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## Story of the Week

# World Council Officials Explain Charges of Hungarian Paper

★ W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches and Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, visited Czechoslovakia on February 13th to refute accusations published in a Hungarian newspaper.

The paper charged that Visser 't Hooft, a leader of the meeting of the World Council's central committee that met in Hungary last August, had said: "At the conference in Galyateto we had already known what was being prepared in Hungary."

(The Hungarian government has charged that outside agents—notably the U.S. Office of Strategic Services headed by Allen Dulles—had fomented the rebellion last Fall. The present accusation against Visser 't Hooft was made, apparently, to link the World Council into this charge.)

In Prague on February 13th they met with Janos Horvath, head of the office of Church affairs in Hungary. The Church representatives gave a full account of the relations between the Hungarian Churches and the World Council, at the Galyateto meeting, and subsequently.

They declared that their concern for the position of the Church in Hungary had been openly discussed at the Galyateto meeting and

brought to the attention of government authorities with regard to the present situation of the Hungarian Reformed Churches.

They emphasized, according to an official release of the New York office of the World Council on February 14th, that "their one concern was



W. A. Visser 't Hooft

that this Church, as well as other Churches, should have leaders which would be fully trusted by their congregations and made it clear that this would only be achieved by the organizing of completely free and independent elections."

The accusations of the Hungarian paper were reported by Carl Lund-Quist, secretary of

the Lutheran World Federation, at the meeting of the executive committee of the World Council held in Geneva, February 4-8. The committee then appointed Visser 't Hooft and Blake to have a personal discussion with the office of Church affairs of the Hungarian government.

### GOOD PRESS AGENT NEEDED IN SOUTH

★ An official of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith declared that the South needs a "good press agent to tell the story of peaceful progress" in racial and human relations.

Alexander F. Miller, national community service director, made the statement at a joint meeting in Winston-Salem of the ADL's North Carolina advisory board and the state B'nai B'rith executive board.

He said people outside the South think of the region "as a land torn by the blast of bombs, blighted by constant warfare, between Negroes and whites, its night skies illuminated by the fire of burning crosses, shotgun blasts and mass arrests . . ."

"These are dramatic events," he said, "but the story also needs to be told of the many calm efforts currently under way to bring about new racial adjustments."

Miller, director of the league's Southern office in Atlanta for ten years, blamed the distorted picture of the South on the natural interest in and reports of instances of violence. But, he said, these bomb blasts are still "the

exception rather than the rule."

He pointed out that within two months of the Supreme Court anti-segregation decision 25 Southern cities desegregated buses and 17 Southern and border states are in the process of desegregating schools.

"I am confident that most Southerners believe in law and order," he said, "and resent the efforts of radical elements like the Ku Klux Klan and other extreme groups whose activities will not prevent integration and can lead only to disintegration . . ."

He praised North Carolina newspapers for their efforts in dealing with the race problem and urged moderate forces of the South to see that control of racial relations does not fall into the hands of extremists.

In conclusion he said:

"Once violence and intimidation have been removed as an important factor in the racial situation in the South today and communication between the races broadened, I am confident that the answers of many problems which now appear insuperable will be worked out."

## Lambeth Conference Agenda Announced from London

★ A wide-ranging agenda, covering subjects from the authority of the Holy Bible to the place of the family in modern society, has been drafted for the three hundred or more Bishops of the Anglican Communion to discuss, when they assemble in London in July and August, 1958, for the Lambeth Conference.

One important question to be discussed will be that of "Church Unity and the Church Universal." Reunion schemes proposed for Ceylon and for North India and Pakistan, submitted by the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon, will be considered. The relations of the Church with the Ecumenical Movement as a whole and with particular Churches are also included under this head.

Progress within the Anglican Communion itself will be reviewed, with particular reference to the contemporary missionary appeal and means of advance in this field, and to

the manpower situation within the ministry.

Under the heading "The Book of Common Prayer" will be considered principles of revision, and also the "recognition of local saints and servants of God." The latter heading relates to the proposed remembrance within the Prayer Book of some of the many local saints who are now not represented.

Although it is not possible to forecast where the special danger-points of inter-national and inter-racial conflicts will be found by 1958, the general trend of dividing factors is already evident, and the Conference will discuss the possibilities of reconciling these conflicts.

The final item on the agenda is "The Family in Modern Society." The Conference has been asked by some Provinces to consider especially problems arising from over-population in several parts of the world. Attention will be given to other social pressures which threaten to injure

family life as the unit of security and religious faith. In the context of family life, some attention may also be given to "Divine Healing" and other matters.

### VALLEY FORGE CHAPEL TO HAVE MUSEUM

★ A \$1,000,000 Revolutionary War museum is planned at the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge.

