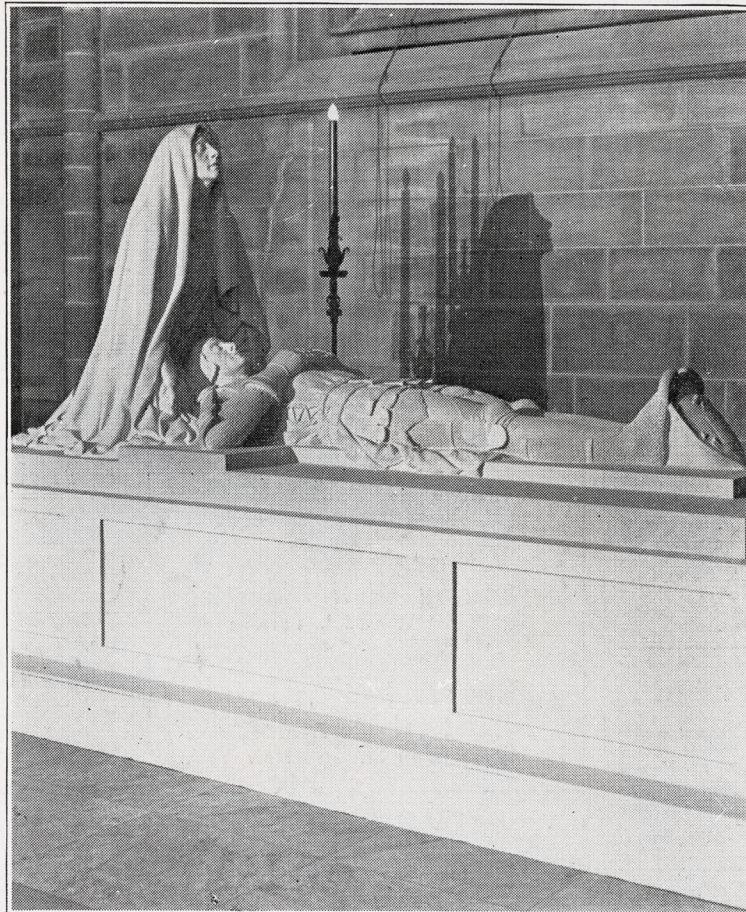


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BAILEY, A. Q., who was rector of Holy Trinity Church, Collingswood, New Jersey, died on October 26.

BROWN, O. H., rector of St. Philip's, Buffalo, parish for Negroes, was honored recently on the 17th anniversary of his rectorship.

CHILLINGTON, H. J., has been granted a year's leave of absence from the parish in Hutchinson, Kansas, to serve as chaplain in the national guard.

CONE, HERBERT D., retired priest of East Carolina, died on October 30th in his 83th year.

DEL NERO, J., was ordained priest by Bishop Pithan of Southern Brazil, at the Pro-Cathedral of the Ascension, Porto Alegre, Brazil, on September 22. Mr. Del Nero will be assistant at the Ascension.

DUNHAM, CLARENCE M., retired priest of the diocese of Newark, died at his home at Valley Stream, Long Island, on October 28th.

KOEPP-BAKER, H., professor of clinical speech at Pennsylvania State College, was ordained deacon by Bishop Wyatt Brown of Harrisburg, in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Bishops Court, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on October 28. Mr. Koepp-Baker will continue on the faculty of the college and assist at St. Andrew's Church, State College.

ROSSMAN, RICHARD, curate at St. John's, Washington, D. C., has accepted an appointment to be the assistant at Trinity, Boston.

THOMAS, WILLIAM S., assistant at Calvary, Pittsburgh, Pa., has accepted an appointment to be the assistant at St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston.

WESLEY, CHARLES, deacon attached to the staff of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, died on October 26th following an illness of several months. Born in 1867, Mr. Wesley became a perpetual deacon in 1925.

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A PROGRAM FOR ACTION

CONCERNING what this nation should do in relation to the war Church membership is divided between three points of view. There are those who want to give all possible aid to Great Britain short of war, those who want our nation to be involved in no way in the war, and those who want to give some economic aid under definite restrictions. In each of these groups again there are differences over procedure. As the situation becomes more acute and more highly charged with emotion, these differences of Christian judgment will increase. Plainly the attempt to commit an organization to any position would reduce it to a small group. It is equally clear that the continuance of discussion for this purpose would develop controversy that would prevent effective action in matters of urgent need concerning which we are agreed.



HARRY F. WARD

WE FACE a strong, organized reaction, entrenched itself in the organization of our national life for war production and war preparation. In this situation the central issue is whether the democratic process can be maintained. Unless this can be done the achievement of a Christian social order is impossible. Whatever our position on the war or national defense, we surely are opposed to these issues being used to destroy our hard-won democracy and the foundations of a democratic social order. The imperative that directs our action here is our conviction that the

democratic process is a collective expression of the Christian way of life.

The first point in our program should be the defense of Democratic rights. At the moment this means specifically:

- (a) *The right of minority political groups to express themselves, and to a place on the ballot.*
- (b) *The rights of labor as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, the N.L.R.A., the Wages and Hours Act, and the Walsh-Healy Act.*
- (c) *The right of conscientious objectors, both religious and political, to exemption from service under military authorities.*

On each of these matters there is urgent need for the people to hear a clear voice speaking in the name of the religion of Jesus. The Civil Liberties Union has just submitted to the Attorney General evidence that shows that in thirteen States there is either "a conspiracy to prevent members of minority political parties from entering candidates, or so wide-spread interference as to demand any protection which the federal law affords." The story of other nations shows that the elimination of radical political minorities from the democratic process is the first step in its total destruction.

