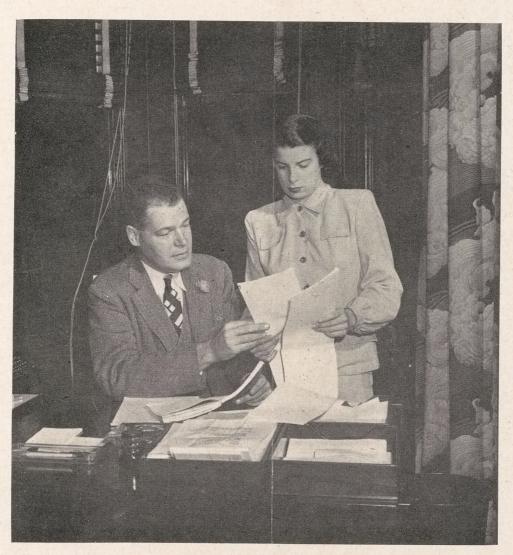
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#### STORY OF THE WEEK-

# 1948 Church Activities Briefly Reviewed

World Council Formation Outstanding Event With Other Unity Steps Taken

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★ The formation of the World Council of Churches was the most conspicuous religious event of the year, and probably in the long run the most important. This is one of the facts that make it even less possible than usual to stay within national boundaries in considering "the year in religion."

Formal organization of the World Council was accomplished at Amsterdam on August 23. A long series of inter-church conferences lay behind this action and the notable Assembly — which might also be called an Assembly of Notables—at which it was taken.

Its purpose is: first, to recognize the essential ideal unity of the Church in spite of its visible divisions; second, to give practical and effective expression to the limited degree of actual unity which now exists; third, to study the grounds of division and approach a more perfect objective unity.

Delegates chosen by 135 communions in 44 countries formed the membership of the first assembly of the World Council. Almost every type of Church except the Roman Catholic was represented, including some of the Eastern Orthodox Churches.

Official visitors from the Roman Catholic Church were

present, and the ranking Catholic prelate of the Netherlands authorized a special prayer for the success of the assembly to be read in all the churches of his diocese.

There were few delegates from the "iron curtain" countries, and none from Russia. A month earlier the Russian Orthodox Church, celebrating at Moscow the 500th anniversary of what is called its "independence," took occasion to denounce the World Council of Churches as more political than religious in its purpose, and at the same time to blast Vatican political action as "anti-Christian, anti-democratic, and antinational."

In spite of wide differences in theology, liturgy and polity, the member Churches found their agreements sufficient to be the basis for practical cooperation and for further consultations directed toward closer unity. A rather decided slant toward the left was discernible in the discussions and reports of the "sections" on social, economic and international questions. British, middle-European and Oriental opinion tipped heavily toward socialism.

The fact that the World Council is financed almost entirely by American gifts perhaps made

the American delegates hesitate to put even their own proper weight into the scales, lest they should seem to be weighting it with dollars too. One of them did, however, make an effective last-minute protest against naming capitalism and Communism as the two extremes between which Christianity should find a middle way. (Episcopalian Charles Taft.—Ed.). "Capitalism" was changed to read "laissez-faire capitalism"—a revision which removed the objection but also removed most of the point of the paragraph, since laissez-faire capitalism has not existed for the last half century. Only a professor from Prague spoke openly in defense of Communism, and he in somewhat guarded terms and to an unsympathetic audience.

The Council offered a free forum, and its freedom was not abused. It did not presume to speak for Christendom, and in accepting the reports of the sections it went no farther than to "commend them to the Churches for study and appropriate action." There was no underwriting of socialism, but the prevailing coloration of articulate opinion was socialistic.

In the judgment of this observer, this does not mean that the machinery of the Churches or of the World Council is being used, or will be used, to advance any form of collectivism. Perhaps the feeling of dependence upon America for economic recovery, and for military defense if that should be needed, impelled the Europeans to issue declarations of their independence from American ideologies as a means of maintaining their self-esteem.

In the formation of the World Council of Churches, the "ecumenical movement" gained a permanent and a continuing existence, with the essential personnel and agencies for carrying on its work; and that was a great gain. It is not a super-Church, or a merger of Churches or an authority over Churches. A serious limitation upon its scope is that it does not include the Roman Catholic Church.

#### Projects for Union

Of the specific projects for union between related or congenial Churches, in the United States and elsewhere some made progress during the year and others were checked. Large majorities in the Congregational and Christian Churches and in the Evangelical and Reformed Church approved a merger of these two bodies. If, as is expected, this merger is completed in 1949, the resulting "United Church" will have approximately 1,800,000 members. The national conventions of Northern Baptists and Disciples of Christ received with enthusiasm the reports of progress made by their joint commission on union, but the immediate unification of their Churches and agencies is not being pressed and cannot be regarded as imminent.

The Federal Council of Churches, at the suggestion of the Congregationalists and the Disciples of Christ, has called a conference of all denominations which "recognize one another's ministries and sacraments," and several have accepted. The Methodists appointed a commission to study union with other bodies and specifically authorized it to participate in this conference. The Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), voted to postpone for five years further consideration of union with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

#### Church in Europe

A federation including a great majority of the Protestants in Germany adopted a constitution, at a conference held at Eisenach, and named itself the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID). It is a close bund of Lutheran, Reformed (Calvinist) and United Churches rather than a merger into one Church, for there is only a limited degree of intercommunion among its constituent parts.

A feature of postwar European Christianity has been the increasing prominence of "Christian" political parties, most of which are Roman Catholic in origin and leadership. The most conspicuously successful of these is the Christian Democratic Party in Italy.

Another important, and perhaps ominous, phenomenon is the closer ties between Churches and governments in the Russian-dominated countries, notably in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania. The Soviet view is that independent churches dependent upon voluntary support by their membership represent a "bourgeois"

ideology." The state Church system is still firmly entrenched in most countries of Europe, and the "voluntarism" which Americans regard as essential to complete religious liberty is there generally regarded as exposing the Church to serious risk of not being supported at all. Few, if any, European countries would officially admit that they do not have religious liberty; but, aside from unequal treatment of Churches in most of them, there are such phenomena as these: Spain has closed most Protestant Churches and schools and forbids Protestant evangelism, and the Spanish hierarchy has issued a statement declaring that Protestantism must be restricted to an inconspicuous place in the interest of the nation's religious and cultural unity; the Orthodox Church in Greece has demanded a law which would forbid the conversion of Orthodox to any other faith, and would permit the appointment of clergy and the erection of



Director Raymond Dennett, director, meets with the staff of the World Peace Foundation (l. to r.): Mrs. Leslie Kreps, secretary; Miss Margaret L. Bates, associate editor of "International Organization"; Mrs. Ava C. Spencer, editorial assistant; Robert K. Turner, co-editor of "Documents on American Foreign Relations" and compiler of Documents Bibliography; Miss Bette Danneman, editorial assistant.

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#### Church in Far East

Both Roman Catholic and Protestant foreign missionary work, especially from bases in America, has been further revived and extended. Especially notable has been the sending of new missionaries to Japan and the return of many old ones.

The United Church in Japan (Kyodan) has suffered the defection of some of its former Churches, but a revived National Christian Council provides an agency for limited cooperation including the Kyodan and several organizations which are not within that more closely united body.

Intensification of civil war in China has added to the difficulties of Christian work. India's freedom is still too new to permit a determination of its effect upon religious life and institutions. The larger American denominations and many of the smaller ones have continued their contributions toward relief and rehabilitation in Europe and in the Orient. Through Church World Service, agency through which many Churches and individuals cooperate, 30 million pounds of food and other supplies worth \$9,500,000 were sent to Europe and Asia in the first eight months of the past year.

#### Religion in Schools

The practice of "releasedtime" for religious education in connection with the public schools received wide attention because of an adverse decision by the Supreme Court in the McCollum case at Champaign. Ill. In this case the classes in religion were held in public school buildings, though the teachers were supplied by the Churches. The court decided that this practice was unconstitutional, but left undetermined the question as to whether "released-time" might be lawful under other conditions.

