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—STORY OF THE WEEK—

STAND AGAINST EXPLOITATION IS URGED BY BISHOPS

PASTORAL LETTER ALSO ASKS STRONG STAND AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

★ The Pastoral of the House of Bishops, read on the closing day of the General Convention, called upon all Church people to "be instant to hear and answer the protest against injustice and exploitation and discrimination, not because we idly pretend to pass judgment on history, but because it is of God that men should resist injustice."

It was read by Bishop Bayne of Olympia at a noonday service held at Trinity Church, Boston, conducted by the Presiding Bishop.

The bishops said in their pastoral: "In our time, God expects at least these two things of his church: that we shall discern the signs of the times and that we shall bear clear and loyal witness in our generation. These we have not always done.

"To the degree that we have failed, the world has dismissed us and our faith with a shrug. We are passed by as irrelevant people, pleasant and well-meaning, whose God is optional, whose faith has no bearing, one way or the other, on the real structure and meaning of life; and the world has gone about its work as if it made no difference whether there were a God or not."

"The first sign which God expects us to discern," the letter said, is to help achieve unity "both in the divided world and in the divided Church."

"For all the blessings which rational life has brought us, the conception of absolute national sovereignty is an anachronism," it went on. "Indeed, with all thoughtful citizens, we pledge our support to the United Nations Organization, and hope for its future development into a world federation open to all peoples, and capable of maintaining the peace."

The second sign, the "restlessness" of millions who have counted for little in the past, is the "prime political reality of our time," the message said, adding: "It ill becomes those whom Christ called the leaven in the lump to be insensitive to the ferment arounds us."

Man's power has increased so through technical skill and inventiveness that "no man can tell us what is impossible to do," it continued.

This situation "is not easy to fit into our inherited ways of life," nor does it "readily respond to our traditional moral controls," the bishops said.

"It is no wonder that we are a homesick generation, seeking

to recapture a lost simplicity in life. We almost wish we did not know as much as we do. Like the scientists waiting for the first atomic explosion, we are torn between our expectation that the experiment would work, and our prayer that, by some miracle, it would fail, and we be set free from the problems it creates.

"Many a boy or girl, when most ready to be faced with great and fundamental moral issues, learns instead, in the market place or on the radio, that it is outmoded to believe in virtue or manliness any more. It is no wonder that he comes to believe that all truth is relative, and that the eternal fight to be free and true is really an illusion."

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FAILS TO COME

★ Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was to have been a headliner at Convention, being publicized as a speaker at the Church vocations dinner but she wired her regrets. The announcement in the daily paper issued by the Auxiliary stated, "The committee regrets that it is too late to cancel any reservations for the dinner. However it is suggested that those Democrats in the House who bought their tickets in order to hear Mrs. Roosevelt, may now be able to sell them to Republicans who wanted to attend the dinner but would not buy tickets earlier". The assumption being, apparently, that Republicans refused to attend because Mrs. Roosevelt was to be a speaker.

PROGRESSIVE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY AUXILIARY

★ Delegates to the Auxiliary meeting, in what is considered a step forward in race relations within the Church, asked their national executive board to consider whether dioceses and missionary districts with a minority group of 225 or more communicants should continue to have an additional delegate to the triennial meeting as representative of that group.

The motion adopted by the women suggested instead that each entire delegation to the triennial meeting be representative of all women in the diocese or missionary district. The provision for the additional delegate was an outcome of the 1946 Meeting.

It was also stated that full approval of the resolution was expressed by the triennial conference of Episcopal Church Workers, which includes Negro Church workers, at their recent meeting in Cambridge.

Adoption of the motion was followed by passage of a statement on Christian citizenship and social responsibility, an outcome of discussion groups. Offered as a guide to the women of the Church for the next three years, the statement, in part, urges women of the Church "to create a sense of moral integrity and the will to apply Christian principles in the economic, social, and political order."