The evidence of a concerted drive to use the

This Program for Action, prepared by Bishop Francis McConnell and Harry F. Ward, was written especially for the members of the Methodist Federation for Social Service. When it was decided to hold a conference of the United Christian Council for Democracy, those planning for it thought they could not do better than present this Program as a basis for discussion. It is urged that all planning to attend come prepared to discuss this Program. Members of organizations affiliated with the UCCD who cannot attend are asked to send any comments they care to make to Rev. Charles C. Webber, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

national defense program to destroy the recent gains of labor, mounts up day by day. The Senate has just passed a bill exempting shipbuilding for the merchant marine from the 40-hour week law. Over its report of the Attorney General's opinion that no contract should be awarded corporations held by the N.L.R.B. to have violated the Labor Act unless that judgment is reversed by the Courts, the New York Times puts the headline "Defense Work Hit by the Labor Act." The Brookings Institute reports to the war department that "all restrictions on production and hours such as those administered by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and under the Walsh-Healy Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, should be suspended for the duration of the war."

The composition of the state boards to administer the selective service act as indicated for example by the Michigan appointments, is almost certain to be over-whelmingly from the employing group. This means no consideration for the political conscience opposed to our entering the war, and an open opportunity to get rid of labor organizers.

The second main point on which we can all unite is:

Defense of the living standards, the health and housing of the people against the exactions of profiteers, operating under the cloak of a program of national defense.

The way in which the question of war profits and plant amortization has been handled in the recent revenue bill in contrast to the "sacrifices" expected of labor warns us of what is coming.

It will, of course, be equally necessary for us to oppose any use of our armed forces in behalf of our investment interests. The continued intrigue to involve us in Mexico reveals the immediate point of danger.

We must continue to support:

The Anti-lynching Bill.

Abolition of the poll tax.

Aid for war refugees.

Program of China relief.

Discontinuance of trade with Japan.

Consumers and producers cooperatives.

Opposition to anti-Semitism.

Opposition to all forms of race discrimination.

We should also stimulate local groups to carry out this program in local and denominational situations. As need arises, a national office should issue statements to the press, public officials and governmental bodies, concerning violations of democratic rights and encroachments upon the

living standards of the people. Local groups should follow a similar procedure in local situations. If this Program is adopted a national office should supply information on its main points and should continuously interpret the developing social situation.

For preachers of the Gospel there is a further duty than deciding the Christian course of action in the immediate situation. It is the bringing to light, and to judgement, the underlying causes of events in order that the present course of history may not be repeated.

Talking It Over

By

WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

REMEMBER way back when those of us who supported Loyalist Spain were charged with being "reds"? Now Hitler's troops are said to be in there to take Gibraltar, if they can, and Franco, the great humanitarian defender of God and the Church, has killed a few hundred thousand workers. And all Protestants are persecuted as "reds," which avoids the charge of "religious persecutions" and yet accomplishes the same results. Franco has confiscated and ground into pulp 110,000 copies of the Bible for fear the people will get ideas. He has closed all Protestant churches except one in Madrid and one in Barcelona. I don't know how much a pesetas is worth in present-day American money but, whatever it is, the dictator is giving 60,000,000 of them annually to the Roman Church in Spain. He has also given the Church complete charge of education. If you want to get married in Spain you are married by a Catholic priest or not at all. The Living Church's Mr. Morehouse told me how wrong I was at the time for standing by the Loyalist. Maybe he was right, at that, from his point of view. But I am making no apologies in view of subsequent events.

THE Christian Century, the Church Times, the Presbyterian Tribune praise the Episcopal Church editorially for allowing the CLID to function at General Convention. I must sit down with the boys one of these days and tell them why. Wonder, by the way, if we couldn't build up support for an annual General Convention? Costs a lot of money and accomplishes little in the way of business but I know of no occasion when you can have more fun, meet more friends and make a new one or two. . . . Three parsons in Oklahoma have

been active on behalf of civil liberties; the Rev. Paul Wright, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City; the Rev. John B. Thompson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Norman; the Rev. E. N. Comfort, dean of the Oklahoma School of Religion. They were recently required to appear before the Dies Committee, with the subpoenas demanding that they bring "all financial and membership records of the Communist Party in Oklahoma." None of the ministers, of course, are members of the Communist Party and, they declare, "the probe was trumped up to intimidate and discredit us as defenders of civil liberties." The well-known Hitler technique that worked so well in his rise to power . . . "anybody who disagrees with me is a communist," including the internationally known New Testament scholar, Martin Dibelius, and Pastor Martin Niemoller, as both of these famous men told a group of us on a July day in 1937—just four days before Niemoller was arrested. "Take this message back to America," said Niemoller. "If you stand by while other people lose their freedom you may be perfectly sure that the time soon will come when you will lose your own." We will have about reached that state of affairs if we allow three Christian ministers to be intimidated and discredited simply because they are courageous enough to defend those who are being deprived of rights guaranteed them by the Bill of Rights. Write Speaker Sam Rayburn and your own Congressman protesting the abuse of power by the Dies Committee.