A later ruling by the Supreme Court of New York held that "released-time" as practiced in that state was not banned by the federal decision. Further litigation will doubtless be required to clarify the issue for other states, and further study to adjust the practice to the law. The question of the support of sectarian schools by public money is a controversial issue at least a century old. but it gained new urgency through pressure for the passage of a federal education bill which would permit the introduction of that practice. This bill died with the 80th Congress, but its re-introduction in the 81st will be watched with interest.

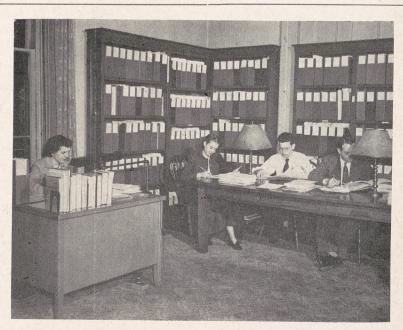
In many Church bodies, even in the South, there is a trend toward the abandonment of racial segregation. An example, going farther than most, was an action by the St. Louis Church Federation urging its member Churches to disregard color and race as qualifications for membership and service.

Statistics, as of July 1948, show the ratio of Church membership to population in the U.S. the highest in history, 53 per cent. Of the 77 million members, 60 per cent (46 mil-

lion) are Protestant, 33 per cent (25 million) Roman Catholic, 6 per cent (4.6 million) Jewish. The date of increase over the preceding year was 2.6 per cent for Protestants, 3.5 per cent for Roman Catholics. The highest rate of gain was registered by the medium-sized Protestant Churches, having from 200,000 to 1,000,000 members.

## ELECTED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

\* Mr. J. Paschall Davis of Nashville, Tennessee, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund to fill the vacancy created by the death earlier in the year of Dr. Thomas S. Gates, who was chairman of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Davis is a member of the vestry and council of Christ Church, Nashville. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Law School, a member of the Tennessee bar. the New York bar and various bar associations, is a lieutenant commander in the United States naval reserve, president of the Nashville Navy league and secretary of the Nashville committee on foreign relations.



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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS

## DIOCESE OF NEWARK HAS HOUSING COUNCIL

\* About a year ago, the board of Christian social relations of the diocese of Newark was instrumental in organizing the New Jersey housing council. This council has been made up of many representatives from various organizations in the state. The objective has been to rally support for the low rental housing features of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner Bill, and also to set up a similar project in New Jersey. On December 14, a committee of the council held conference with Governor Driscoll in Trenton to present to him a housing program.

The council seeks enactment of a 100 million dollar bond issue which will be loaned to municipalities for low rent housing projects approved by state commission on economic The development. projects would be designed for persons having incomes of less than \$3,500 a year, and would be expected to repay the loans out of rentals, over a fifty year period. In talking with the Governor, the committee showed that there was ample housing renting at \$30 a room, but a desperate need for units to rent at about \$50 a month. It was felt that private enterprise has failed to build the necessary low rental units, and only the state can do the job.

The committee which went to the Governor was headed by Mr. Max Roller of the American Veterans committee, and included Mr. Edward Parker of the family service bureau of Newark; Mr. Spencer Miller, state highway commissioner; Mr. Carl Holderman, state president of the CIO; Mr. Lewis Cohen, president of the Essex county Jewish council; Mr. Harry Wendrich of the Essex county trade union council AFL; Mr.

Harry Davis, investment banker of Newark, and the Rev. Andrew M. Van Dyke, chairman of Christian social relations of the diocese of Newark. (Miller, Parker, Holderman, and Davis are all Episcopalians.)

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL AIDS JAPANESE MISSION

\* Bishop Stephen E. Keeler of Minnesota sent a request to the Council for aid in the establishment of a new mission in the Twin Cities area, for Japanese people. It would provide a place for services, and serve as a social center as well. A property is available at a cost of \$16,000, of which the Diocese of Minnesota will provide \$6,000. The Council was asked to provide \$10,000. Dr. Wieland, head of the home mission department recommended that the help be given, and explained the need, also commended highly the work being done there by the Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa. The National Counappropriated the \$10,000 from the Kate Latham legacy, with the understanding that the Diocese of Minnesota will provide the additional \$6,000 and that in the event that the mission should be discontinued at any time, or the property not required for the stated purpose, it is to be sold and "To the extent that the proceeds of such sale shall suffice, the sum of \$10,000 shall be repaid to the domestic and foreign missionary society." National Council also approved the election of Mr. Stanley L. Thornton and Mr. Harrison Garrett as trustees of the American University at Cairo. Mr. Thornton is a vestryman of Grace Church, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, and has been interested in the university for a considerable time. Mr. Garrett, board member, is up for reelection this year.

## BISHOPS REPORT ON CHINA PERSONNEL

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★ A letter received by the National Council from Bishop Lloyd R. Craighill, and dated December 6, tells of the status of affairs in the diocese of Anking. Bishop Craighill has left Wuhu and set up a temporary office for Anking in Shanghai. He believes that at least for a time, he will be able to serve the whole diocese, whereas had he remained in Wuhu, he would have been "of no service," employing his own modest term. Bishop Robin T. Chen has gone to Anking to help counsel with the Chinese and American staff about the future of the work. Mrs. John J. Morrett and their son Scottie flew to California, and Mr. Morrett is traveling by ship. The Henri Pickens family sailed together. Mrs. Craighill sailed on December 2. Miss Elda Smith also sailed that day. Sisters Louise, Lucy and Virginia are aboard ship. Miss Guy Nellie McGouirk is working at St. Luke's in Shanghai; Alice Gregg is in Shanghai. Remaining in Anking at present, the Bishop said, are Dr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor, Dr. Helen Taylor, Miss Emeline Bowne, Miss B. E. Myers, Miss Virginia Hebbert and Mr. Paul Denlinger. A letter dated December 7, from Bishop William P. Roberts of Shanghai, tells that members of the staff who will be returning to the United States—and the list is incomplete he emphasizes -include Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Tucker, Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Morris, Miss Anne Lamberton, Miss Nancy Wilson, Mrs. Charles E. Perry and three children, the Gilbert Baker family, Joseph and Frederick Norton, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Norton, who will go to the Brent school in the Philippines, Bruce Roberts and the Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Green.

## Plans Developing for General Convention; Diocese of California Gets Ready

★ "Convention Fever" has already begun to sweep over the Diocese of California, as more and more of the sunny-state churchmen become aware of the fact that September, 1949, is really not too far away. Already preliminary plans have progressed to the point where all the meeting places for the major business will be conducted. Convention meets September 26 to October 7 in San Francisco. The city's Civic Auditorium has been designated for the opening service. Later on it will be used for the U. T. O. presentation service and evening mass meetings. The House of Bishops will meet in Larkin Hall at the east end of the auditorium, and the House of Deputies will be at the west end in Polk Hall. Tentative plans have been made to have the joint sessions of the bishops and deputies in San Francisco's Veteran's Auditorium. The Woman's Auxiliary meets in the fine California Hall, and the Fairmont will be the headquarters hotel for the convention. All exhibits will be housed in the Civic Auditorium. The office of the general chairman is in the Cathedral House, and the address of the Convention committee is 1055 Taylor Street, San Francisco 8. Preparing for general convention is a big job; an indication is found in the list of the main committees:

1) halls and meetings places; 2) pulpit assignments; 3) religious services; 4) hospitality; 5) motor corps; 6) public services (everything from information bureau to police and parking); finance; 8) printing, publicity and publication; 9) registration; 10) welcome and recretion; 11) music; 12) cooperation with national organizations; 13) diocesan and interdiocesan cooperation; 14) program, records and reports; 15) flower guild; 16) secretarial pool. In addition there are 40-odd subcommittees.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC SHARES IN P. E. SERVICE

★ Nativity Church, Crafton, Pa., recently had a very unusual experience as part of its 75th anniversary celebration. Both Catholic and Protestant clergy took part in the service of evensong. Father William C. Kelty of St. Philip's Roman Catholic Church spoke and he also pronounced the benediction. Twenty-five years ago, at the golden anniversary of the parish, Father Kelty also was the featured speaker.