Specifically, the meeting asks women of the Church to "pray as individuals and corporately, inform themselves, develop convictions, and exert their influence in the light of Christian principles" in "the responsibility of the United States for support of and participation in the United Nations and its various

specialized agencies; the need for humility on the part of the United States in our country's position of world leadership;

"Economic and technical assistance to underprivileged and underdeveloped areas at home and overseas to help raise standards of living;

"Resettlement of homeless people of the world and friendship to those who have settled in this country and to guests of the United States, especially foreign students;

"Protection of our freedoms, such as free speech, against threats from without and within, lest we be led into fighting Communism with its own methods;

"Extension of human rights to all, both at home and abroad, regardless of race, color and creed, with special emphasis on our own parishes and communities;

"Ways to effect betterment of community living for all our communities;

"Extension of the privilege of the vote to all in our nation who still lack that privilege: members of minority groups where still disfranchised, and citizens residing in the nation's capital."

The statement also urges women to be conscientious, informed, and intelligent voters.

FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN IS AUTHORIZED

★ Recognizing the many and great opportunities in the Church today which could not be provided for in the budget for 1953-1955 (Witness, Sept. 25) the House of Bishops concurred with the House of Deputies in authorizing the National Council to devote its energies to a special campaign to raise

the funds necessary to meet these "long overdue and vital needs." It was pointed out in resolution nine of the report of the joint committee on program and budget that the 1953-1955 budget can provide only for the Church's current work, and not for the urgent capital requirements which such institutions as theological seminaries, Church schools, and mission hospitals, need if they are to continue to expand with the Church. Following the directions of the resolution, the National Council will therefore inaugurate and promote a Church-wide campaign to raise the funds necessary to support this vital work.

LARGE OFFERING BY CHILDREN

★ The children of the Church, at a service which was held for the first time at this Convention, presented a mite box offering of \$1,578,408; a birthday thank offering of \$50,923 and a Christmas box offering of \$12,263. Gifts that numbered 10,423 brought the total to \$1,641,595. Both Houses passed resolutions expressing "its thanksgiving to God for these sacrificial and joyful offerings of our children."



BISHOP BAYNE of Olympia read the Pastoral at the service that closed General Convention.

DISCRIMINATION IS HIT

★ Both Houses passed a resolution stating that "we consistently oppose and combat discrimination based on color or race in every form, both within the Church and without, in this country and internationally."

The resolutions introduced by Dean Krumm of Los Angeles and W. E. Cooper of New Jersey (Witness, Sept. 25) dealing with racial discrimination at the University of the South, were not passed. Instead Convention expressed the belief that "the duly constituted authorities of any one of our Church institutions can deal better than we with its own specific affairs." It also expressed "sincere confidence in the trustees and faculties of the University of the South and those immediately responsible for this and other Church institutions of higher learning and in their ability to solve their own special problems in a truly Christian spirit."

This resolution ended by declaring that the Convention "affirm its conviction that no

branch of the Christian Church can rest content while injustices in the form of racial segregation obtain in parishes, schools and agencies under her control or associated with her; and while recognizing the difficulties involved in the application of the principle in special localities and situations, it urges the responsible authorities of all Church related schools, colleges and seminaries to labor unceasingly for the elimination of injustice in the form of racial segregation in its faculty and student body."

GENERAL CONVENTION BUDGET

★ The budget for the cost of General Convention is \$247,556, to be raised by assessing each diocese \$18 for each clergyman and the missionary districts \$4.50 for each one.

BISHOP GORDON GETS NEW PLANE

★ Bishop Gordon of Alaska was voted \$8,000 from the United Thank Offering to buy a new plane.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF AUXILIARY

★ Bishop Sherrill installed the following as members of the national executive board of the Auxiliary at a service held September 19th at Trinity Church, Boston: Mrs. Russell Hargate; Mrs. John Morson; Mrs. Sumner Walters; Mrs. William Johnson; Mrs. Ray Estes; Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, the new chairman; Mrs. Lawrence Dorsey; Mrs. Harold R. Moulton; Mrs. Paul Palmer; Mrs. C. G. Perry; Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman; Mrs. St. Elmo L. Coombs; Mrs. James S. McCulloh, vice-chairman; Mrs. Irwin T. Hyatt; Mrs. Perry B. Strassburger, secretary; Mrs. Jasper Nicolls.

