Epistle was read by Bishop Kroll of Liberia; the Gospel by the Primate of all Canada, Archbishop Derwyn T. Owen. Among the picturesque Bishops taking part in the service were Bishop Rowe of Alaska, the senior missionary bishop of continental United States, and Bishop Huntington who is now retiring after forty-five years of service in China, twenty-eight of them as Bishop of Anking. Eighty girls and young women from parishes in Missouri and Kansas, dressed in white and wearing blue veils, took up the offering which was received by the host of the Convention, genial Bishop Spencer of West Missouri, Dean Sprouse of the Kansas City Cathedral and the Rev. Richard Trelease, rector of St. Paul's. They in turn presented it to the Presiding Bishop. After that it was turned over to Treasurer Lewis B. Franklin and his assistant, James W. E. Whitney, who

spent most of the day counting it in a downtown bank. The first offering, presented fifty years ago, was just over \$2,000. The total given since then has totalled about seven and a half million.

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A joint commission on international, national and social problems to consider what action the Church should take on these subjects has been appointed, with Bishop Freeman of Washington as chairman. They will present a report in the closing days of the Convention.

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Bishop Salinas y Velasco of Mexico declared that all this talk of Nazi activities in Mexico is unfounded. He also told this reporter that he was quite satisfied that Mr. Cardenas had given the country an excellent administration and that Camachio, newly elected president, would carry on where Cardenas leaves off.

## *Gathering of the Clan*

By

BISHOP JOHNSON

IT HAS been my good fortune to attend eleven General Conventions, including this delightful one in Kansas City. The memory of them is a pleasant one for in spite of the widest differences of opinion I can recall no root of bitterness in the discussions. I question whether there is any convention of any kind in which there can be found so many interesting personalities and such uniform courtesy of members toward one another. One likes to feel that he is privileged to associate with the kind of people that represent the Church in our conventions. As St. Paul said in his letter to the Church in Corinth: "If I have boasted anything of you I am not ashamed for my boasting is founded on truth."

Truly this spirit of charity ought to cover many of the errors which the Convention may commit. It is rather a cumbersome body which, like Gaul, is divided into three parts: bishops, priests and laymen, each of which has an equal voice in legislation. It is too large a body to accomplish much in the time given. It used to take more than two weeks to do the business but now it has shrunk to about ten days, which is hardly time for mutual conference on vital legislation. Perhaps it is fortunate that many efforts to promote favorite theories never get beyond first base.

Whether or not the proposed concordat with the Presbyterians is discussed, it presents an issue on which members are drastically divided,



and that not for lack of argument for and against the proposal. The truth is that logic is futile unless one accepts the major premise which is always stated but is not proven. The two groups do not differ in their desire for Church unity but they do differ definitely in the method of achieving it. They have different major premises and therefore their conclusions are not the same.

What is true of the proposed Concordat is equally true of other issues to come before the Convention, with whatever differences that do appear being due to convictions based upon differing major premises. But in spite of these differences, and perhaps even because of them, the debate is always carried on in the best of good nature because there is real love within the Household of Faith.

## Convention Highlights

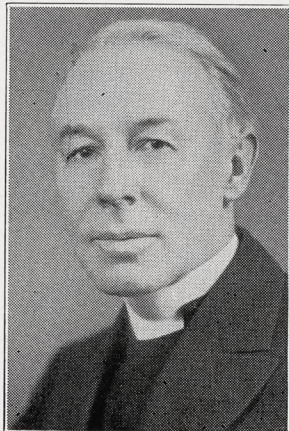
By

CHARLES G. HAMILTON

A GENIAL Western city with a Southern exposure, under an Episcopal governor and president while another Episcopalian is applying for the latter position, welcomed the General Convention which swamped the seven million dollar auditorium. There has been no meeting at a more crucial time when churches as well as empires are fighting for their very existence. The Woman's Auxiliary rose nobly to the occasion and confronted contemporary concerns with a realism incisive and deep. It has been generally conceded for years that the advance strength of the Church is in the Auxiliary and the spiritual storm troopers of the faith are not failing. Speakers addressing them seemed inspired by the audience and challenged to lighted living in a darkening day.