#### PRESIDING BISHOP IN CINCINNATI

★ Bishop Sherrill paid his first visit to Cincinnati since be-

#### NEXT NUMBER

As in former years the first number of the new year will appear the second week in January; that is, the issue of January 6th is omitted. The issue of January 13th will feature the Witness Honor Roll for 1948, so if you have nominations to make they should be sent at once to The Witness, 135 Liberty Street, New

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coming Presiding Bishop and spoke at the Christ Church every member canvass dinner. He was introduced by Bishop Hobson, who first paid high tribute to Christ Church for its magnificent leadership both in the diocese and in the country. Bishop Sherrill's key-note was that the Church can only meet the present critical times by its members realizing the urgency of the days in which we live and in seizing the great opportunities now offered to set Christianity against materialism and atheism. These opportunities exist all over the world, and it is the Gospel alone that offers the solution to the problems of the world.



Some recent publications of the World Peace Foundation, which are widely read throughout the world. (STORY ON PAGE TWELVE)

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## ECUMENICAL NEWS

#### ATOMIC WORKERS WANT MORE CHURCHES

Atomic workers want to build churches. And the congregations want their own building sites in the atomic city of Oak Ridge, Tenn. Twenty Oak Ridge ministers who are without Churches have appealed to Senator-elect Estes Kefauver for help in obtaining lands withing the atomic area as sites for Church buildings. Senator Kefauver, who moves from the House to the Senate January 1, has taken the ministers' appeal directly to the Atomic Energy Commission.

"Oak Ridge needs permanency and no community can have this without Churches," he said. "The Government has retained title to all lands on the atomic project, hence there has been no space available for people to erect Churches. I will do all possible to impress the AEC officials with the necessity for Churches."

## SEES TRUMAN ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Bishop John S. Stamm of Harrisburg, Pa., newly elected president of the Federal Council, has met with President Truman to present him with the new Council statement on human rights. This statement, entitled "Churches and Human Rights," sets forth the responsibilities of the Churches, the state and the individual citizens in upholding such human rights as freedom of religion, conscience, speech, press, inquiry, study, political and social beliefs and assembly, and equality in civil rights. Expressing to Mr. Truman gratitude "for the convincing evidence which you have given of your own devotion to the securing maintaining of human rights in our country," Bishop Stamm submitted the Federal

Council statement as "the most comprehensive and the most definite ever issued by any great religious body on this subject." The bishop was accompanied to the White House by Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert of New York, general secretary of the Federal Council. Bishop Stamm also said, "The statement commits the Churches to working for measures which will secure full opportunity for all men to share in the economic resources of the community and its political processes and also 'to participate on a non-segregated basis in the social and public life of the community.' The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America takes this stand because it regards these as 'God given rights which society must respect and for whose realization it must make provision'."

## WORK CAMP PROGRAM IN EUROPE

The World Council of Churches has issued a call for 100 American Christian youth to volunteer for reconstruction work in Europe during the summer of 1949. Pointing out that "European young people are hungry to meet mature, thoughtful, understanding Americans and dedicated Christians," the Rev. William Keys, secretary of the World Council's youth department, declared that work camps for Christian reconstruction had already been set up in France, Germany and Italy by the World Council's youth department last summer. "In these days of shortage of manpower, money and material," Mr. Keys said, "last summer's achievements of the work camps, in which over 300 Christian young people from 14 nations served. were a demonstration of practical Christian faith." Over 100 Americans participated in the

projects. The needs of physical construction are at present only slightly less acute than they were last summer, according to the Council's headquarters in Geneva: and the needs of international cooperation through physical work and personal contact are increasingly important. Directing the work camp program from the Geneva headquarters of the World Council will be George Booth, an experienced work camper. American agencies cooperating with the work camp project include Church World Service, the Congregational Christian service committee and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Applicants for the international work camps should be over 18 years of age, Mr. Keys noted, and should be prepared to meet, either personally or through the Church or student group, total expenses of \$600 or more. A working knowledge of either French or German is desirable.

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## THEOLOGICAL COMMITTEE REESTABLISHED

Reestablishment of the American Theological Committee was announced in New York by the American section of the World Council of Churches' commission on faith and order. The committee will make a continuing study of the theological disagreements that divide Protestant Churches. It will be headed by Dr. Clarence T. Craig, professor at Yale Divinity School. Members will include Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary, and Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette of Yale. Committee meetings in the near future will concentrate on isolating the essential agreements and disagreements between Churches which are relevant to their union and cooperation.

## NEWS OF OTHER CHURCHES

## PENSION FUND HEADS HAVE MEETING

Pensions boards of 21 denominations and two church-related agencies associated with the Church Pensions Conference paid out total benefits of \$18,216,099 during the past year, it was reported at the annual meeting of the conference. This figure represents an increase of nine per cent over the previous year. Of the total, \$16,215,600 was paid to pension beneficiaries, \$1,530,392 to relief beneficiaries, and \$470,107 in miscellaneous benefits.

William M. Huggins, statistician of the conference, noted that there were 37,635 pension beneficiaries this year as compared with 7,185 relief beneficiaries. "This shows the large number of beneficiaries under formal pension plans," he said, "as compared with those who receive benefits only on the basis of need. There was a time when nearly all the benefits were paid only on the basis of need."

Total funds available to the pension boards reporting to the conference amount to \$314,125,-141, an increase of 9.3 per cent over last year. There are 123,-130 ministers and 138,628 congregational units whom the pension boards are serving. The denominations they represent have a church membership of 32,403,856, or nearly 25 per cent of the population of the U. S.

## METHODIST WOMEN LAUNCH PROGRAM

A four year program by which Methodist women plan to make their impress on the social development of the world was outlined at a meeting held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. It will be led by Thelma Stevens, social service secretary. Stressed is the backing of UN; using the

ballot for world betterment and peace; stabilization of family life; safeguarding human freedoms; applying Christian principles to economic life.

# PRIEST URGES AID TO KUOMINTANG

The Rev. Gabriel Gorman of the Passionist Fathers, just arrived from China, at once appealed to Americans "to urge President Truman to give immediate encouragement and support to the Chinese people against Communist invaders." By "Chinese people" he meant the Kuomintang, headed by Chiang Kai-shek. The R. C. priest declared that "communism is the sworn enemy of Christianity. If the Reds take over China, Christianity will be forced underground as is now the case in Red-occupied area of Mongolia and Manchuria."

Quite the contrary report comes from an agency that maintains hospitals for the blind in China, whose honorary president is Madame Chiang Kai-shek, and on whose board is Congressman Walter Judd, said to be the number one spokesman for Chiang Kai-shek in the U.S. In an appeal for funds, the agency states definitely that their work has in no way been interfered with by Communists. The Friends Service Committee reports the same thing, as do many missionaries in China.

## METHODISTS HIT KLAN

Methodist ministers of Atlanta took a healthy poke at the Ku Klux Klan by unanimously passing a resolution calling for legislation by the city, county and state governments against the KKK and "any group under the cover of masks." The resolution states further that "we are scandalized at the Klan's

desecration of the cross. We denounce as un-American the attempt or threat by any mob to take the law into its own hands. We condemn as un-Christian the Klan's constant stirring of prejudice and hate." The ministers also passed a resolution commending the Rev. Kenneth Brown, Methodist, for standing against Klan demonstrations in the city. It resulted in a widelypublicized exchange of words with the county's police chief after Mr. Brown had insisted that county police "actively participated in the Klan parade."

## RACE RELATIONS INSTITUTE

Practical methods for achieving a non-segregated Church in a non-segregated society were advanced at a Presbyterian interracial conference held in Philadelphia. The delegates from all parts of the U.S. agreed that the Church should put its preachings and social pronouncements into practical effect in community affairs.

## FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GOOD

Donations of farm commodities for the 24 state Christmas trains exceeded expectations, it was announced by the Christian Rural Overseas Program. The agency announced that 2,000 carloads of relief food will probably be donated, all of which will be shipped to feed hungry people abroad.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES

Roman Catholic Church has 261,895 full time missioners in 560 mission dioceses throughout the world, stated Bishop T. J. McDonnell, national director of the Church's mission society at a dinner sponsored by the Jesuits.