NO EXPENSES FOR DELEGATES

★ A resolution before Convention to provide travel expenses for bishops and deputies was defeated in the House of Deputies. The idea behind it was that it would make for a more democratic Convention by allowing men of lower income to serve as Deputies.



OPENING SERVICE of General Convention was held in the Boston Garden and was attended by about fourteen thousand, with many turned away.

CLERGY NEED MORE INFORMATION

★ The women of the Church, according to a resolution passed by the Auxiliary, "have found that the recently ordained clergy are apt to know little of that phase of parish life represented by the Woman's Auxiliary". Since the leadership of the clergy is necessary if the organization is to be as effective as it can be, the resolution urged that "some instruction be furnished, preferably in the theological seminaries".

HOUSTON FINALLY WINS NEXT CONVENTION

★ There was a lively time over where the 1955 General Convention would be held. Houston was first with an invitation, but opposition developed since it is a segregated city. The influence of the women was also strong since the Auxiliary had passed a resolution urging the Convention "to make sure that any city selected for a meeting of General Convention be one where all delegates may have unrestricted use of hotels and restaurants."

Chicago then invited the 1955 convention, largely over this segregation issue, since that diocese had been planning to invite the 1958 Convention. On the next to the last day of Convention, the Deputies voted for Chicago but the Bishops first refused to concur, then changed their minds.

However on the closing day the Bishops reconsidered after Bishop Quin of Texas told them that if, in the next three months, he found that Houston could not hold the kind of convention the Church wanted, he would withdraw the invitation to meet there.

Dean James Pike of New York next asked the Deputies to hear Bishop Quin so that "he may acquaint us with the plans which

he and his associates in the diocese had formulated to make possible a non-segregated Convention in Houston and that he may indicate to us the value for the progress of racial relations in Texas which he feels would result from our meeting in Houston, that certain members of this House then may have a basis for deciding whether to introduce a resolution changing the place of the 1955 Convention."

So it all ended with Houston selected, the Convention to open September 29, 1955.

GERMAN BABIES NOT CARED FOR

★ Among the official correspondence read to Convention, was the following resolution passed by the Church Assembly, Westminster, England, at the autumn session held in November, 1951:

"Resolved, that this Assembly, in view of a recent statement in the House of Commons, is greatly perturbed by a deficiency which it believes to be common to the legislation of our two countries, in that there is no provision to compel soldiers to make paternity allowances for

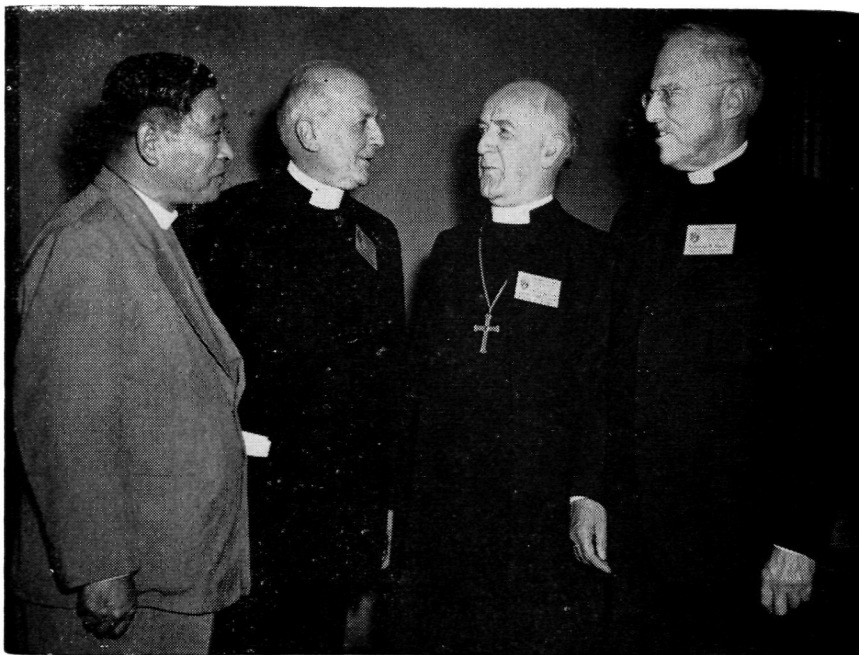
their illegitimate children by German mothers; and is earnestly requesting H. M. government to initiate such legislation as is necessary to remedy this defect; and desires to notify the representative assembly of the Episcopal Church of the United States of the action it has taken."