The plans, announced by the Episcopal rector, John R. Hart, provide for a division of the funds into 200 parts, each to be a memorial by various patriotic and historical societies and other interested organizations and individuals.

The first memorial gift was presented by the Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America at a Washington's Birthday service.

The chapel is Episcopal but has non-sectarian services each Sunday afternoon. Other services are conducted by groups making pilgrimages to the shrine.

Adjoining the chapel is a 112-foot, \$750,000 Memorial Carillon, representing gifts from 48 states and the U.S. territories. It was completed three years ago along with a "Porch of the Allies."

The museum will fulfill the plans of the chapel's founder, the late Rev. W. Herbert Burk, who raised \$500,000 by nationwide subscription to build the chapel in 1915. He started with a little frame chapel on the site in 1903.

### MISSOURI LAYMEN IN CONFERENCE

★ The Rev. Francis Ayres, director of Parishfield, conference center of Michigan, will lead a conference for laymen of Missouri, March 1-3. He will relate how laymen can relate their religion to their everyday life.

# Reports on Work of Church In Tropical Africa

By Douglas Webster  
*Education Secretary of Church  
Missionary Society, England*

★ Sixteen weeks in tropical Africa has a profound effect on one. In my case the effect has been enhanced by two special privileges which most other visitors have not had. First, for much of my tour I was the guest of African clergy, living in their homes for several days at a time and eating at their tables. Secondly, I was able to go from East Africa to West Africa and sample a bit of both. I spent twelve weeks in Uganda, one in Kenya and three in Nigeria, before returning to England.

The most unforgettable time was that which I spent in African homes, nine altogether. These were all in the diocese of the Upper Nile, which is roughly the north-eastern half of Uganda. I went there to listen and to learn, to help and to serve, and in the latter part of my stay to conduct refresher courses for clergy and lay readers.

Without that preliminary time living with African clergy and sharing in their daily routine I should have been even less qualified to help them in those later addresses. One of my hosts was a bishop, one an archdeacon, and the other seven were pastors in charge of huge parishes. In every case I was the first white man ever to sleep in their homes.

Their gratitude was most moving and it would be unseemly for me attempt to convey it in cold print. For years some of them had longed in their hearts to entertain a European guest, and this was their first opportunity. In

some homes to which I was invited for meals I was the first white man ever to eat in the house. Always there was the same almost pathetic expressions of gratitude, a stirring of something very deep in the emotional life of an African fellow-Christian.

Had I been able to do nothing else in Africa the visit would have been worthwhile for the sheer mutual joy of doing this. For whilst in British East Africa there is no legal color bar, there is quite strong color consciousness. This psychological aspect of color runs deep. The mere absence of a legal color bar and the enlightened and friendly attitude of many Europeans towards their African neighbors are not alone sufficient to remove color prejudice.

## Two-Way Affair

Many Africans have strong feelings about all this; they want hospitality to be a two-way affair, as in the Christian Church it always should be. In the privacy of their own homes and round the oil lamp in the evening when the meal is cleared away and friends drop in for conversation, even some of the most loyal and mature Africans show their feelings about this, and they are feelings that have sometimes been unwittingly hurt. In Uganda at least, the psychological aspect of color is quite as important as is the legal aspect in South Africa.

African hospitality is a wonderful experience. All my hosts did everything their meagre resources would allow for my comfort. In most African homes I found far more love and thoughtfulness

than in some European homes. There were many tokens of this incredible thoughtfulness. One of my hosts specially bought a small zinc bath for my use. Another gave up his little study so that my bath could be more private. Another bought a razor, a toothbrush, and a tube of toothpaste. Such generosity abounds in the remote villages of Uganda. Presents poured in: three live sheep, two live chickens, dozens of eggs, mats, baskets, stools, a knife, and a spear!

One of the most striking things about Uganda is the presence and influence and extent of the Church. The two main missions are those of the Roman Catholics and the Church Missionary Society. In almost every village there is a church of some kind and a community of Christians, if only a tiny one.

One is amazed by the sheer success of the Church of Christ in establishing itself in Uganda and taking root, even though in many places the roots cannot be said to go very deep. But the Church is there and it is remarkably extensive—for that at least we can be thankful.

Most of the education is still in Christian hands and it is through the village schools that thousands of children still first hear of Jesus Christ and join his Church. Many of these primary schools are grant-aided and the teaching staff are paid by government. But many others have not yet reached the necessary standard and the teachers themselves insufficiently taught and entirely untrained do their work for a mere pittance. Uganda owes a great debt to all its teachers, qualified or not.

## R. C. Impact

The Roman Catholics are certainly on the increase. They have far more mission-

aries and more money than we have. They are building churches and schools at a great rate. They have some magnificent mission stations, fully staffed by various orders, such as the Mill Hill Fathers and the Verona Fathers, and an ample supply of sisters.