## NEWS OF CHURCHES OVERSEAS

#### FRIENDS ENTER PALESTINE

The American Friends Service Committee has accepted the invitation of Trygve Lie, acting on behalf of UN, to participate in the Palestine refugee relief program. It is to assume responsibility for the program in the Arab-controlled areas of southern and southwest Palestine adjacent to the border of Egypt. The committee already is engaged in a small relief project in Israel, which will be Clarence Pickett. continued. head of the committee, said last week that it is hoped that relief activities will facilitate agreement between Israel and the Arabs. There are about 250,000 Arab refugees in the Gaza area in desperate need of shelter, food, blankets. The U.S. has promised \$13,000,000 for the project and it is hoped that UN resources will add a like amount. The Friends need 50 people for the work in Palestine. with several of these already on their way. The committee reports that scores of people want to help in Palestine, so that they are not lacking for numbers of applicants, but there is still need for mature, experienced, concerned persons for several responsible posts.

#### METHODISTS REMAIN IN CHINA

Bishop Ralph Ward, Methodist, following a tour of areas in the north of China, reports that missionaries are showing "amazing steadiness" in the face of the uncertain conditions. He declared that most of them regard the struggle in that country as its own affair, and said that leaders of the Church are urging only the ill, infirm, aged and mothers with young children to evacuate. In the Peiping area, Bishop Z. T. Kaung urged all missionaries to leave but some announced that they would stay "under any political regime." In the Nanking and Shanghai area, Bishop Ward said, few missionaries were disposed to leave. He declared further that he was having trouble even persuading the elderly and mothers to parents to send their children leave.

#### WATCH OUT FOR CAPT. ABER

Church groups have been warned to be on the alert for the financial appeals from a Captain Lawrence Aber of Guadalajara, Mexico. The warning is issued by the Foreign Missions Conference that says he appeals for support for "missions projects" but that investigations have failed to uncover any. Letters are written in longhand and are usually accompanied by a crudely printed pamphlet describing Aber's mission work. They are generally addressed "To any Protestant church" in a given town.

#### UNITE FOR SERVICE IN LONDON

Representatives of three national Churches — Church England, Evangelical Church of Germany and the Serbian Orthodox Church—held a joint service before Christmas in London's Holy Trinity Church. It was sponsored by the committee for Christian reconstruction in Europe.

#### WEST GERMANY HAS CHURCH CONTROL

The proposed new constitution for west Germany (U. S., British and French zones) will include provisions for state regulation of Church affairs, according to a decision announced by the parliamentary council at Bonn, in the British zone. Rom-Catholic authorities have

served notice that they will not accept a constitution which protects the rights of atheists and not the rights of Christians. They have complained of interference in education and have demanded the adoption of a clause safeguarding the right of to parochial schools.

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#### POPE BLESSES FRANCO

The Pope gave his blessing to Spain, including Generalissimo Franco, at an audience to Joaquin Ruiz-Jimenez y Cortes, new Spanish ambassador to the Vatican. "May the God of mercy and truth," the Pope declared, "always protect the Spanish nation—a land fecund in saints. May he always keep her faithful to her Christian vocation, and may he accord her on this earth the esteem to which the numerous services she has rendered to the cause of religion give her a right to expect."

#### AN INJUNCTION STANDS AGAINST BISHOP

An appeal by Bishop Arnold L. Wylde, Anglican of Bathhurst, New South Wales, against an injunction restraining him from introducing Roman Catholic mass customs at holy communion services has been dismissed by the high court of Australia. A previous judicial ruling barred him from administering any form of service other than that contained in the Prayer Book of the Church of England. It sustained lower court injunctions against making the sign of the cross or using the sanctus bell during the service. In handing down the high court's decision, Justice Rich said "the subject of this unhappy controversy is only fit for a domestic forum and not for a civil court."

## EDITORIALS

## Let's Grow Up

Our diplomatic relationships are in the diaper stage. We don't recognize it, Russia doesn't recognize it, but a large part of the world does. We read in the papers: "Herbert V. Evatt, president of the United Nations General Assembly and United Nations Secretary Trygve Lie sent an unprecedented joint note to the Big Four powers to make a new start toward solving the Berlin crisis, basing it on the Mexican-sponsored appeal." Mexico! our shabby, backward neighbor to the south is telling us we ought to behave!

And well she might, for both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. have maneuvered themselves into an entirely juvenile and unrealistic position from which each, in their Peter Panishness (we take it all back, Peter Pan had a certain amount of maturity) dare not retreat. Why? To "save face." Whose face? yours? mine? No: faces will not be saved if this continues. Countless millions of young men will, if this tragic silliness isn't soon stopped, do their loyal best to disfigure the faces and dismember the bodies of others—be they Russians or Americans.

"My dad can lick your dad." "Honest teacher; I didn't start it—he socked me first"—to such a low level have our international

dealings come, however clothed in dignified verbiage. "Bang, you're dead," so we heard a nine year old shriek exultantly as he aimed a tin machine gun at his nine year old enemy. It reminded us immediately of current speeches both on our side and Russia's in the Security Council. So it goes, the "bang" school of diplomacy. Gentlemen, for God's sake let's grow up! This isn't a game we're playing to save our faces or our dignity or whatever; you're gambling with life and death—with the end of the world. If we're wrong, let's admit it; if we aren't, let's be generous. Let's stop making a fool of him who said in answer to the question,

"Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? till seven times?"— "I say not unto thee, until seven times; but until seventy times seven."

## Ministry a Man's Job

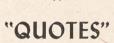
IN the minds of many laymen the ministry is misunderstood. This is unfortunate both for the layman and the Church. For in the last analysis the clergy are recruited from the laity. It is true that many men enter the ministry in response to a divine feeling of vocation. This

is a valid experience. But others are attracted to the ministry as a vocation, or repelled by it, on the basis of the concept they have of the ministry as laymen. This is particularly true of the young man in high school or college.

The popular concept of the ministry frequently obscures its real function. Instead there exists a superficial popular concept. Recent novels and motion pictures, although they are not necessarily accurate, becloud the minister's real function. He seems to be concerned with trifles and to be a sort of business manager of an institution which in many instances is just about able to make ends meet. Often his life is considered a continuous round of bridges, buncos, and bazaars. Again

his life may be bogged down with the maintenance of property, the keeping of records, the manipulation of the mimeograph and the addressograph.

To many intelligent young men the challenge to devote one's life to apparent trifles has little appeal. Law, medicine, business or engineering, these present a challenge. To bring an action in court, to cure a disease, to manage a business, to build a bridge—these things appeal. How tragic it is that the real function of the ministry is so obscured by the popular concept of it . . . tragic because it discourages the best men from considering it for their life's work.



GOOD woman became emo-A tional in an enthusiastic evangelistic meeting and began shouting even as old-time Methodists did upon occasions. In her ecstacy she took off her hat and threw it at the minister. He was happy too and said, "Amen, throw your book at me, sister." She did. He said: "Throw your umbrella at me, sister," and she did. He then said, "Throw your pocketbook at me, sister." She immediately stopped and said to the preacher, "You have quenched the spirit."

—JOHN W. GULLEGE
Layman of
Washington, D. C.



Is it not possible through paid or volunteer parochial help to relieve the clergyman of much of the administrative detail that is placed on him; relieved of those things which seem to others to be his chief concern so he could devote his full efforts and time to his real task. In its real function the ministry is the greatest service a man can offer. The purpose of the ministry is to mediate the life of God to man, through sacraments, worship, teaching and coun-

ciling. Moreover, it presents the challenge of interpreting God's word to a world which is given over to sham, materialism and despair.

The ministry demands the best a man has in physical stamina, moral courage and intelligence. May clergy and laity do their part, in whatever they can to eliminate misconceptions. If the real challenge can be made clear, perhaps many will dedicate themselves to the sacred ministry.

# The World Peace Foundation

BY
MARGARET BATES

with the attention of the world today focused upon the need for international understanding and cooperation, it is of some interest to review the work and achievement of an organization which for nearly forty years has been working in this field. The World Peace Foundation, founded in 1910, is today a unique institution on the American educational and international scene.

Centering its activities around the task of making available to the public the facts of international affairs and leaving interpretation to the individual, the Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan organization whose history reflects in large degree the growing interest of the United States in what is going on outside its borders. Originally one of that large group of American organizations whose goal was extreme pacifism, the Foundation has grown and changed with public opinion, and today is a leader in the movement to inform Americans about the daily happenings and long-term trends of international events.