"DARLING, I can assure you that hunger is a very disagreeable thing. The food situation grows worse day by day. When I read descriptions of lunches and dinners in novels I feel sick and skip over those passages. At night I dream of food. I really do not know what will become of us if this continues. In a few days it will be a year since I've been here. But, my darling, in spite of everything my good spirits are intact and as for my optimism it is still there and increasing. We absolutely must maintain our physical resistance; changes are not impossible and some day we may not regret having stayed in Europe." Rudi wrote that. He wrote it to his wife, now a refugee in America. Rudi is in the concentration camp of Le Vernet, Ariege, unoccupied France. There are thousands like Rudi—starving, but spirits intact, knowing that "changes are not impossible and some day. . . . The American Committee to Save Refugees, of which my friend Walter Rautenstrauch is chairman, is raising what money it can in order to send Rudi and the thou-

sands like him a bit of chocolate, sugar, lard. If you want the names of others who endorse the work of the committee, here are a few out of many: Bishop Parsons, Mrs. W. Russell Bowie, Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, Professor Vida D. Scudder, Bishop Francis McConnell, Rev. Henry Smith Leiper. As for me, I know of many things we are supporting that are less important than keeping people alive until "some day . . . changes are not impossible." I'm ashamed of begging but what else is there to do these days? So if you, your church, your guild, your Sunday school, want to help send the donation to the CLID, 155 Washington Street, New York, and we will see that it is placed in the hands of the committee at once, in the name of Christ and His Church. "Hunger, my darling, is a very disagreeable thing."

Christian Unity

By

WILLIAM LINDSAY YOUNG

Moderator of the Presbyterian Church

WE FACE a crisis as wide as the universe, as high as the heavens, as deep as hell itself. It is related to the cosmic sweep of all God's purposes. It is a crisis transcending denominational lines, national boundaries, racial distinctions and social classes.

Look quickly around the world. Pagan gods are being brought back from the dead, churches are being closed, ministers of the Gospel are going to jail for proclaiming their God-given convictions. It is not simply some particular denomination, nation, or racial group which is imperiled. It cuts across every line and stands out in bold relief as an issue in which the welfare of the human race is at stake. Is the freedom for which our forefathers suffered and died to be lost? Are we soon to pass into an era where no man can worship God according to the dictates of his conscience, where the knee must bend at the call of a secular totalitarian state? Is the dream of man for the establishment of God's Universal Kingdom to come to naught? Will man survive his own Christless folly?

Fellowship is the way to understanding. If we can bear our burdens together and enter into each other's joys we will soon have that esprit de corps which is basic to ultimate union. I can think of nothing more tragic than a weaving together of our ecclesiastical machinery without a prior spiritual union. Union is not the adjustment of an

organization; it is the growth of an organism. We may quickly and successfully rearrange the rods, wheels and bolts of a machine and make it work. But if we try to force the artificial growth of an organism, the result will be only delay, stunted growth, or death. Therefore we must never lose sight of the fact that we are dealing, not with machinery, but with life.

We can resolve to keep warm our faith in the possibility and the necessity of union. There are serious obstacles to be overcome, as I have already said. But we must face them with honesty, courage, and the faith that they can and will be surmounted. I believe division is far more grievous in the sight of Almighty God than any compromise on issues that have heretofore kept us apart.

Before us will soon lie a shattered world, a

world broken in spirit and bankrupt in culture, a world that will stand badly in need of a ministry that only a united Church can give. Shall we fail mankind in this tragic hour? Shall we hold back when there is every evidence of the leading of a kindly and all wise Providence?

So, my Episcopal brethren in Christ, you have blazed a trail. The world looks on and wonders about the outcome. May God give you the wisdom and the strength to lead on. Do not stop or turn back now. And may those of us who are Presbyterians have in equal portion the daring for the Church of Christ which has been yours. My earnest prayer is that I may live to stand before you sometime and address, not *your* church, not *my* Church, but *our* church.

From an address given at General Convention on unity between the Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches.

THE BIBLE IN LIFE'S CRISES

By

CLARENCE E. MACARTNEY

Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh

IN RECENT years the thrilling story of Pitcairn Island and the mutiny of the *Bounty* has been retold and popularized in moving pictures, newspaper articles, and in books. There is one incident in that story which, indeed, is worth retelling. The mutineers sank their ship and landed with their native women on the lonely island named Pitcairn. There were nine white sailors, six natives, ten women, and a girl of fifteen. One of the sailors discovered a method of distilling alcohol, and the island colony was debauched with drunkenness and vice. After a time, only one of the white sailors who had landed on the island survived, surrounded by native women and half-breed children. This sailor, Alexander Smith, found in one of the chests that had been taken out of the *Bounty* a copy of the Bible. He began to teach his fellow exiles its principles, with the result that his own life was changed and the life of that island colony. In 1808 the United States ship *Topaz* visited the island and found a thriving and prosperous community, without whiskey, without a jail, without crime, and without an insane asylum. The Bible had changed the life of that island community. So it has been from age to age. "The entrance of thy words giveth light."

There is no doubt that the world is dark. Were it not dark, we would need no lamp unto our feet and no light for our path. The world has been

made dark by sin, and man has lost the way. The Bible is the revelation of the way through life. Is there any doubt that we all need that revelation?

On a dark night, and on a treacherous path, a lantern in a man's hand makes a great difference. It may be the difference between life and death. Man's path here is beset by a thousand dangers. The Bible shows these dangers. It utters the commandments of God, which are sure, "making wise the simple." Every day death, sin, and temptation add to the number of their ghastly trophies. But of those who have perished, how many were using faithfully the lantern which God has given man? How many had been reading its pages regularly and prayerfully?

Life is encompassed with sorrow and trial. The Bible does not take away our trials, or deliver us from our sorrows; but it does tell us that they have a purpose, and that they are working out for us and in us the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

By and by, all come to the end of life. Before we ourselves reach that end, we have seen many others arrive at that place of departure, covered with mist and fog. If you close the Bible, if you put out this one light, what have you left? Who speaks for the after-here? What voice is uplifted by the grave of sorrow? A few dreamers and thinkers, a few tamperers with the lock to the

gate of the hidden city of death, utter their arguments and come back with their weird tales which neither convince nor enlighten. But when we turn to the Bible there is light and there is hope; for the Bible leads us to Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. The path of life is not only dangerous, but it is a path which, without the light of the Bible, leads we know not where. The Bible is the book of destiny and shows us the way to heaven.