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A resolution in the Upper House proposed that



Dr. Adelaide Case, a leader of the Auxiliary, Bishop Davis who keeps things moving in the House of Bishops, Bishop Block, lecturer in the Church Training Institute and Bishop Quin, leading the devotions on the closing days of the Convention.

the National Council advertise in the Church Press that it may live. We had no idea the Council was in such ill health.

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General Summerral, head of the military college which South Carolina maintains to prevent invasion by North Carolinians and Yankees, regretted that he could not attend the Convention, to which he was a delegate. He said he had planned "to take an active part against the radicals in the Church." We had no idea there were so many it would take a general to repulse them.

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Like a forgotten manuscript, it was discovered in the House of Bishops that there was unfinished business left over from 1934—the consideration of the compulsory retirement of bishops and clergy. It is a safe bet it will be unfinished business in 1943.

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Roger Baldwin pictured Jehovah's Witnesses streaming out of Trojan horses, tumbling over themselves in their haste to capture Troy.

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Half a dozen Southern dioceses have Negro delegations at the Auxiliary as well as white ones. This may sound incorrect at first thought, but as a matter of fact it provides representation for a minority group, which could not be achieved if they were merely part of a larger organization. There may be a lesson there for the masculine contingent.

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The proposed new hymnal is to contain one Negro spiritual. It is doubtless intended as a gracious gesture and a recognition that the singing faith is not exclusively Caucasian. The spiritual included, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" is adapted to liturgical use. But there is an unfortunate element of condescension in including only one hymn of a race, as if to say:



Look how broadminded we are. If spirituals are to be included, and this would be a rash time to confine Christianity to one racial tradition, there should be a number. Otherwise one hymn from all the Colored races and several hundred from the white may sound too familiar imperialism. There is also a great Negro hymn by James Weldon Johnson, which would grace any hymnal as well as any patriotic occasion, "Lift every voice and sing."

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The exhibitions are instances of all possible varieties of devotion and action. But in a larger sense they are more representative of the Church than the assemblies. They represent the center of spiritual life for someone, and for many someones. From the Church Army to the Cowley Fathers, from the Forward Movement to several backward movements, from the C.L.I.D. to All Saints'—it takes all this and more, to mirror our faith in its fullness.

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One rector who resented political signs tore down several advertising the poll the Living Church is taking on Roosevelt vs. Willkie. . . . The laughter that rippled over the House of Bishops at the protest againsts the C.L.I.D. showed that Episcopal humor is alert still. . . . Bishop Tucker told the Auxiliary that a good many of the enterprises of the Church deserve to fail. He pictured a stage in life when it becomes "static"—an age at which unfortunately leaders are generally chosen. . . . Postponing unity with the Presbyterians thirty or forty years has been suggested. If we prefer our splendid isolation to the will of Jesus, we could quit playing with unity. If unity is to come, it must come now. We have no tomorrows. We do not have ten years to consider and gradually approach. If we do not love God and our neighbor, ten years will leave us still loveless; if we do love them, we should not wait till we come together in concentration camps.

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The Victorian superstition of divorce made its triennial appearance. But it is a little early to wire home that you are going to Nevada. The Church is unlikely to succumb to a cult which characterized countries recently disintegrated. Psychiatry is too recent a subject for many over forty to have become expert in, but divorce is a psychological absurdity. And children remain their parents' children, in contempt of courts. One may have difficulties with father, mother, brother, sister, daughter, son, but one cannot change the relationship by words. The whole divorce super-

stition rests on a pathetic faith in words: sheer magic: if the clergy and the courts say the proper words, adultery becomes respectability, ipso facto presto. Ingenious plans to encourage society divorcees to remain communicants and cash contributors emerge. The world is not waiting for the sunrise of divorce; there are one or two more pressing problems today. Forgiveness is scarce when it comes to forgiving Presbyterians for not being English or Germans for being Nazis, but it flows like a river when it comes to accepting current codes of cosmopolitan pagans.

## House of Bishops

By

BISHOP WILSON

WHEN the House of Bishops was called to order by the active gavel of the Presiding Bishop, four new Bishops were presented and formally welcomed into the House; Jackson of Louisiana, Kirchhoffer of Indianapolis, Brinker of Nebraska and Roberts of Shanghai. Memorial prayers were offered for five Bishops who have died during the past year—McCormick, Woodcock, Stewart, Graves and Nichols.