A small organization which has headquarters at 40 Mount Vernon street, Boston, the Foundation specializes in the publication of studies and monographs concerning American foreign relations and international organization, maintains a reference library on international questions, and from time to time holds conferences and meetings to discuss problems within its scope. Its building has become the center of many international groups and associations in the New England area, attracting alike the novice who wishes information on the United Nations or the European Recovery Program and the specialist who is looking for research aids for detailed technical studies. Its publications are

widely used in colleges and libraries not only in the United States but throughout the world, and its documents library contains one of this country's most complete collections of materials concerning the United Nations and some fifty other international organizations created by the nations of the world. The work of the organization has been praised by such international leaders as United Nations Secretary-General Trygve Lie, American Ambassador Warren Austin, and former Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, and its books are used regularly by most of the world's foreign offices and departments of foreign affairs.

#### Founded by Edwin Ginn

The Foundation was established by Edwin Ginn, the well-known educational publisher, who was greatly influenced by the early works of Norman Angell on the futility of war. To bring the problem of peace to the attention of the American people, he decided to found a school, semi-theological in character, which would train young men and women in the fight for peace. In 1910, therefore, Mr. Ginn established the International School of Peace, for the purpose, as its charter said, of "educating the people of all nations to a full knowledge of the waste and destructiveness of war and of the preparation for war, its evil effects on present social conditions and on the well-being of future generations, and to promote international justice and the brotherhood of man; and generally by every means to promote peace and goodwill among all mankind." Within seven months the name of the organization had been changed to World Peace Foundation.

Since Mr. Ginn believed in educational means of solving the problem of war, and since two

members of its first Board of Trustees were college presidents—A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard and David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanfordthe Foundation from its beginning has shown special interest in the academic world. Although Mr. Ginn's idea of training men and women as workers for peace was early abandoned, one of the Foundation's first actions was to detail members of its staff to work with college teachers and students, and it helped to found the foreign student's associations which came eventually to be the International Relations Clubs active on so many campuses today. The Foundation's close relationship with American education has continued over the years, and its directors have not infrequently described their profession as that of "educator." Today four members of the Board of Trustees are college presidents-James Phinney Baxter 3rd of Williams College, John Dickey of Dartmouth, Kenneth C. M. Sills of Bowdoin and Henry M. Wriston of Brown University.

Because Mr. Ginn was interested in obtaining their support for world peace, the Foundation has also worked closely with commercial and industrial groups, and until his death last year William K. Jackson, president of the United Fruit Company, was a trustee of the Foundation. Early activities among business men included attempts to convince them of the futility of war by pointing out the economic burden on the individual citizen. One of the Foundation's first pamphlets, published in 1911, stressed the fact that the United States was spending more money for support of its army and navy than any other nation except Great Britain.

Nor were women's groups neglected; one of the ablest lecturers of the day, Mrs. Anna Sturgis Duryea, joined the staff to work with women's clubs and church organizations. Her early speeches covered such topics as the Hague Conference of 1907 and a biographical sketch of the famous Austrian pacifist, Baroness von Suttner, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1905.

#### Publications Program

THE publications program of the Foundation was also started at an early date. The first pamphlets included translations and reprints of the works of many nineteenth-century pacifists, from Victor Hugo to Charles Sumner, as well as studies of the progress of international arbitration, the settlement of world disputes, disarmament programs, and so on. A monograph published by the Foundation in 1911, Paul Reinsch's "Public International Unions," is still regarded today as the outstanding publication

in its field—a statement which is almost as startling, so fast has the study of international relations progressed, as the assertion that a medical textbook of that era is still the best.

The outbreak of the first world war was to change vitally the nature of the work carried on by the Foundation. Edwin Ginn himself had not been a militant pacifist; he had believed that the international army sent to put down the Boxer Rebellion in 1902 had been a striking example of the possibilities of international cooperation and the enforcement of peace. Most of the trustees of the Foundation shared his belief, and after months of discussion it was decided to center the efforts of the Foundation around the achievement of a just peace settlement. The Foundation was to work closely with many American organizations concerned with establishment of a sounder world order, primarily the League to Enforce Peace, which had been founded in 1915 to urge the creation of a society of nations capable of outlawing war.

In 1920 the Foundation became one of the first American groups to work with the League of Nations. Interested in connection with its informational activities in increasing public knowledge about the new world organization, the Foundation became the sales agent in this country for all League publications, and during the next ten years was to handle some 750,000 documents dealing with all phases of international cooperation, from the world control of slavery and narcotics traffic to studies in economic statistics. Until 1936, the Foundation also was in charge of distribution for other international organizations such as the International Labor Organization.

In the meantime, a large reference library was built up. A portion of this library was later transferred to the newly-established Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, to be used by a large number of students concerned with international affairs.

Since 1938, many of the Foundation's activities have been connected with the publication of documents. In that year, the Foundation began to edit and issue an annual series of "Documents on American Foreign Relations," which has become an indispensable source for any one interested in the development of American foreign policy. The eighth volume in this series has just appeared, and a supplement to it, "The First Five Peace Treaties," will contain the only detailed material available concerning the negotiations which ended World War II with Italy and with Germany's satellite states.

During the war, the Foundation published the

reports of the Universities' Committee on Post-War Problems, and it has recently entered a new field with the publication of a quarterly journal, "International Organization." This magazine deals with the work of the United Nations and some fifty other international groups, summarizing their activities in a section written directly from their documents and working papers, and containing also interpretive articles, important documents, and bibliographical guide. The editing of "International Organization" is under the direct supervision of a special Board of Editors, made up of persons who attended the San Francisco Conference in 1945, and who have worked closely with the United Nations and other international groups since that time. The actual coverage of the magazine is very wide, for the activities of even such diverse organizations as the Council of Foreign Ministers, the Far Eastern Commission, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the Caribbean Commission are summarized.

In the two years since it first appearance this journal has come to be widely read throughout the world, and is now in use as a textbook in a number of universities. Since 1947 the Foundation has been supplying a large number of copies of the magazine to fifty-three areas whose educational facilities were devastated by the war and in which there is a dollar shortage, under a grant received for this purpose. Thus European and Asiatic centers of learning are being helped to rebuild.

#### **Expansion Planned**

OTHER recent publications of the Foundation have included the authoritative "Charter of the United Nations: Commentary and Documents," written by Leland M. Goodrich, former director of the Foundation, and Edvard Hambro, now registrar of the International Court of Justice at The Hague. The commentary, the first of its type to appear, has several times been cited in United Nations Security Council debate. A selected bibliography, "Documents of International Organizations," has appeared during the last year under the guidance of a special advisory board whose members include Phillip Jessup, now deputy American representative on the Security Council.

It is interesting to note that, since its inception, the Foundation has worked closely with allied organizations. Its original ties with the Church Peace Union, the American Peace Society, and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace have been continued, while today it also cooperates actively with groups such as

the Foreign Policy Association, the Institute of Pacific Relations, and Britain's Royal Institute of International Affairs. On a national level, it works with the Department of State; on an international level, with the United Nations. One of its present trustees is Christian A. Herter, vice-chairman of the House of Representatives Select Committee on Foreign Aid, who was instrumental in the creation of the European Recovery Program.

The outlook of the World Peace Foundation today is reflected by efforts to expand its informational activities and its services to the public. Under the leadership of its Board of Trustees, of which Harvey H. Bundy, former Assistant Secretary of State and of War, is president, and the present director, Raymond Dennett, the Foundation is attempting to make more and more people—in the United States as well as throughout the rest of the world—aware of the increasing need for international understanding, and to help them learn about world affairs. The widely representative membership of the Board of Trustees, which includes among its members educators, lawyers, businessmen, and public officials, indicates the diverse interests of the Foundation and its intention of working actively with all groups within the community. The Foundation's library today is a center for information for the layman and student, while its publications, going out from Boston to all corners of the world, serve also to help fulfill the Foundation's objective of education for peace.