PRESIDING OFFICER OF DEPUTIES

★ The Rev. Walter H. Stowe of New Jersey proposed a change in the canons to provide for a vice-president of the House of Deputies. He later accepted a substitute resolution whereby the secretary of the House will perform duties pertaining to the office until the next Convention, in the event of the death, total disability or resignation of the President.

PERPETUAL DEACONS APPROVED

★ The House of Deputies concurred with the Bishops in passing a new canon setting up the perpetual diaconate (Witness, Sept. 25). It passed by a large voice vote after a half hour debate and after two proposed changes were turned down.



THE BIG FOUR of General Convention: Bishop Yashiro of Japan; Bishop Saerrill, Presiding Bishop; the Archbishop of Canterbury; Bishop Nash, host of the Convention.

IMMIGRATION POLICY URGED CHANGED

★ The following resolution was passed by both Houses of Convention:

"Whereas, we as Christians are concerned for the welfare and just treatment of all the people of the world, and Whereas, our present national immigration policy includes certain restrictive provisions which work injustice and unreasonable hardship on some people, especially those in the Far East, therefore be it

"Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that we urge the appointment of a commission of qualified persons by the President of the United States, drawn equally from public and private life, (a) to review our permanent immigration policy and its basic assumptions, and (b) to make immediate recommendation of temporary immigration provisions, shaped in coordination with the United Nations and with the efforts of other states, and contributing generously of American help and resources, to meet adequately the complex emergency problem of uprooted and homeless peoples compelled to live outside their own countries."

SOUTH INDIA CHURCH IS PRAISED

★ Both Houses passed a resolution commending the United Church of South India for the steps it has taken toward Church union. It concludes by assuring "the Church of South India of the deep interest and sympathy with which the members have followed the development of the movement toward Church unity in South India during the first half of this century; and of its admiration for the patience and courage which the representatives of the Church of India, Burma and

Ceylon, and of the other negotiating Churches, displayed in the pursuit of their goal; and of its hope and prayer that the day may soon be at hand when full communion between the Church of South India and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America may be possible."

GEORGE WIELAND HONORED

★ The Rev. George Wieland, head of the home department of the Council, was given a gift and scroll signed by all the domestic missionary bishops, active and retired, at a dinner held during Convention. He has been an official at headquarters for fourteen years, and head of the department since 1942. He is soon to retire.

NO RURAL WORK COMMISSION

★ Deputies voted to set up a commission on rural work and also one on the structure and organization of General Convention, but the Bishops failed to concur with either resolution.

PROPOSAL TO REDUCE REPRESENTATION

★ The recommendation to reduce the number of deputies to

three in each order, clergy and lay, which many thought would cause lively debate, was referred for study during the next triennium.



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UNITED THANK OFFERING BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE AUXILIARY

★ Auxiliary delegates adopted a budget for the \$2,488,193 United Thank Offering. \$1,154,000, the largest item in the budget, was allotted for the program of the National Council, and will be used in part for salaries for women missionaries, scholarships and training centers, and allowances for missionaries. \$18,000 of the sum is earmarked for a new item in the budget, a personnel bureau to assist women interested in becoming Church workers.

Adoption of the budget is one of the three legislative procedures of the triennial meeting. \$250,000 will be used to provide pensions for women workers.