The total roll of Bishops entitled to seats in the House numbers 148 of whom 35 have retired. Regrets were received from sixteen who were unable to attend because of illness or for other reasons.

The Rev. John H. Fitzgerald has been assistant secretary of the House for several years. He was elected secretary in place of the Rev. Dr. Pardee who relinquished the office a year ago. The Rev. Richard A. Beatty has been appointed assistant. Bishop Sherrill of Massachusetts has been elected vice-chairman and he has also been reappointed Assessor to the Presiding Bishop. To keep the business of the House moving smoothly and with proper despatch Bishop Davis of Western New York has been armed with the authority to line up each day's calendar and keep the Bishops from talking too much. He is an adept at exercising such restraint and making it palatable to the brethren.

The usual flock of reports and memorials have been presented and referred to appropriate committees. Only one resolution was acted upon immediately—an expression of sympathy and goodwill for the Church of England which the Presiding Bishop was asked to cable at once. It was the desire of all that this should be the first formal action of the House. May our progress be sweet and steady.



## Convention Jottings

By

ELEANOR H. WILSON

AT THE Opening Service four lines from the hymn sung just before the Presiding Bishop's sermon well expresses the keynote of the Convention in these war torn days:

"Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer  
Shall keep our country true to thee:  
And through the truth that comes from God  
Our land shall then indeed be free."

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Exhibit booths are more colorful and instructive than ever in the writer's opinion, after attending four General Conventions. A few examples:

The Order of Deaconesses,—a soft blue background hanging in graceful folds, a cross in silver, with silver candles, and a bowl of Easter lillies. On the wall a historical chart, from the first century to the present. Phoebe, first deaconess of the church at Cenchreae, the establishment of the Order in America in 1855,—the last item, the incorporation of the Retiring Fund for Deaconesses in 1927.

Diocesan Altar Guilds display a beautiful set of vestments made by the Altar Guild of the diocese of Eau Claire from a rich damask table cloth dyed a glowing scarlet. A hint for rural parishes and missions.

In the Washington Cathedral booth, a replica of one of the rose windows, lights behind bringing out the gorgeous colors. Here one may buy vases made from the glass in the lovely colors depicted in the window.

The Church of the Holy Comforter in Kenilworth, Illinois, shows a replica of the church set in its beautiful garden, the original garden as well as the model, created by the rector, Rev. Leland Danforth. It is most ingenious, the trees made from sponges dyed various shades of green,—by pushing a button one hears the organ play in the tiny church. Even the family dogs are on the doorstep of the rectory. One sees the tomb of Eugene Field, the poet, who rests in the garden, his seated figure with "Little Boy Blue" at his knee.

College Work booth, commodious, with a fine spirit of hospitality expressed in comfortable lounge chairs and coffee and cakes served gratis twice daily. One is tempted to linger and learn of the fine work being done by the Church for our young people.

Handicraft booths fascinating! embroideries from China, rugs from the Navajos, fine fabrics from Puerto Rica and the Philippines, as well as handmade products of the many church schools in our own country, all tempt the purse.

Brazil displays tiny cardboard replicas of many churches and missions in that country. "Whether large or small God is worshipped in them all."

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Summer clothes are the order of the day; the weather man has been kind thus far.

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A deputy on being asked at what hotel he was stopping responded with a grin: "I'm at the Willkie!"

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Note on the Concordat! Mrs. Henry Storch, chairman of the quadriennial convention of the woman's missionary organization of the Presbyterian Church came from her home in Lancaster, Pa. to attend the sessions of the Woman's Auxiliary.



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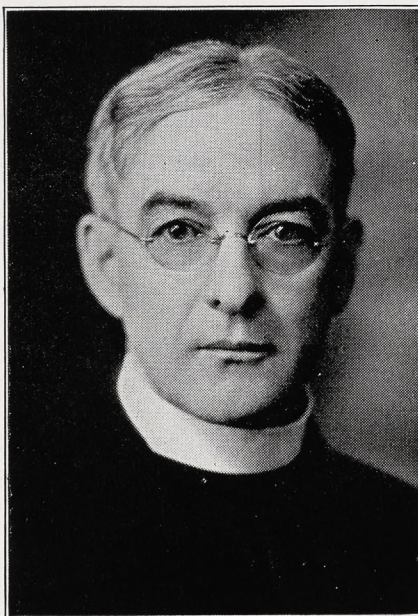
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## CHURCH LEAGUE FORUMS POPULAR AT CONVENTION