Oscar Wilde, one of the most gifted writers of the last half century, fell into deep and unmentionable sin. Writing of his experiences when a prisoner in Reading Gaol, where, as he says in his powerful "Ballad of Reading Gaol," the prisoners only now and then had a chance to look with wistful eye

"Upon that little tent of blue
Which prisoners call the sky,"—

tells how, in his deep distress and woe, the only literature which now meant anything to him was the New Testament. A striking tribute to the fact that the Bible speaks to the depths that are in the human heart, and that in the crises of life it has a message when all other books are meaningless and all other voices are silent.

SOME say the Bible as a book is obscure. It does not, indeed, pretend to answer every question; and what the Bible does not say, the silence of the Bible, is sometimes as striking and impressive as its speech. Of all the figures and metaphors employed in the Bible to describe what it does for the soul of man, I think this of the lantern and the light is the best. We do not carry lanterns by daylight. The Bible is not the sunlight; but it is what the Psalmist called it, "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path" amid the shadows of this world. It is what Peter called it in his beautiful metaphor, "a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn and the day-star arise in our hearts." When we enter into the fullness of the life to come, and behold the living Word himself, we shall not need the written Bible; for we shall see no longer through the glass darkly, but face to face.

I remember seeing once on the wall of old Canterbury Cathedral a tablet with an inscription on it from the second and little read portion of "Pilgrim's Progress." It is as follows:

Prudence:—What do you think of the Bible?

Matthew:—It is the holy Word of God.

Prudence:—Is there nothing written therein but what you understand?

Matthew:—Yes, a great deal.

Prudence:—What do you do when you meet

with such places therein that you do not understand?

Matthew:—I think God is wiser than I. I pray also that he will please to let me know all therein that he knows will be for my good.

Here is John Bunyan's common sense at its best. There will be many things in the Bible which we do not understand; but a great deal there which we can understand, and which is for our eternal good.

The Christian Church owes much to the heroic and ancient Church of the Waldensees in Italy for the preservation of the Bible and its saving truths. In a day when the Bible was proscribed, Waldensian ministers sometimes supported themselves by selling jewels and precious stones to the families of the great and noble. In the disguise of merchants they were able to speak to those who otherwise would have been inaccessible. When they had disposed of their rings and trinkets, and were asked if they had nothing more to offer for sale, they would reply, "Yes; we have jewels still more precious than any you have seen. We will be glad to show these also to you, if you will promise not to betray us to the clergy. We have here a precious stone so brilliant that by its light a man may see God; and another which radiates such a fire that it enkindles the love of God in the heart of its possessor." Then they unwrapped their treasure, which was, of course, the Bible. A true and beautiful statement about the Word of God. It is a precious stone which sheds a light so brilliant that by its light a man may see God. It is a stone which kindles within the heart of man the love of God.

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A conference of the United Christian Council for Democracy, composed of ten denominational groups that are concerned with the application of Christian principles to social and industrial life, is to be held at the Riverside Church, New York, December 6-7. Meetings of the denominational groups will be held the forenoon of the 6th, with the joint conference opening with luncheon when the speaker will be the Rev. John Paul Jones, president of the Presbyterian Fellowship for Social Action. There will be two sessions that afternoon when the rights of labor and the defense of living standards will be discussed. The speaker at the dinner on the 6th will be the Rev. Dwight Bradley, director of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational and Christian Churches, with Professor Harry F. Ward, professor at Union, the speaker at the evening meeting on "Democracy and Social Change." On Saturday, following meetings of the affiliated organizations, there will be an address by the Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr, professor at Union and member of the Council for Social Reconstruction of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; a report by the findings committee; with the final meeting a luncheon at which Bishop McConnell, president of the Methodist Federation, will speak on the rights of minorities.

The *Program for Action*, printed elsewhere in this number, is offered by the committee as a possible basis for discussion at the conference. Those planning to attend are asked to notify the Rev. Charles C. Weber, 150 Fifth Avenue, indicating the number of meals required and whether or not they wish accommodations for the night of December 6th.

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Methodists Point To Present Dangers

Methodists meeting at Indianapolis for the annual meeting of the Indiana conference declared themselves, without punch-pulling, on the present world situation and America's relationship to it. They declared themselves as being not opposed to "reasonable and adequate national defense", but they warned of "the dangers involved for domestic freedom and welfare in vast armament programs; dangers to civil liberties, education, social service, freedom of business and labor and to the standard of living which American citizens should enjoy". They appealed to all



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civic power, state and national, "to guard individual liberties and to prevent measures of temporary emergency from becoming permanent policies of government."

The conference also opposed the use of American soldiers outside the western hemisphere and warned against steps being taken that lead to war. On the matter of European relief the conference went on record in favor of getting through the blockade to non-combatants of every stricken nation with medicine, food and clothing.