Other allotments from the \$761,000 specials, capital gifts

fund include \$200,000 for the Church's hospital in Manila, St. Luke's; \$8,000 for the Japan International Christian University; \$35,000 for a chapel at St. Margaret's Home, a training center for women workers in Berkley, Calif.; \$50,000 for the retiring fund for Deaconesses, and \$460,000 for new buildings.

The next largest item, entitled specials, support of Church work, provides \$66,000 for equipment for women missionaries, \$100,000 for repair and equipment of buildings, and \$2,000 for the promotion of the United Thank Offering.

Other special gifts, for the support of cooperative missionary projects, include \$16,000 for the Women's Christian College

in Madras, India; \$11,000 for the Christian Medical College, Vellore, India; \$10,000 for migrant work in the United States; and \$6,000 for the United Board of Christian Colleges in China.

STATISTICS SHOW GREAT GAINS

★ Archdeacon Samuel N. Baxter of Western New York, in a report to the House of Deputies for the Committee on the State of the Church said: "The statistics of the past triennium are now being reviewed. Most outstanding is the fact that the number of members of our church schools has increased by nearly 100,000 during the past triennium, and we now have more than half million pupils in our church schools with 65 thousand officers and teachers manning the schools.

"Another notable increase during the triennium has been in the number of ordinations. In 1951, 311 men were ordained to the priesthood and the total number of clergy rose to 6,412. There are now nearly 600 more clergy than were reported in 1949, the first notable increase in many years.

"The number of members of the Church continues to increase. There are now one and two-thirds million communicants, and close to two and one-half million baptized persons reported. All of these figures refer only to continental United States.

"Outside the continent, we have 227,000 baptized members and 73,747 communicants.

"The number of postulants and candidates for Holy Orders has reached a new high during this triennium, with nearly 600 candidates and 7,159 postulants. Both of these are double the numbers recorded ten years ago."



MISSIONARY BISHOPS prepare to administer Holy Communion at the service when the United Thank Offering was presented.

EDITORIALS

Off The Cuff

A highlight of General Convention, in our opinion, was the off-the-cuff remarks of the Presiding Bishop delivered at the joint session when the program of the social service department was presented. Carefully prepared addresses at an occasion like this are apt to be dull, particularly when their chief purpose is to keep people of widely varied opinions, social and theological, content and happy.

But the criticisms of the budget, particularly that of the American Church Union, which urged that \$655,000 in it for the work of interdenominational agencies and world relief and Church cooperation, apparently got under Bishop Sherrill's skin. The result was a brief but potent speech, delivered with considerable heat.

"I hope the time will never come when we will build our budget forgetting human suffering and misery throughout the world and remembering only ecclesiastical considerations. I hope the time will never come when we fail to play our part in the cooperative Christianity of the world and the United States. We have marched nearly to the top of the hill. I doubt if this Convention will tell us to march down or to go in some other direction."

"I am mindful of our apostolic order and great heritage of worship but there is an acid test, 'By your fruits ye shall know them.' I am not sure that St. Peter will be so interested in our credentials. . . ." but "if we have loved mercy and done justly and walked humbly with our God. How much do we care, how much do our praises mean, when we say Christ is our Lord and master?"

"I am tired of people who are tired of hearing about the budget. It is not a financial matter but a spiritual matter. I get tired of people who talk to me about prayer and along with it, do not do something about the world commitments of God. Don't go out and say that I don't believe in prayer but I do say, Harness that prayer to something that means real sacrifices."

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chine that burns gas, just in case a good thunder storm comes up and blows all the fuses. There is a big press—a sweet looking instrument that covers a lot of floor space—with an automatic feeder and an extension delivery, so that the pressman, once he gets rolling, merely stands at the end of the machine and watches the sheets roll off.

But we learned this week, right in the middle of getting out this number, that even copper can wear. So just before midnight on Friday our beautiful (substitute your own adjective) press refused to perform. A machinist and his helper are sweating over it right now.

All of which is by way of an apology for presenting you with sixteen instead of the usual twenty-four pages this week. We had the type up for a lot more Convention news, and several addresses given in Boston. But we figured sixteen pages on time—or nearly so—was better than more pages too late.