Forum meetings of the Church League for Industrial Democracy are attracting large crowds at the Kansas City Convention. The speaker the first day was Roger N. Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union, who declared that "The chief danger to American democracy today arises from the demand that dissent be suppressed in the interest of defense and national unity. The hunt for Fifth Columnists, the registration of aliens as suspects, the denial of electoral rights to minority parties, the violent attacks on Jehovah's Witnesses, the sweeping acts of Congress aimed at Communists and German-American Bundists, are merely dramatic evidences of a widespread intolerance threatening political democracy itself. Even a distinguished committee of liberal lawyers in the American Bar Association, which has done valiant work for civil liberty in recent years, warns that we may have to surrender in part established liberties for the period of the emergency. The press and radio are unresponsive to the appeal of minority rights. Protest against their denial is more and more confined to the small circles of defenders of civil liberty on the principle and of the partisans of the movements attacked. Yet the real dangers to American democracy arise not from these comparatively insignificant minorities nor from foreign propaganda from the dictatorships, but from powerful forces intent upon destroying the right of dissent. Congress reflects them. The Dies Committee is their mouth-piece.

"No democracy can endure unless every element in making public opinion has the right to be heard. England gives us the example in war-time of not only the maintenance of democracy, but its extension. In the midst of a life and death struggle, and despite enormously increased powers of government, the British are jealous of maintaining the right even of the Communist Party to the ballot, to the publication of its newspapers, to the conduct of its propaganda. And that propaganda is opposed to the 'imperialistic war' and wholly uncooperative with national defense. Even the British Fascists were permitted until recent months to carry on their activities. They were restrained only when it became evident that they were serving the cause of the enemy. The rights of conscientious objectors under conscription are scrupulously protected in Great Britain, even to the point of exempting from service men who



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cannot conscientiously undertake any work under conscription.

"Yet here in the United States in peace-time, with war only an ominous possibility, we have already established controls more severe than those in war-time Britain. The Communist Party has been denied the right to the ballot in a dozen states, purely on the ground of prejudice against its political principles. The Socialist and Socialist Labor Parties have suffered discrimination. Prosecutions have been brought for mere opinion or the possession of literature. Conscientious objectors under the conscription act are restricted to those of religious training and

belief, without total exemptions for any man. Mere speech held to encourage disaffection in the armed forces has been made a high crime. All organizations with international political connections, however peaceful and legal their purposes, have been forced to register with the Department of Justice, subject to investigation by G-men. Communists and Bundists have been denied employment in the public services, with the threat of ousting them by law even from private employment.

"The justification alleged for these measures is the preservation of democracy. Yet how can democracy be saved if civil liberty is sacrificed? And how can civil liberty be protected if the rights of any movement to freedom of speech, press and assembly are denied? No democracy can make any distinction in protecting the rights of those who uphold and those who deny its principles. It may legitimately engage only in the suppression of acts, conspiracies or conduct aimed at the government or the public peace."

The speaker the second day was Carey McWilliams, chief of housing and immigration of California, who described the situation among the migrant workers. He gave a graphic description of the destitution among these workers and the widespread violations of civil liberties which are occurring in agricultural areas. He concluded his address with the statement that federal control and planning was necessary, but that the question was what type of planning; what type of control; what type of resettlement. "Out of the present trends can come either one of two philosophies of resettlement; a policy (Continued on page 15)

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## NEWS NOTES OF THE CHURCH IN BRIEF PARAGRAPHS

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A study of opinions concerning America's relation to the war is presented in the Public Opinion Quarterly (Princeton, New Jersey) for September. The study is the work of Dr. Hadley Cantril, social psychologist, director of the Princeton Public Opinion Research Project. In making the study he had access to the data furnished by the Gallup polls. In answer to the leading question: "If you were sure that Germany would attack the United States after England is defeated, would you favor our country declaring war on Germany right now?" Fifty per cent answered yes; 43 per cent, no. However, in answer to the question, "Which of these things do you think is more important for the United States to try to do: To keep out of war ourselves; To help England win, even at the risk of getting into the war?" 59 per cent held to the first and 37 per cent to the second question. . . . 59 per cent were in favor of one year's compulsory service in the army or navy for young men 20 years old. . . . Another question, on July 20, was: "If Germany wins the war against England and becomes the strongest country in Europe, do you think the United States should try to get along with Germany, or do you think we should stop all trade and diplomatic relations with Germany?" Result: Try to get along, 65 per cent; terminate relations, 18 per cent; qualifications, 8 per cent.