# **Increasing Understanding**

BY PHILIP H. STEINMETZ Rector of the Ashfield Churches

SUFFERING increases sympathy and understanding. Apparently our calm detachment in the face of the greatest devastation and destruction ever wrought by men; our quiet tolerance of the use by ourselves of the atomic bomb against civilians; our willingness to think of going to war again if by so doing we can improve our position; the lack of concern for other people which these attitudes reveal, arise from the fact that we have not suffered enough.

We cannot be expected deliberately to bring disaster upon ourselves, but we can share in suffering by making gifts which cost us real privation—larger than we can afford. Such gifts not only bring great blessing to others, but they may do us some good, too. Let us not be afraid to dare deeply for the desperate plight of the many who suffer far more than they deserve.

# We're Better Than Our Press

W. B. SPOFFORD

HE has come and gone and the U.S. government is still in business. And I'm not talking about Santa Claus but the Dean of Canterbury. Mr. Truman, while not in the White House, is still residing at Blair House next door, the 81st Congress is about to convene and the Supreme Court is still handing down decisions. So that case of jitters shown by some churchmen over the Dean's visit seems hardly justified. Maybe it wasn't jitters in any case, but simply that a few of our bishops—not many—lunch too frequently at their downtown clubs and listen mostly to conversations of people who live on one side of the tracks. Money does have to be raised to keep the wheels turning, so a bit of compromising with those who have it is understandable even if to be regretted. For after all the Dean of Canterbury is a Christian. Whether he is also one of that group referred to in the Lambeth resolutions as "Communists who are practising Christians" I have no way of knowing. But if he is then I would think that our bishops were offered an excellent chance to put to work another of their resolutions, number 26, which reads: "The Conference believes that Communism is presenting a challenge to Christian people to study and understand its theory and practice, so that they may be well instructed as to which elements in it are in conflict with the Christian view of man and must therefore be resisted, and which elements are a true judgment on the existing social and economic order."

Ear-plugs and blinders, which two or three bishops advised the faithful to use if they saw the Dean approaching, are gadgets which hardly make for understanding.

#### A Notable Achievement

In any case I was proud to have Dean Johnson up before huge crowds all over the country, picturesque in clericals and cross, talking about what he thinks is required of us if the principles of Christianity are to be applied to international situations. So also I was delighted to have Henry Wallace stand before 20,000 people in Madison Square Garden at the Dean's meeting and say proudly that he was an Episcopalian. He could have left it unsaid, and it would have been understandable if he had, everything considered.

WHAT we need to know however is not about the few, bishops and others, who denounced the Dean (and so get the headlines), but rather the fact that Episcopalians in every city where he spoke were on committees to welcome him, with communicants of our Church in most instances either chairmen or introducers. I haven't the complete record, but I am glad to pass on the names of those who, in various capacities, played their part in making the speaking tour of the Dean a real success. I apologize to those whose names are omitted because I lack the information. Neither can I list the many who served on local committees simply because it is so long.

First of all the following Episcopalians were on the national committee to welcome Dean Johnson: Bishop Haines of Iowa; Bishop Hall of New Hampshire; Bishop Lawrence of Western Massachusetts; Bishop Nash of Massachusetts; Bishop Parsons, retired of California; Bishop Staney of New Mexico; Bishop Moulton, retired of Utah; Bishop Peabody of Central New York; Bishop Dagwell of Oregon; Bishop Bayne of Olympia. Also the Rev. Charles B. Ackley of New York; Dean John W. Day of Topeka; Dean Charles Taylor and the Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher of the Episcopal Theological School; the Rev. Fleming James of the Yale Divinity School; Editor Guy Emery Shipler of the Churchman; Prof. Vida D. Scudder of Wellesley; the Rev. Arthur Lichtenberger of the General Seminary; the Rev. Joseph G. Moore of Seabury-Western Seminary.

But members of our Church did more than merely serve on a committee and let it go at that. At the dinner in New York which launched the Dean's tour, the Rev. W. H. Melish of Brooklyn presided; the Rev. Roscoe T. Foust of New York gave the invocation; Bishop-elect Donald Campbell of Los Angeles was one of the speakers. In Boston the chairman of the meeting was the Rev. Kenneth Hughes of Cambridge; the Rev. Joseph Fletcher introduced the Dean and the Rev. Warren McKenna was active in promotion. Dean Johnson also preached at the Cathedral of St. Paul upon the invitation of Dean van Etten.

In Minneapolis Bishop Keeler presided at a meeting at which the Dean addressed the clergy of the city; Bishop Kemerer, Dean Morris and Canon E. C. Prosser of St. Mark's Cathedral all extended the visitor a hearty welcome; the Rev. Norman Burgomaster of St. Luke's introduced him at the public meeting.

In Chicago the rector of one of the city's largest parishes, St. Edmund's, the Rev. S. J. Martin introduced the Dean, and Prof. Moore of Seabury Western and the Rev. Clarence Parker of St. Mark's took a leading part in making the meeting a success.

In Detroit, where official pressure was on to keep the clergy from having anything whatever to do with the meeting, the Dean was introduced by the Rev. W. B. Spofford, Jr., executive secretary of the Episcopal League for Social Action, with the Rev. Malcolm Dade of St. Cyprian's and the Rev. F. R. Meyers of St. Matthew's taking an active part. In Denver, Dean Paul Roberts of St. John's Cathedral was a prominent member of the committee, and the same goes for Bishop Bayne in Seattle, and in San Francisco Bishop Parsons, as one would expect, presided at the meeting.

At the Madison Square mass meeting, with 20,000 present, the chairman was the Rev. W. H. Melish of Brooklyn, with Episcopalian Henry Wallace a featured speaker. Praise also goes to Rector Howard Melish of Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, who invited the Dean to preach and also to a large number of Long Island clergy who went to LaGuardia field to welcome him on arrival.

In Philadelphia the Rev. Charles Ehly, rector of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, introduced the Dean with Elizabeth Frazier, formerly head of religious education in the diocese, a leader of the local committee. Also active were the Rev. William Russell, now with the Friends Service Committee, and the Rev. Kenneth Forbes, a retired but very peppy priest of our Church.

#### High Spot of Tour

THIS Philadelphia meeting on December 14th was originally planned as the final one of the tour. But a request came from Atlanta, Ga., which in many ways is the Episcopal Church Story of the Year. At the invitation of Bishop John Moore Walker, the Dean's meeting in that Southern city was held at St. Philip's Cathedral. It was a mass meeting rather than a religious service, with Dean Johnson delivering pretty much the same address that he gave two nights before in Madison Square Garden. It was understood that he would, both by Bishop Walker and all the people involved, and it was so announced in advance. What is more, there was absolutely

no segregation at the cathedral—not, as I understand it, at the insistence of any committee, but because Bishop Walker and the cathedral authorities said it should be that way. Furthermore, Dean Johnson was met at the airport by the Bishop of Atlanta and was a guest at the Bishop's home during his stay in the city.

All of which adds up in my book to pretty good going for Episcopalians, with a pat on the back to the Episcopal League for Social Action to which practically all of those here named belong.

#### The Dean's Message

As for the addresses by Dean Johnson, I fail to see on just what points anybody can quarrel with him. He said that the people of Russia. like those of every other nation, desire peace. What's wrong with that? He said that Russia and its satellite states were following the teachings of Christ in bringing better relations among men. A person can question whether this is a fact, but a Christian, I would suppose, would hasten to add, "I hope it is true." He said that it is possible for such diverse systems as the American and Russian to live side by side in peace. And if this is subversive then a lot of people are subversive, including the late President Roosevelt and the late Wendell Willkiejust to be non-partisan by bringing in both a Democrat and a Republican.

In calling upon us to face the realities of the present situation, the Dean said this:

"(1) We cannot compel the Soviet Union and other countries to change their form of society.

"(2) We cannot organize the world against them.

"(3) We cannot force the rest of the world to oppose the Soviet Union.

"In so far as the United States is trying to do these things she exhausts her resources and the resources of Europe and Asia. What could not be done today if the expenditure on armaments was diverted to food, clothing and housing for the people in your land and the rest of the world? What is really necessary is a change of policy. This requires courage. It requires courage to recognize that the present policy leads to bankruptcy."