We'll have everything in order presently so you will get the regular size magazine next week. Meanwhile, does anyone want to buy a printing plant?

Better Get Busy

PAINTINGS were exhibited at General Convention, done by a sensitive man seeking to find meaning and purpose in life. They were done in a small cell with inadequate light by an inmate at the state prison in Charlestown. His media was cheap, porous cardboard, machine oil with chips from the tops of ordinary paint cans supplying the pigments. Later, because of the interest of concerned people—chiefly the Rev. Howard Kellett, director of social service of the diocese of Massachusetts and chaplain at the prison—this man had joy of painting with more adequate equipment.

Each of the nine paintings shown were remarkable in that they carried a terrific social message, sometimes combined with humor. Thus in one called "Capture" he pictures the attitude of society toward crime; the crowd, moved by newspapers to a purely emotional reaction of either hate and vengeance or sickly sentimentalism; the police, trained and interested only in capture and confinement; the caseworker, drawn as an anemic intellectual, filling reams of paper with reports

and records; the scientist, psychiatrist, doctor, all dealing with the captured man in a sub-human way, so that he is stripped of all the innate human dignity, which, if unassailed, might have saved him.

Another called "The Church and the City" shows the sprawling lack of direction of a large city, together with its ugliness. Stenched fumes rise from the city to a church and large cross at the top of the painting. Howard Kellett was greatly impressed with this and told the artist that it pictured forcefully the Christian Church dominating city life. "That's not the idea", said the artist-inmate. "What it means is that the stinking ugliness of modern city life, represented by those rising fumes, will soon blot out the

church and cross unless you parsons get busy pretty fast in solving the problems of a crumbling world."

Words of course cannot describe the paintings. But just one more—"A Man's World" was the result of this prisoner's reflections last Holy Week. It pictures the crucified Christ looking out on the desolation and misery of the modern world. Behind a barbed-wire entanglement are weeping women, "for in this man's world of wars and more wars, women can only weep", to quote the artist.

Instead of being shown in the basement of the Convention's exhibition hall, they might better have been hung on the stage of Symphony Hall. They would have effected the votes of many Dep-
uties.

OPPORTUNITY IN MISSION FIELDS

by Lane W. Barton

MY subject is the needs and opportunities of the domestic field. One cannot think of our country without thinking of the significant place this nation occupies in the world today. We have been catapulted by the force of events into a place of leadership and responsibility. As Christians we shall not be satisfied to have that leadership and responsibility discharged solely on the political, economic, and military levels. As Christians we cherish for this nation an influence born of commitment to Jesus Christ. Of our quite commendable efforts to assist in building a happier, more peaceful, just and stable world, it is to be remembered, "Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but vain that build it."

To speak for the domestic field is to speak as well for the overseas field. Time and revolutionary changes in the world scene are eradicating these artificial distinctions. Today we segregate work within and without the parish, and work at home and abroad at our own risk. To win the parish and lose the nation, or to win the nation and lose the world, is to fail—to fail Jesus Christ and to fail those for whom he shed his precious blood. We have but one mission and that mission is to win the world. That mission begins where we are—at the doors, if you please, of our parish church—and it extends to the ends of the earth. On the one hand, we have the divine commission, "Go ye into all the world," and on the other we have a world bewildered, disillusioned, and restless because men have yet to find their peace, their integration, and their fulfillment in

the holy family of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Facts Show Progress

LET me now present some facts to reveal both the progress that has been made and also the temper and disposition of the people to whom we minister. In the twelve year period from 1938 to 1950 the thirteen continental missionary districts increased their total receipts from one-half million to over two and one-half million or 363%. The giving of the rest of the Church in that same period increased by 124%. From 1938 to 1950 the number of baptized persons in these districts increased by 33% and communicants by 36% and 17% respectively in the rest of the Church. This means that the missionary districts are not content to rest on their oars and let the rest of the Church pay the bills.