The study showed three prevailing patterns of opinion: "isolationist," accounting for about one-quarter of the population; "interventionist," including about one-third of the population; and "sympathetic" toward Britain, including about 40 per cent.

A few generalizations were made in the study. "The young people in the middle or upper income groups show the lowest 'No opinion' response on war questions. . . . On the whole they think Germany will win. In the interventionist group there are more men than women, more of upper than of lower income people, and people over 30 years of age and in the upper and middle income groups are most characteristic of the pattern."

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### Religious Representatives to Be at Cooperative Conference

Representatives of national organizations in the fields of religion, education, labor and finance will hold small discussion-conferences in Chi-

cago, October 17, to consider the relation of consumer cooperatives to other social movements. These meetings will be held in connection with the 12th biennial congress of the Co-operative League of the United States which will draw together representatives of 1,115,000 members of co-ops affiliated with the league. The Federal Council is representing the churches.

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### Leper Colonies Escape Most of War's Effects

The wars on three continents have had only minor effects thus far on the operation of leper colonies in those areas, according to reports received at the American Mission to Lepers.

Communications being received at the Mission's national headquarters from leaders of the British Mission to Lepers, avoid all mention of the current war. These and other facts relating to the care of several million lepers in the world and the increasing eradication of the disease will be heard at the Mission's 33rd annual meeting to take place in New York City on October 17-18.

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### Ministers Denounce War; Ask Solution of Home Problems

In a statement which was vehemently attacked in the local press, thirty-six ministers of Rochester, New York and vicinity, denounced war as "the ultimate denial of faith

## Insurance on Church Property

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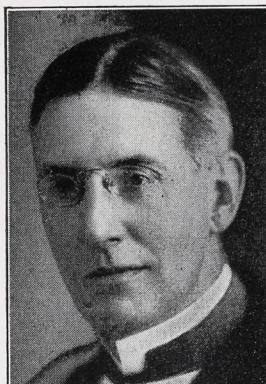
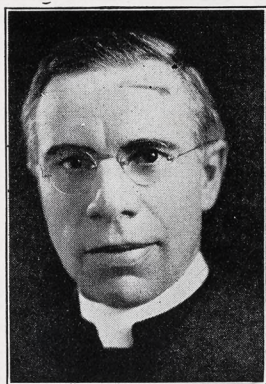
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Spencer Miller, Jr., who addressed the Convention on Social Security; Daniel McGregor, leader of the conferences on the Home and Family; Bishop Parsons, CLID President, who presided at big meeting on October 14th.

in God and of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ." The government was urged to work on the unsolved social and domestic problems in American life, to call a world conference and to give immediate aid to sufferers from famine in Europe.

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#### Pennsylvania Church Consecrated

In its ministry to college students, advance was made in the dioceses of Erie on October 3rd when Bishop Ward consecrated the Church of the Epiphany, Grove City, Pennsylvania.

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#### Religious Affiliations Survey Made

The Ven. Leonard P. Hagger, archdeacon of the diocese of Michigan, has announced that a survey of a section of Detroit was made on October 4th to discover the predominant religious affiliations of families in that area. Out of 668 who responded, there were 155 Roman Catholic families, 72 Methodist, 70 Lutheran, 50 Presbyterian, 43 Episcopal, 29 Baptist, 26 Jewish, 20 Christian Scientist and 17 Congregational. Sixteen belonged to other denominations, 63 claimed no affiliations and there was no response from 25. The

results were given over to the interested denominations.

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#### Brent Woodruff Heads Refugee Committee

K. Brent Woodruff, formerly rector of Grace Church, Cincinnati, has accepted the directorship of the American Committee for Christian Refugees, succeeding the late Frank Ritchie who died last month. He is to have complete responsibility for the work of the committee whose program of service both here and

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#### William Densmore Maxon Is Dead

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#### Payups Are Better Reports Lewis B. Franklin

National Council treasurer, Lewis B. Franklin, reports that as of October 1, and in comparison with last year eight dioceses were added to the list of those who had paid 100% of the amount due. The payments to date are nearly \$40,000 higher than last year.