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Lutheran Church Holds Biennial Convention

The United Lutheran Church, considered the most liberal of the seventeen Lutheran Church organizations in the country, have just closed their biennial convention in Omaha. Most of the excitement was caused by a prolonged discussion on unity. One group contended that the Lutheran Church is a part of Protestantism as a whole and that steps looking toward Protestant unity should be taken. The other group maintained that union of Lutherans was all that could be hoped for, with some saying all that is desired. The three largest Lutheran bodies are the United Lutherans with a membership of about a million and a half; the Missouri Synod, which considers Lutheranism a closed household, having about a million and a quarter; the American Lutherans with about a half million members. Both the larger groups have been trying to pull the small body over to its side, and that seems to have been what the debate was largely about in Omaha. In any case, in order to win an agreement with the American Lutherans, the

convention accepted a statement which was obviously distasteful to a large number of delegates. This statement, called the "dictation theory", affirms that "by virtue of a unique operation of the Holy Spirit by which he supplied to the holy writers content and fitting word, the separate books of the Bible are related to one another, and taken together, constitute a complete, errorless, unbreakable whole of which Christ is the center. They are rightly called the Word of God. This unique operation of the Holy Spirit upon the writers is named inspiration".

On the matter of conscientious objectors the convention passed a resolution which was a masterpiece of hedging by affirming the principle of freedom of conscience; pledged unqualified allegiance to authority; indicated that the church would support conscientious objectors and ended by expressing disapproval of them.

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This Matter of Conscientious Objectors

Leaders of churches are hard put to it these days to explain to conscientious objectors just what their rights and duties are under the law. Incidentally, though not reported in the press, there was serious trouble on several Indian reservations on Registration Day, with many Indians refusing to register and some of them taking their guns and making off for the hills. All of which led Elmer Rice, playwright, to remark to a small group of us the other day, "If the Indians don't like this country let them go back where they came from". I do not know who has done the estimating, but it is said that there are between 500,000 and 1,000,000 C.O.'s in the country. The act makes no provision for exemption except for those who "by reason of religious training and belief" are opposed to war, which presumably leaves out those opposed on moral or political grounds. It is stated fairly authoritatively that government officials in charge of conscription will be broad in their interpretation and will classify moral and political objectors as genuine and give them similar treatment, but there is no positive assurance of this. The best advice seems to have come from James A. Crain, secretary of the social education department of the Disciples of Christ: 1. Enrollment of the conscientious objector on the records of his local church (or his national church) does not automatically exempt him from military service. Exemption can only be granted by local draft boards under proper provisions of the law. 2. Objectors will not be required to take

steps toward securing exemption until such time as they have been notified to appear before the local draft board. At that time C.O.'s will be given questionnaires for recording their positions and for requesting non-combatant service with the armed forces or "work of national importance under civilian direction."

3. Having completed the questionnaire the C.O. will be required to substantiate his claims before the local draft board. 4. Ministers who have known C.O.'s in their churches should acquaint members of the local draft board with the C.O. position in advance of hearings. There are three organizations at present dealing with the matter: the Federal Council of Churches, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City, which has issued a leaflet setting forth rights and duties under the law (5c a copy; \$1 for 100); the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, 1410 H. St. N. W., Washington, that promises to defend C.O.'s; the American Civil Liberties Union, 31 Union Square, W., New York, that promises to do likewise.

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Presbyterians Seek Funds For School

The Presbyterian Church (South) is seeking \$350,000 for its training center in Richmond, Virginia.

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Niebuhr Brothers On the Pacific

Professor Richard Niebuhr of Yale Divinity School was the headliner at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., on Founder's Day, October 10th. Brother Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Seminary is to deliver a series of lectures at the same institution in March.

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West Coast Baptists Condemn War

Baptists of California, meeting in their 88th annual convention, passed resolutions urging all their members "to be on guard against the spirit of hysteria and propaganda now sweeping over our nation and the world and to continue to present the claims of the gospel as the great remedy for the scourge of war."

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Church Leaders Line Up For and Against

The Hoover plan to feed the starving people of Europe out of American surplus has started a controversy among religious leaders. Contending that the supplies would eventually reach Germany and thereby work against British interests prompted a number of Church leaders to condemn the plan. Among these were Presiding Bishop Tucker of the Episcopal Church and Episcopal Bishop Scarlett of Missouri. Following their



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front-page statement another appeared urging that the people of the stricken countries be allowed to import footstuffs "with their own money and ships and with an international organization supervising the operation and protecting their supplies from the occupying armies". "We are troubled", concludes the statement, "by the religious and ethical implications involved in these things. A thousand times we have read, or heard read: 'If thine enemy hunger, feed him'. We recognize that nations may follow no such precept. But we are dismayed and grieved when eminent leaders of the church and education appear willing to let innocent non-belligerents starve because to let them live might strengthen the enemies of democracy." Among those signing the statement were Allen Knight Chalmers, Phillips Elliott, John Haynes Holmes, John Paul Jones, John H. Lathrop, Henry Neumann, Ralph Sockman, and others.

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Saw No Religious Issue in Campaign

If the *Commonweal*, highbrow magazine of the Roman Church, represents that Church then there was no religious issue in the presidential campaign. Last week it stated editorially that it was part of a priest's function to mold public opinion on political, economic and social questions, but they saw no issues in the present contest which would prompt Church leaders to attempt to line up their people for either candidate. In the same issue one editor declared that he planned to vote for Willkie, stating that he thought it meant a little less chance of war and also be-

cause he opposed a third term. Another editor in a signed article said he would vote for Roosevelt since he approved of his reform policies of the past and his present foreign policy.

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American Missionaries In Japan

There are 686 American missionaries in Japan, representing all of the churches. With their families the total is 1,186. It is probable that many of them will be required to leave the country because of the new Japanese regulations governing the churches.

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New Head for Army Chaplains

President Paul Dwight Moody of Middlebury College has been appointed liaison officer between the Protestant Churches and the chaplains in the army and navy. The appointment was made by the Federal Council of Churches. The Roman Catholic Church has a similar official.