To which I say that the only thing wrong with that is that if "the present policy leads to bankruptcy" (talk to your banker sometime about that) then it is not alone courage that is needed but also "strong common sense of a very practical nature," which is the way Noah Webster defines "horse-sense."

## THE NEW BOOKS

FREDERICK C. GRANT, Book Editor

Ancient Egyptian Religion. By H. Frankfort. Columbia University Press. \$3.00.

Who has not felt the spell of ancient Egypt? Who, having even begun the study of Egyptian religion, has not been baffled by it? It seemed to reflect a profound philosophy, or deep mysteries; but its worship of animals and its crude myths seemed only to be survivals of primitive animism-or something equally barbarous. And so attempts were made to show an "evolution" or at least "development" or religious ideas from the barbarous to the refined. In this epoch-making book Professor Frankfort disregards the modern theories, and asks the questions which should have been asked in the beginning. He finds that the whole outlook of the ancient Egyptians, in religion, politics, morals, literature and art, took for granted a static universe, a permanent world-order. This is what -alone-gives order to their religion and "theology." Of course Egypt influenced the surrounding nations, including the Hebrews and, especially, the world of later Hellenism. But it was often in a negative way (see the Book of Wisdom). Every serious student of the Bible should read this book, for here at last is the Ariadne's thread for exploring the cavernous, labyrinthine religious thought of the ancient Egyptians.

-F. C. G

The Un-Marxian Socialist. By Henri de Lubac, S. J. Sheed and Ward. \$3.50.

This is an historian's book, written for historians. Fr. Lubac has attempted to re-construct the figure of Pierre Joseph Proudhon as an opponent of a reactionary Church who was not, at bottom, an atheist at all! Out of the wealth of his primary researches Lubac makes a startlingly good case for at least qualifying the over-simple traditional picture of Proudhon as a purely secular social-revolutionary, a picture commonly drawn from classical dicta repeated out of context, such as

"property is theft" and "God is evil."
This work, at the academic level, appears to be a part of the general

appears to be a part of the general movement in French Catholicism to re-establish "contact" with the working class and its revolutionary directions. The same rapproachment, at the grass-roots level, is to be seen in books like Fr. Perrin's "Priest Workman in Germany," and in movements such as the Jocists' and others described in Mrs. Bishop's "France Alive." The latter aim at a moral unity. Fr. Lubac seeks an intellectual common ground.

\_J. F.

The Russian Idea. By Nicholas Berdyaev. Macmillan. \$2.75.

This is one of the most valuable books ever written about Russia. It attempts to deal with the question, not, what has Russia been historically, but what is Russia in the mind and thought of the Creator?

The theme of Russian messianism runs through the whole work, as in a most sympathetic manner Berdyaev illustrates by the development of thought and literature the movement of Russia in the modern period. The struggle which arose from discontent with the "wrongness and ugliness" of life under the Tsars is pictured as an attempt to rediscover the import-

# Things have not greatly changed ---

In 1833 a Seminary Dean said this in his Report to the Trustees:

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The institutions which train our spiritual leaders still depend upon the people of the Church for their maintenance.

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ance of personality, which in the West had been lost to egotism. "Personality stands opposed to the hidebound exclusiveness of egoism; it is possible only within the common life." It is not always easy for a westerner to put himself in a position to understand the mysticism of the East, for such explanations as this are not easily subsumed under the concepts of our thought:

"In the West there was a movement of the mind toward truth, by way of a logical concatenation of concepts, while here in Orthodoxy is to be found a striving after truth by an inward raising of consciousness towards integrality of the heart and concentration of the mind."

The Russian Idea is a great book, but hardly an easy one. A much wiser man than the present reviewer wrote the blurb on the inner flap to the effect that this volume "helps make clear to American people the true Russia." It may bring the true Russia closer to us and even expose it to our understanding, but the clarity of the whole thing is not evident.

-S. A. T

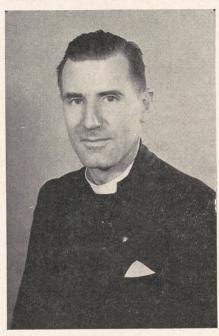
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-E. T.

Young Mr. Newman. By Maisie Ward. Sheed and Ward. \$4.50.

Mrs. Ward already has us in her debt for a delightful study of Gilbert Keith Chesterton and a rounded treatment of the Roman Catholic revival in England associated with her father Wilfrid Ward. The present book is a portrait of Newman as a child, boy and man, before his departure from the Church of his fathers to the Roman obedience. It is a charmingly written, amply documented piece of work, which manages to convey to us some sense of the delicacy, grace and early power of the later Cardinal. Since Mrs. Ward is herself a devout Romanist, she naturally feels that in his final decision-after a typically Newmanian uncertainty-he chose the right way. But it must be added that no anti-Anglican spirit animates the book; indeed Mrs. Ward seems to sum up her own feelings in the sentence, "Conversion meant no casting aside of positive truth but its completion." Why this seemed to Newman "completion" is made sufficiently plain in the course of the study; that it was necessarily so, in actual fact, is an-



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other matter, upon which the reviewer (like most readers of this review) could hardly be expected to agree with the author. We may commend this study, however, as a sympathetic and discerning appraisal of "the young Mr. Newman," with his strange attractiveness, his shyness, his deep moral earnestness, and that indefinable quality which makes so appropriate both his own motto, "Cor ad cor loquitur," and the words inscribed on his tomb, "Ex umbris imaginibusque in veritatem."

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Lincoln and the Preachers. By Edgar DeWitt Jones. Harpers. \$2.50.

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A SENSE OF HUMOR: But with it all there is much in the strange episode (the recent presidential election) that is reassuring for American democracy. Nothing has been so characteristic of our national life as our concern for the underdog, and our insistence that the spirit of fair play be maintained at all costs in Truman, whatever we do. Harry though he may not have possessed all the qualities of genius for his task, was an American citizen trying hard to do the job assigned him-one he had not asked for. When he told the folk back home at the whistle stops, the trouble he was having with the boys in Washington, apparently they believed him and went home to do something about it. It is also reassuring that the American people still have a sense of humor. The grim facts we have faced so long have not smothered it. So long as we can laugh at ourselves the country is safe. - Christian Evangelist (Disciples).

A STRONG DRIFT: One of the perils of our industrial age is the suppression of personality. The individual is lost in the mass. The workman becomes a mere shuttle in the great machinery that weaves out complex life. In former days the workman made an entire product. This appealed to the personal element in him and he was proud of his work. Now he stands with his hand on a lever or works some machine in a monotonous way. He cannot clearly discover his part in any finished product. The result is the suppression of personal initiative and the loss of personality. There is a strong drift toward the collective condition of society. We are forgetting the individual in the study of the multitude. - United Presbyterian

ONLY ONE HOPE: Thus far along the roadway of civilization, man has been able to dally in his ignorance. The harm he could do was in proportion to his control, Now, in our time, the chain has run out. On the end of it is an atom. "There is no defense." How these hollow mono-

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tones echo down the corridors of our fears. There is only one hope. "Christian education is the hope of the world." The church must educate.—Christian-Evangelist (Disc.).

JUST A TRICKLE: William James, the great psychologist, wrote a book entitled "The Energies of Man." He said that men habitually used only a small fraction of the powers they possessed. He said that the average person uses only about 20 per cent of his brain power. Personally we think he was exaggerating but are confident that we could all be more intelligent, more sensitive and more dynamically alive. We are not getting out of us what is in us-just a trickle getting through when back there is 80 per cent of our capacity asleep, as useless as if it were not there at all. Think of what might happen in our lives, in the life of our Church, if we increased our output only 20 per cent, or even ten! The greatest moment in life is the moment when we become alive, when something touches us, or when somebody comes

to us and calls out of us the things that are really in us. — Christian Leader (Universalist).

NOT SO DUMB: The American people aren't so dumb, after all. Just why they all voted as they did is, and will remain a mystery, but they had a lot of good reasons: Dewey, the 80th Congress, thinning pocketbooks, Taft-Hartley, housing (or absence of it). to mention only a few. The Democrats' rebirth has virtually killed all prospects of the labor-backed new party which Walter Reuter and friends were once so hot for, and about which William Green allowed himself to say a few kind words back in the pre-election gloom. And the lovely pasting that was given Henry Wallace and his ill-timed and illstarred venture won't help to resurrect the corpse. What is more important is that the American people were smart enough to get fed up with the reactionary swing after only two years. What we will be able to do with this liberal swing is now the big question.—Commonweal (R. C.)