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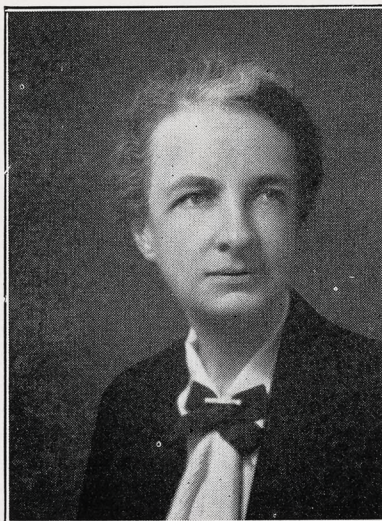


the title of a moving picture recently completed in South Dakota by John A. Burleson, son of the late Bishop of the diocese. . . . Miss Mary Elizabeth Ellis, one of the new teachers at St. Mary's school for Indian Girls, Springfield, South Dakota, has received her appointment as U.T.O. worker, succeeding Miss Beth Harkness. . . . Bishop Johnson preached at the 56th annual convocation of the missionary district of North Dakota at St. Paul's Church, Grand Forks. His subject was "I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church." He said that the home, the school and the Church separate us from barbarism, call for loyalty and impose responsibility. . . . Bishop Sherrill of Massachusetts with an address on "The Case for the Christian Church in Such a Time" opened a series of lectures designed to aid Christian thinking in a time of turmoil in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, on October 3. The lectures will run through November 21 on Thursday evenings. . . . Bishop Sherrill's 10th anniversary of consecration was observed throughout his diocese on October 13 when a prayer of thanksgiving was read in every church. . . . Proposed revision of the National Labor Relations Act was condemned recently in a statement issued by more than 250 clergymen of all faiths.

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#### "Trolley Novena" Launched

A "street car novena" to occupy spare time spent on street cars, elevated and suburban trains was inaugurated recently at St. Stephen's, Chicago, Illinois, where the annual Indian memorial service was held. The Rev. Irwin St. John Tucker, rec-



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tor, who conducted the service said: "The Indians never found it necessary to build expensive edifices in which to pray to God. They prayed wherever they happened to be and at whatever occupation they were engaged in." Prayer cards were distributed, and those who took them were asked to make use of them in spare time.

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#### South Dakota Prefers Old Fashioned Thanksgiving Date

No New Deal Thanksgiving Day for South Dakota. Governor F. Bushfield has announced that South Dakotans will observe the day on

November 28th. Bishop Roberts has announced that the same day will be observed by the Church in South Dakota.

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#### Church Cooperates for Resettlement of Foreign Doctors

A sharply felt need for more physicians in rural areas, with several specific openings, has been reported by bishops or by diocesan authorities to whom the bishops referred the question, and at the same time there are on record some 1,500 foreign-born physicians who would be glad to practice in rural areas. However this recognized need cannot be

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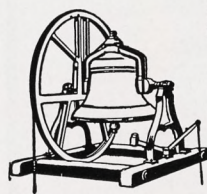
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met by those who are able to help, because all but four states have closed their doors to foreign physicians, according to a statement released through the Episcopal Church's committee for European refugees. The basic difficulty, according to the statement, is that "organized medicine is notoriously slow to action when it feels its prerogatives or its fees are threatened. Consequently a false picture has been spread through the country of possible competition from the refugee physicians."

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#### Paul Dwight Moody Appointed Defense Liaison Official

Announcement was made on October 6 of the appointment of the Rev. Paul Dwight Moody, president of Middlebury College, Vermont, as the new liaison official between the churches and the Protestant chaplains ministering to the men who are conscripted and in the army and navy. His chief responsibility will be to represent the churches in giving counsel and assistance to the chaplains. The call to Mr. Moody was extended by the Federal Council of Churches and the general committee on army and navy chaplains. He will probably have his office in Washington, D. C. It is estimated that 1,000 chaplains will be assigned to conscription camps and in the army and navy within the next year. The Roman Catholic Church has a similar official in the person of Bishop John Francis O'Hara.