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English Churchmen On Race Question

Leaders of all the churches in England, including the two Archbishops of the Anglican Church and Cardinal Hinsley of the Roman Church, recently issued a statement calling for a concentrated effort to remove the barriers of race and color which exists in the British colonies. They oppose the practice of many hotels in refusing to entertain Negroes and urge the extending of the hospitality of English homes to Colored people.

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Noted Teacher Has Retired

James Moffatt, professor at Union Seminary, has retired from the faculty since he has reached his 70th year. He is now working on what he calls an American translation of the Bible, intended for those who do not like certain Anglo-Saxon phrases.

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No Concentration Camps for Dogs

Hitler has ordered the death of all dogs in Germany, except those used in the army. Reason: they eat too much.

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National Christian Mission In Western Cities

Two cities of the mid-west have recently held the National Christian Mission which leaders have been over a year in planning. Kansas City opened the mission with a large meeting in the municipal auditorium with Stanley Jones, missionary to India, as the headliner and with Muriel Lester, Margaret Slattery, John B. Thompson, Albert Beaven, A. J.

Muste and others speaking in various churches on the days immediately following. On October 6 the mission opened in Denver, again with Stanley Jones as the top man, supported by much the same cast. This Denver mission, is said to have reached over 80,000 people. At the opening service, held in the municipal auditorium and attended by about 9,000, the Rev. E. Stanley Jones declared: "Christianity can save our nation provided we turn to it wholeheartedly and with sincere national and personal repentance for our neglect and rejection, and provided we discover a more vital type of Christianity than we now have. We have inoculated the people with a mild form of Christianity so that they are now proof against the real thing. We must rediscover that real thing." Others to speak at this opening meeting were the Rev. Ralph Sockman of New York and Miss Muriel Lester of London who declared that 10,000,000 men, women and children are expected to die of starvation in Europe this winter unless they are fed out of American surplus. "You have food; you could feed them. Religious people crucified Jesus 2,000 years ago. Are you now going to starve Him?"

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Church Rivalry At Negro Exposition

The Roman Church is said to have spent \$15,000 on an exhibit at the American Negro Exposition, Chicago. Baptists spent considerably less so their banner presenting Baptists claims was removed by the authorities on Catholic insistence, so the story runs. However the Baptists did have one day out of the week, when they turned out a huge attendance from over 300 Negro churches, with a massed choir of 1,000 voices supplying the singing.

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Methodists Give For Over-Seas Relief

The Methodist committee for overseas relief is giving more than \$130,000 raised this summer to relief in Europe and China. Another \$24,000 has been earmarked for the relief of stranded missionaries.

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Next Sunday Is for Fellowship

Next Sunday will mark the beginning of World Fellowship week, sponsored by the international YWCA, when members in 53 countries will pray for fellowship throughout the world.

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Catholics Promote Work With Negroes

Catholic bishops have been asked by the National Catholic Welfare Conference to establish departments

Off-Moment with Jug and Book of Verse



The Rev. Henry Clark Smith, genial rector of All Saints', Riverside, California, caught in an off-moment with a jug and book of verse ("and thou" presumably took the picture) as he paused for a bit of refreshment in the Monument Valley country of Utah and Arizona.

for Negro work and to use their influence to provide adequate religious education for Negro Catholics. . . . The National Council of Catholic Women, meeting recently, urged members to "join with our Church in condemning all racism and all efforts to pit people against people and, as it were, read out of the human race great numbers of the children of God."

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Work of Quakers in Europe

According to Clarence E. Pickett, secretary of the Friends Service Committee, the organization is feeding 25,000 persons in Europe. They are also the only continuing American organization in Germany, with the exception of one Red Cross worker. "It is not enough to protest against conscription; not enough to clean up messes throughout the World. Quakers must be concerned with a creative world. This is our most important function." He spoke at a recent conference of Quakers held outside Philadelphia where it was recommended that Quakers visit local draft boards as soon as possible to make the Quaker position on war clear, but that they should refuse to serve on such boards.

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National Church Organized in Japan

Five thousand Japanese Christians, representing the six largest Protestant churches, met in Tokyo

on October 17th and organized the National Christian Church, with Bishop Yoshimune Abe, Methodist, as head. Missionaries are to remain, providing they do not hold administrative positions. An aim of the new set-up is to make funds from abroad unnecessary. The Episcopal and the Roman Churches were not represented.

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Methodists Support Britain and Defense

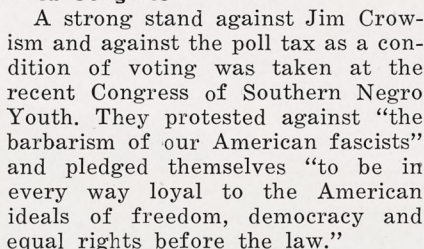
Methodists of New Jersey, meeting at Atlantic City, passed resolutions urging full support to Britain short of war, and recommended a national defense program which "would make all tyrannies hesitate."