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LEND LEASE: Requests that we have received for lectern Bibles have all been filled. However, a considerable number wrote us that they have Bibles they will be glad to send churches or missions in need of one, so if you can use one write this department at The Witness, 135 Liberty Street, New York 6, N. Y. A request has been received from a mission for a red dorsal; also there are requests for hymnals, with music, either the new or old editions.

We have also had a nice letter from the Rev. Frank L. Titus, assistant secretary of the Overseas Department of the National Council, con-

gratulating us on the "new" Witness. He says he likes the new format and set-up. Editor Bill Leidt of Forth told us that too the other day, which sets us up no little. But to get back to Secretary Titus, he says that he has received a letter from the en. Arnold Waldock concerning his work in Nicaragua in which he says: "I am wondering if you can locate for me a Service Book for the Altar, and if possible a large Hymn and Prayer Book. Don't mind in the least if they are second hand. Also our workers are asking for Bibles (large print). In these parts we never mind how old such materials might be. All will be gratefully received." So if there are individuals or churches having any of these things they should be sent to Mr. Titus at 281 Fourth Avenue, New York 6, N. Y. He adds that "in case of duplications we will send such duplicates to other missions where they have similar needs."

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## **PEOPLE**

#### CLERGY CHANGES:

Edmund R. Laine, on advice of his doctor, is to spend the winter in Florida, and has been granted a six months' leave by the vestry of St. Paul's, Stockbridge, Mass.

Charles E. Hill, priest of Williamstown, Mass., is temporarily in charge of St. Paul's, Stockbridge, Mass.

Robert L. Seekins, Jr., formerly rector of St. Thomas' Church, Providence, 'R. I., is now vicar of St. John's, Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

Frederick E. Stillwell, rector of St. Paul's, Virginia, Minn., and in charge of Churches at Eveleth and Tower, becomes rector of St. Mark's, Lake City, Minn., and in charge of Christ Church, Frontenac, on January 1.

John G. Shirley, formerly associate rector of St. Marys, Daytona Beach, Fla., is now rector of St. Philip's, Coral Gables, Fla.

Charles R. Palmer is to retire as rector of St. Mary's, Daytona Beach, Fla., for reason of health as soon as his successor has been chosen and installed.

A. Bruce Lauenborg, formerly vicar of the Redeemer, Avon Park, Fla., and in charge of St. Ann's, Wauchula, is now rector of Grace Church, Ocala, Florida.

William O. Hanner, formerly rector of Trinity, Rock Island, Ill., is now rector of St. Stephen's, Cocoanut Grove, Fla.

Eugene L. Avery, formerly vicar of St. James', Tampa, Fla., is now rector of the Incarnation, Jersey City, N. J.

Constant W. Southworth, formerly assistant at St. John's, Larchmont, N. Y., is now rector of All Saints', Briarcliff, N. Y.

Ernest D. Vanderburgh, formerly in charge of St. Mark's, Philmont, N. Y., is now assistant at Holy Trinity, New York City.

Claude M. Stent, formerly in charge of St. Mark's, Basking Ridge, N. J., is now rector of Trinity, Garnersville, N. Y.

#### HONORS:

Bishop Henry I. Louttit, coadjutor of South Florida, has been reelected president of the Florida Council of Churches.

J. Mitchell Taylor, rector of All Souls, Miami Beach, Fla., has been elected president of the Miami Beach Clergy Council, membership in which is open to Protestants, Roman Catholics and

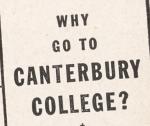
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#### ORDINATIONS:

W. P. Clarke was ordained deacon on December 21 at Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire, Wis., by Bishop Herstick. Upon graduation from Nashotah in June he will become assistant at the cathedral and canon missioner.

Orlando S. Barr, Jr., curate at St. Mark's, New Britain, Conn., and vicar of Grace Church, Newington, was ordained priest by Bishop Budlong, assisted by Bishop Gray, at Trinity, Hartford, December 16. Also advanced to the priesthood at the same service were Percy L. Urban, Jr., curate at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Henry L. Whittemore, Jr., curate at Trinity, Hartford; John Spear, curate at Trinity, New Haven.

Wells R Bliss, vicar of Christ Church, Totowa; Benjamin L. Eyrick, on the staff of Grace Church, Newark; Clarence W. Sickles, of the staff of the Western County Missions, Sparta, N. J., were ordained priests at Grace Church, Newark, by Bishop Washburn on November 30.

William B. Murdock, assistant at St. Paul's, Burlingame, Calif., was ordained priest by Bishop Block on December 5.

#### LAY WORKERS:

Prof. Henry M. Gass, dean of men at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., is acting vice-chancellor pending the selection of a permanent successor to Dr. Guerry.

Mrs. James Austin Hart 3rd has resigned her position at St. Andrew's School, Middletown, Del., to join her husband who is a student at the University of Delaware. She was formerly Anne Trapnell, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Richard W. Trapnell of Wilmington.

Laetitia Viele, formerly a social worker in the diocese of Western New York with the Seneca Indians, is now on the staff of St. Andrew's, Mission, Supai, in the Havasupai Canyon, in Arizona.

Mrs. Ethel H. Hogle has been appointed field worker in the diocese of Michigan to work in the mission field under the direction of Bishop Emrich.

#### DEPOSITION:

Francis B. Cannon, having renounced the ministry, was deposed on December 13 by Bishop Hart of Pennsylvania. The action was taken for causes which do not affect his moral character.

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Readers are encouraged to comment on editorials, articles and news. Since space is limited we ask that letters be brief. We reserve the right to abstract and to print only those we consider important.

MR. W. A. COCHEL Churchman of Kansas City

I have just completed reading of the rural number (Dec. 2) and am particularly pleased with your report of the work at Roanridge. It is very heartening to note the widespread interest. Yours is the first of the Church publications, aside from those under supervision of the National Council, to give readers definite information of our efforts. You may be interested to know that our architect is now working on plans of the house at the Round Barn Farm into a dormitory and community center. When completed this will permit transfer from Park College to Roanridge of all activities now in existence and enable us to start on an all year rather than summer program.

ALEXANDER M. LUKENS Rector of St. Barnabas, Denver

A correction is due I believe of your statement (Dec. 2) where you state that "the Rev. A. M. Lukens has been appointed rural dean for the bishop's scattered congregation." He hasn't been. The appointee is the Rev. Eric A. C. Smith whose efficient and energetic work is well known in Colorado. You or your correspondent should have checked with him, or the Bishop. True the Living Church Annual made this mistake. But the Morehouse Co. is not infallible. Let this be a lesson to you.

I. W. MOOMAW Agricultural Missions Secretary.

The recent copy of The Witness is of special interest to us because it presents to us clearly your program of work and the wholesome Christian philosophy behind it. Mr. Reisner has not yet reached the office since his return from England yesterday, but I am sure he joins me in extending our best wishes to you for the still further development of of your program.

MRS. VERNON SKEWES-COX Churchwoman of Ross, Calif.

I read with great pleasure your editorial (Nov. 25) when you spoke in favor of this country giving up sovereignty and strengthen the U.N. so as to make it capable of enforcing law through a real world police force. Our family are all working through the United World Federalists for world government. I am a church member and have a hard time justifying the attitude of the Church to my daughter and sons. They ask me why the Church is not a leader in this movement for the brotherhood of man. If the Church took a strong stand on this most Christian tenet it would regain the respect and following of thousands of young people who long for real spiritual leadership in a chaotic and materialistic world.

DEACONESS EVELYN SEYMOUR Diocese of Eau Claire

The Witness has also arrived and I had to read it from cover to cover before putting it down. The Bishop was here yesterday, and you will be pleased to know that he was so delighted with the issue he wrote and asked for 100 copies. He plans to distribute them to the diocese and especially to the lay men and women. I think the number on the Church Army was very well done too.

DEAN FRANK GIFFORD Philadelphia Divinity School

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