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#### Cincinnati School Studies Problems of Christian Sociology

The curriculum this fall term of the graduate School of Applied Religion, Cincinnati, includes problems of Christian sociology, pastoral theology and social work and practical problems in personal guidance. Work is also being done in allied fields at the University of Cincinnati

and the men are placed for field work with nine different social agencies, unions and institutions. Says the Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher, dean, "More and more graduate students are seeing the school as the best diaconate year investment."

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#### Clergy Orchestra Plays at Ohio Clergy Conference

The clergy conference of the diocese of Ohio was held at Lake Erie College, Painesville, September 17-19, with over 80 attending. The leaders were Bishop Phillips of Southwestern Virginia, Bishop Tucker of Ohio, the Rev. Charles W. Sheerin and Mr. William Lee Richards of the National Council. Delighting and

amazing everybody was the performance of a 12-piece orchestra composed entirely of the clergy, led by the Rev. Maxfield Dowell of Berea and bass fiddled by Mr. Richards. . . . One hundred sixty laymen attended the fall lay conference of the diocese of Ohio, held at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, September 20.

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#### Effective Influences Discussed By Mission Group

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president, Mrs. Theodore W. Case of New York, was in the chair. A new board member, present for the first time, was Mrs. P. Blair Lee of Philadelphia. Announcement was made of two new diocesan CMH executives, Miss Hilma Newman for Pennsylvania and Miss Mary Bowers for Southern Ohio.

#### Bishop Tsae-Seng Sing Is Dead

The first Chinese to be made bishop in the Anglican Communion has just died, at the age of 79. Bishop Tsae-Seng Sing was assistant bishop in the English diocese of Chekiang on the coast south of Shanghai from 1918 to 1931 when he retired. There are seven other Chinese Bishops now, and an eighth awaits consecration.

#### Bishop B. D. Tucker Takes Part in a Dedication

Bishop Beverley D. Tucker of Ohio, took part in the dedication of St. Katharine's Church, Martin, South Dakota, October 13. The church was built with funds given by the diocese of Ohio to replace a structure destroyed by a tornado last year.

#### Baltimore Church Gets Memorial Organ

The Rev. William R. Moody will preach on the topic, Music in Heaven, at the service of dedication of the Lynah memorial echo organ in Christ Church, Baltimore. The installation of the organ was made possible by a legacy of Mrs. Harriet B. Lynah.

#### Connecticut Church Host of Interparochial Meeting

An interparochial meeting of men for inspiration and fellowship concerning the every member canvass is to be held October 28 at Christ Church, Greenwich, Connecticut, the Rev. A. J. Wilson, rector. The speak-

ers are to be the Presiding Bishop, the Rev. C. W. Sheerin of the National Council and Mr. Charles C. Goodrich of Hartford. About 400 men are expected to attend.

#### Connecticut Church to Mark 200th Anniversary

The 200th anniversary of St. Paul's Church in Huntington, Connecticut, will be observed with special services on October 27th. The Rev. Edward Carroll Morgan is rector. The church was founded in 1740 as a branch of Christ Church in Stratford.

#### Kellogg and Mrs. Niebuhr Appointed to College Commission

The Presiding Bishop announces that he has made two new appointments to the national commission on college work. They are the Rev. Frederic B. Kellogg, chaplain at Harvard University and Mrs. Reinhold Niebuhr, assistant secretary for college work in the National Council and instructor in religion at Barnard College.

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of restriction and control, patterned largely upon the fascist concept of the regimentation of peoples; or, a democratic concept which will see in the present emergency an opportunity to give a new and wider and more significant application to democratic processes in this field."

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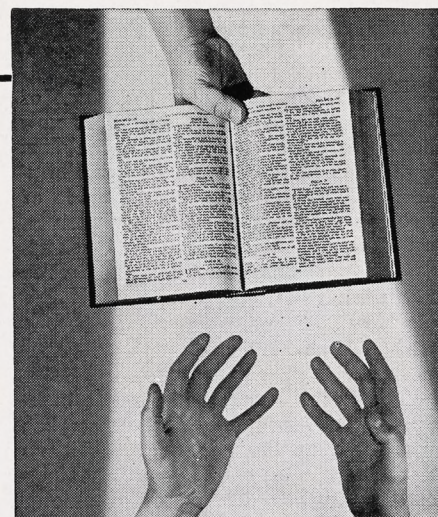
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