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Ministers Issue a Declaration

A group of ministers in Newark, New Jersey, recently issued the following pronouncement: "The disastrous events that have occurred in Europe within the past few months have created a growing spirit of fear, unrest, and hysteria in the United States. We have heard so much in recent weeks of Trojan horses, fifth columns, and subversive elements that this spirit of fear is spreading throughout the land. In any crisis fear leads only to defeat. Whatever the eventuality, we must buttress and fortify our corporate and our individual lives with a Christian faith that will be roused

As previously reported a number of students of the Union Seminary appeared at registration booths on October 16th but refused to register for the draft, declaring that to do so would make them a part of the war system. The next day they were subpoenaed and appeared before the federal grand jury where they pleaded guilty. However no decision was reached as to how their cases would be handled, and they



Among those who protested against registration in St. Louis, the

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most publicized was Canon Christian Horace Kehl of Christ Church Cathedral, who refused to sign the registration blank unless he attached a statement of protest. This he was allowed to do. In his statement, Canon Kehl said: "I cannot conscientiously register under the provisions of the conscription act without formally, honestly, openly and concurrently declaring my affirmation of the freedom of conscience and of religious instinct for all my fellow citizens, clergy or lay. This means that I believe it is the God-given right of every individual to refuse to have any part in actions of his government which in his best judgment and conscience are contrary to the will of God for him or contrary to right as he sees it. This does not mean studied or seditious or rebellious disloyalty to the nation. It means obedience to a claim of a higher loyalty and an effort to be the best citizen possible consistent with this higher loyalty."

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Presiding Bishop Gives to British Missions

Presiding Bishop Tucker made his personal contribution for British overseas missions on November 1st at a ceremony at headquarters in New York, when he handed a check to British Bishop Noel B. Hudson.

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Church Burns a Mortgage

St. Alban's, Highland Park, Michigan, had a fire last night. They set fire to a mortgage as part of a service of consecration of the church. Rector Milton S. Kanaga conducted the service, Bishop Creighton preached;

the Rev. Frances B. Creamer of Christ Church, Detroit, read the sentence of consecration.

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Music Leaders Meet in Detroit

Cameron McLean, singer, was the speaker on November 4th at a dinner of organists, choirmasters, choristers and parsons. The meeting was under the auspices of the Detroit adult choir festival.

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Conference for Laymen in Western New York

Bishop Davis, the Rev. George Wieland, National Council secretary of domestic missions, and Layman's League president, E. C. Thompson, were the headliners at a conference for laymen, held recently at DeVeaux School, diocese of Western New York.

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Gutenberg Bible Is Put to Use

The Bay Psalm Book, the first book printed in the American colonies three hundred years ago, and the Gutenberg Bible, the first book ever printed, were used in a religious service in the Chapel at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, on November 3. At the invitation of the college, A. S. W. Rosenbach of

Philadelphia, brought his copy of the Bay Psalm Book and he was escorted in the academic procession by descendent of the compilers of this little book. From the Morgan Library, Mr. Morgan sent the first volume of the Gutenberg Bible printed on paper and the second volume of his vellum copy. The address of the day was made by a trustee of Trinity College, Richardson Little Wright.

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Bishop McElwain Warns of Fraud

A man saying his name is James Donohue is passing out fraudulent checks by showing an application blank for Seabury-Western Theological School. Bishop McElwain of the school warns that no such man applied to the seminary.

From the Archbishop of Canterbury to Bishop Tucker

Following is part of the message which the Archbishop of Canterbury sent to the Presiding Bishop, intending that it should be read to General Convention in Kansas City. The message failed to get through the war zone before the Convention ended. "I cannot tell you how deeply I have been touched by hearing of the possibility of the Church in the United States being asked to make some contribution to the urgent needs of the missionary work of the Church of England at a time of exceptional difficulty and strain. If this most generous proposal can be realized it will form a new link of fellowship between our Churches, strengthening the ties which already bind them so closely together. It will also give a fresh proof of the active sympathy of the people of the United States with this country in the tremendous struggle in which it is engaged on behalf of all that Christian civilization has meant in the life of the world." The following note was also received from the

Archbishop telling about the bombing of Lambeth Palace: "When I think that but for this terrible war we might have met in the Lambeth Conference I am the more distressed by the fact that Lambeth Palace, which would have been its center, has been seriously damaged by a bomb and that it is no longer possible for me to inhabit it."

Chicago to Elect This Month

The clergy of the diocese of Chicago defeated a motion to defer the election of Bishop Stewart's successor until February when the annual diocesan convention is held and November 28 was set for the reassembling of a special convention to elect a successor.

Connecticut Auxiliary to Meet

The 60th annual meeting of the Connecticut branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, on November 8. The preacher at the celebration of the Holy Communion

year old parish and to have the building to be Bishop W. H. Ziegler of Wyoming. The United Thank Offering will be presented at that service.

Parish Celebrates 125th Anniversary

Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, New York, observed the 125th anniversary of its organization, October 25, by a parish corporate Communion in the morning and a community service in the evening.

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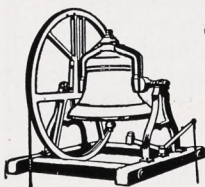
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of Connecticut, were held the week of October 27th in each of the six archdeacons. Among the speakers at the meetings were: the Presiding Bishop, Bishop Beal, Bishop Bartlett and the Rev. Charles W. Sheerin.

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Only Minstrel Gallery Dedicated

A Minstrel Gallery, believed to be the only one in the United States, was dedicated recently in St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit by Bishop Frank Creighton. Just completed, the gallery is a gift of an anonymous benefactor. It will be used for the children's choir, or for echo choirs at great festivals.

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Milwaukee Church Repairs Dedicated

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Lord Halifax Issues Statement On Sending Money for Missions

Appreciating the doubt of British people as to whether it is right in time of war to send money out of the country for foreign missions, and also whether war charities and war work ought not to take precedence over everything else, Lord Halifax has given to the English press the following statement: "As you know, action already taken by several government departments has shown the desire of the British government that the services rendered by Christian missions should continue. I am myself quite clear that the support of foreign missionary work in time of war is an essential part of the Church's witness. . . . Payments overseas which involve loss of exchange are, of course, an increasing difficulty in these times but by far the greatest part of British missionary work is carried on in countries whose currencies are linked with sterling. In other cases I understand that the treasury will look at applications from well-recognized bodies for transfer for missionary work as sympathetically as they reasonably can, having regard to the circumstances as they exist from time to time."