Keep us in your prayers, give us men and adequate remuneration for these men, give us funds to build churches now while the country is growing, and the work shall go forward to the glory of God and the increase of his kingdom.

Not all of us can or should go to Liberia or Japan or Utah. But all of us can respond to the divine commission. We can go into our homes to make them Christian homes where every day the Bible is read and family prayer said. We can enter into our places of business to make business and politics and the professions areas in which the spirit and will of Christ becomes operative. We can go into our communities to be the heaven

that shall transform them into little cities of God.

The need and the opportunity of the domestic field and of the total mission of the Church is that you and I and all our fellow Christians shall come to know the love of God as that love was made manifest in Christ Jesus our crucified Lord, and in gratitude to him respond to that love as we

offer "ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice,"—"to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for his children in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever."

CHURCH IN AN ATOMIC AGE

by M. Moran Weston

TODAY all of us are caught up in a worldwide struggle for the loyalties of men. This struggle is being waged in terms of opposing ideas about the way human relations should be ordered among men. This battle is being fought with ideas and almost only incidentally with guns or jets or tanks. Out of this struggle rises that critical and perplexing problem: how to obtain security and retain freedom and justice.

There is a widespread concern about human rights and relationships today, such as has never perhaps existed before in the history of nations. There is concern about the threat of war, and its destructive impact on human relations and human character. There is concern about the growth and development of the state, and the ways it increasingly influences and controls human life, institutions, and relationships. There is concern about totalitarianism, and materialism, and the spiritual threat of secularism. The growth of these concerns cannot be understood apart from the contribution of the Church.

"Generally speaking, we may say, that our study (reported in *Witness*, Sept. 25) confirmed both our hopes and our fears. It was our hope that the people of the Church and its agencies are not unconcerned about the state of the world and the gap between human relationships and our Christian ideals. It was our hope that some people in the Church were trying to do something to improve these conditions. It was our hope that the idea of a Church militant, seeking to change the world, is an acceptable idea to many Episcopalians. These hopes were confirmed.

Fears Confirmed

IT was our fear, however, also, that too few were concerned and doing anything, and that what was being done is too little and often too late.

This fear was confirmed also.

If there were time, it might be worthwhile for us to comment on each of the topics included in this sample, such as, Church and citizenship responsibility, and the answers which indicate that

most Episcopalians believe that the Church should encourage its people to vote even though Episcopalians have reservations about other types of political action by the local Church.

There are some in the Church who feel that it should stick to matters of religion and worship and not concern itself with social and economic problems. The replies to the poll show that such persons are definitely in the minority. On the other hand, when it comes to specific issues, Episcopalians are more conservative than they are about the statement of general social ideals.

There are some who seek to make use of the Church for partisan, social and political goals, either to prevent any constructive change in the present un-Christian social relationship in our world, or to capture the support of our people behind a totalitarian approach to life and relationships. There can be no compromise with either of these efforts to exploit the sacred call which summons us to change the world according to God's purpose for mankind. We must stand firm against those who would make the present a prison house and the future a concentration camp—but we must do it without hate or bitterness. We must stand ready to be reconciled wherever possible.

Especially do we need to examine the human relations within the Church and undertake a vigorous, dynamic, and creative program of education and action, which will seek, first of all, to make the fellowship of the Episcopal Church a convincing example of the faith and vision we have for secular society.

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ANGLICAN CONGRESS IN MINNEAPOLIS

★ Bishop Gray of Connecticut announced at Convention that the first Anglican Congress will be held August 7-16, 1954 in Minneapolis. It will bring together bishops, priests and lay people from all parts of the world. (See Witness, Sept. 18).

VOTE AND PRAY IN ELECTION

★ The Auxiliary after stating that the exercise of democratic rights and privileges is being threatened more and more throughout the world, passed a resolution urging women to vote in all elections. It also urged women and branches "to pray for the various candidates, especially the candidates for president; to pray for a clean campaign and that the campaign may not engender bitterness nor leave a large section of the people distrustful of the party and

candidates who will be elected; to pray that, insofar as possible, God's will may be done in elections; and further, following the elections, to pray for those elected and for harmony and cooperation on the part of both the governing and the governed."

UNITY COMMISSION IS CONTINUED

★ The joint commission on approaches to unity is to be continued, consisting of five bishops, five priests and five laymen, with \$8,000 appropriated for expenses.

MORE CHAPLAINS ARE NEEDED

★ The Episcopal Church must furnish forty-two chaplains for

the armed forces to fill out its quota, the Rev. Percy G. Hall, head of the armed forces division of the National Council, told the House of Deputies. There are now 120 Episcopal chaplains serving in all parts of the world. He also stated that from September 1 to January 1, 216,000 young men will enter the service, with about 850,000 leaving the armed forces each year, "and unless they have been guided spiritually and morally we will have a problem."

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The budget of the National

Church, essential as it is, "has never mobilized the great resources of the Church constituency," Mr. Given stated. "We must raise the sights of those who could give more . . . over and beyond the local parochial appeal."

\$700,000 has already been raised, he said. \$25,000 has been given to the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, \$100,000 has been loaned to start seven new missions in areas where population is rapidly increasing, \$25,000 has been granted to help finance Seabury Press, the new church publishing house, and \$100,000 more has been promised, and \$30,000 has been granted to build Trinity House on the grounds of Seabury House in Greenwich, Conn.

But this is not enough, Mr. Given said. "We need your help. We must have the added momentum you can give."

LAY ADMINISTRATION OF CHALICE

★ The House of Deputies on the next to the last day of Convention turned down the Bishops resolution which would allow laymen to administer the chalice under certain circumstances.

BISHOP LUDLOW TO RETIRE

★ Bishop Ludlow, suffragan of Newark, presented his resignation which was accepted by the House of Bishops, to take effect next July when he reaches the age of seventy.

CLERGY AGE LIMIT UNCHANGED

★ A proposal to reduce from 68 to 65 the age limit for eligibility for age benefits in the Church Pension Fund was rejected by the Deputies.

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★ Convention authorized \$99,-250 for the next triennium for the salary, discretionary fund and expenses of the Presiding Bishop. It voted \$50,000 toward expenses of the Anglican Congress and \$27,450 toward the expenses of General Convention.

McCRACKEN PROPOSAL IS LOST

★ The proposal of Deputy McCracken of Pennsylvania that a commission be established to interpret and report on canons was lost in the House of Bishops after passing in Deputies. The chief aim of the proposal was to clarify diocesan marriage canons.

CONVENTION URGES LESSON MATERIAL

★ Both Houses of Convention passed resolutions urging the department of education to make Church school lesson material available as soon as possible.

PARLIAMENTARY TANGLE

★ The proposal was made in the House of Deputies that pos-

tuulants for the ministry should be more carefully screened, rather than waiting until they apply to be candidates. Substitute resolutions were offered, then substitutes for the substitutes. This parliamentary hog-pog was finally solved the easy way—turning it back for further study.

CLERGY BUREAU DEFEATED

★ Bishop Juhan of Florida offered a resolution in the House of Bishops calling for a clergy placement at headquarters in New York, but it lost by a wide margin. At the same session Bishop Bayne of Olympia pleaded for the encouragement of vocations, stating that bishops and rectors are primarily responsible for failure in this regard.

BISHOPS WILL MEET IN VIRGINIA

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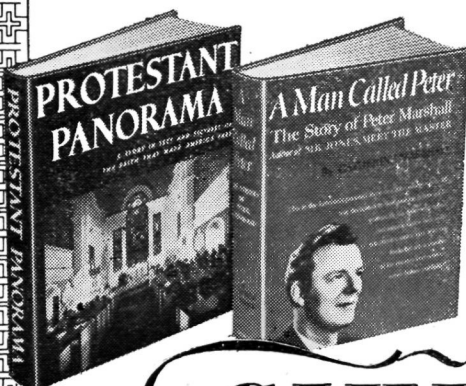
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