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An Example of Diocesan Loyalty

In Plainfield, New Jersey, St. Mark's Mission, founded by Grace Church many years ago for the colored community, has, despite hard work, accumulated a diocesan assessment debt. To help reduce this other clergy in the town and layreaders are voluntarily providing services for the next three months until a new priest-in-charge is called. In addition a victory dinner campaign has been organized to be climaxed the early part of December when all contributors, the clergy and the laity who have been cooperating and the Bishop of the diocese will gather to celebrate the achievement.

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"Song Of Your Life" Fans Prefer Hymns

Completing a survey of 25,000 letters received from radio fans during the past month, Harry Salter, who directs "The Song Of Your Life," a radio program, reports that the demand for hymns has suddenly overtaken requests for every other type of music. Today 60 per cent of the letters received ask for a hymn and less than 5 per cent name a

jitterbug song. From smaller towns and farming communities the percentage of those wanting to hear hymns is 70 to 80 per cent. The favorite is "God Will Take Care Of You."

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New York Mayor At Cathedral Service

Described as an opportunity to strike a deeply spiritual note at the beginning of the year in terms of wide cooperation among various communities a service of intercession and dedication was held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York on October 6th. The main speakers were Mayor LaGuardia and Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University.

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Barry Goes To Largest Chicago Parish

The Rev. Frederick L. Barry of Bridgeport, Conn., has been called to St. Luke's Church, Evanston, Ill. The parish is the largest in Chicago and one of the largest in the United States. The last rector was Bishop Stewart.

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New Chapel of Pennsylvania Cathedral Consecrated

The Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels, newest completed unit of the Cathedral of the diocese of Pennsylvania, was consecrated by Bishop Taitt on September 28. Recent installation of a beautiful stained glass window by Nicola G. D'Ascenzo com-



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pleted the structure. During the summer, the altar, for which stones were brought from the Holy Land, was finished.

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Baldwin Jan Van Etten Is Boston Cathedral Dean

The Very Rev. Baldwin Jan Van Etten on September 30 became the third Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston. More than one thousand representatives of the Episcopal and other Protestant clergy and laity witnessed his institution as successor to the late Dean Philemon F. Sturges. In accordance with the wish of Bishop Lawrence, one of the leaders in the establishment of the Cathedral, Dean Van Etten promised to administer it as a church for all people of the community, whether Christian or pagan.

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The Mountain Goes to Mohammed

A trailer which was made into a chapel and named St. Christopher's takes Episcopal Church services to congregations of sun and sea bathers at California beaches who attend in large numbers in bathing costumes. The Rev. Frederick M. Crane of Beaumont, Calif., conducts the services which are sponsored by the diocese of Los Angeles. The Daughters of the King provided the trailer. Mr. Crane makes it very clear that he is not operating a publicity stunt. He wants to create a real demand for churches on wheels that can get to out of the way places. His congregations average from 50 to 100.

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Construction Going On for Three Los Angeles Churches

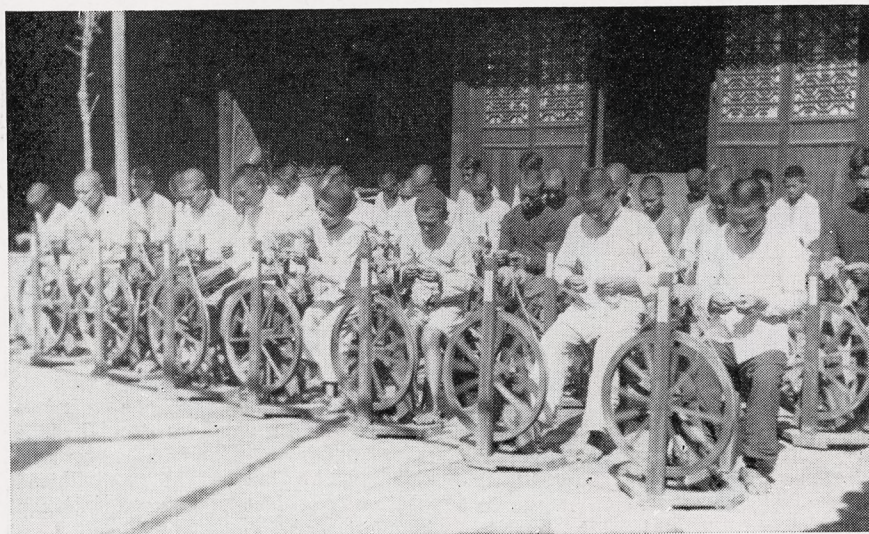
A \$45,000 church and parish hall are under construction for St. Alban's Chapel, Westwood Village, Los Angeles, the Rev. J. A. Bryant, vicar, completing a handsome set of buildings erected in memory of the first bishop of Los Angeles. . . . \$3,000 has been raised for a new church building for St. Peter's, Del Mar, California, the Rev. Edward McNair, vicar. The building will be the first non-Roman church structure in town. . . . A large building is being erected as an addition to All Saints, Beverly Hills, California, the Rev. W. W. Fleetwood, rector, to house the growing church school.

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Appointed to Parish in Rome

The Rev. H. Gruber Woolf has been appointed to take charge of the American Church in Rome, Italy, according to an announcement made in the House of Bishops by Bishop Perry, in charge of the European Churches. He has been for two years the rector of the American Church in Dresden.

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