Outwardly there is much to attract the ambitious young African to Roman Catholicism, if only because the Roman Church is more wealthy and its resources seem limitless. The African is impressed both by wealth and power. No African I met really understands why we cannot send more missionaries. I was asked this everywhere. The only truthful answer makes one rather ashamed.

Islam also is on the increase, particularly the sect of the Aga Khan. Many new Muslim schools and mosques, libraries, clubs, and community centres have been built in the last five years. And Muslims have the knack of talking about their faith. So many Christians have never developed this—in Britain or Uganda.

Undoubtedly there is a strong and reviving undercurrent of sheer paganism. In one area it was reported to me that there were many more witch-doctors than there had been twenty years ago.

Uganda has been spared the complications of Protestant denominationalism on any large scale, but recently there has been a considerable influx of Seventh Day Adventists with plenty of money and drive.

### Politics

Political pressures can be felt everywhere. Despite the fine record of the Protectorate government no one who lives close to Africans and listens to their thoughts and feelings can fail to detect a good deal

of unrest underneath the surface, even though much of this unrest may be due to sheer misunderstanding. But it is there.

The inevitably close link between Church and state throughout the short but exciting history of Uganda means that Africans who oppose the government for any reason often feel bound to oppose or distrust the Church also. In some villages I had great difficulty in convincing people that I was a priest and not a government agent, and that the Church and government were two distinct entities and ideas.

There is great interest in politics and even in international affairs. In almost every village, even in the remotest bush, someone had a battery radio set. News bulletins were listened to with closest attention and concern, especially at the height of the Suez crisis. There was much uneasiness about British policy and I was asked many questions on this point.

### Hunger for Learning

The other topic of absorbing interest is education. The whole country is hungry for more and more of it, faster and faster. In conversation with groups of intellectuals this was invariably the domestic problem which was raised most frequently.

In the midst of all this change and questioning and a good deal of bewilderment the Church is set to give her witness. Whatever problems this young Church has to face—and they are many—there can be no doubt about the stupendous opportunity that lies before it for straightforward evangelism.

The Church in Uganda still has the ear of the people. The pastor is respected everywhere and listened to wherever he

goes. As yet there are no counter-attractions or rival spokesmen. The whole village will turn out to meet a visitor and hear what he has to say. This is the day for open-air preaching: the multitudes are there and still willing to listen. But so few have a vision of this—and I saw none of it.

### CHURCH COUNCIL ASKS END OF VIOLENCE

★ The North Carolina Council of Churches called upon "all persons in lawful authority" to take steps to halt bombings and other violence directed against churches and ministers in regional racial disputes.

"Ruthless destruction" of homes and churches is "an outrage to the Christian conscience," the council declared. It represents 15 Protestant denominations.

The action was taken in a resolution passed unanimously at the group's annual meeting in Winston-Salem.

"Attempts to achieve by fire and bomb what cannot be done by law saps the life of democracy and sows the seeds of anarchy," the resolution said.

Bishop Richard H. Baker of North Carolina was re-elected president of the council.

### HONOLULU CATHEDRAL PLANS EXTENSION

★ Funds are being raised in Honolulu this month to complete the cathedral, which will include a new facade and the extension of two bays and porch. The total cost will be about \$400,000, of which \$100,000 is for a new roof. Termites chewed up the supporting beams and trusses of the present roof.

There will also be a new \$50,000 organ and a stained glass window in the facade.

# Churches Fail Young People

## According to Leaders

★ American churches were chided for not doing enough to help young people and to strengthen family life.

The Rev. Henry Tani of Philadelphia warned that only by delving deeply into every phase of the active lives of youth can the church become a "significant force in determining the course which young people should take."

Richard E. Lentz of Indianapolis said high divorce and delinquency rates stressed the need for churches to develop far-reaching programs to combat family instability.

The two officials spoke at the meeting in Cincinnati of the division of Christian education, National Council of Churches.

Tani said there is a need for churches "to involve young people at all stages of activity—planning, preparation, production and evaluation." And this, he added, "denies the 'doing something for' atmosphere so prevalent in our churches."

"We need to allow youth the opportunity for full and free discussion," he said. "Adult leaders should adopt the role of coordinators rather than directors."

Lentz was moderator of a panel of parents at the meeting. Attending the session were educators, church officials and representatives of youth-serving agencies, including the YMCA, YWCA, Campfire Girls, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

He said the fact that 385,000 divorces are granted in this country annually and a million delinquent children are in the hands of the law in the course of a year underscores

the urgent need for churches to join hands with youth-serving and family agencies to help bulwark the home.

Commenting on a report of marriage counselors that 19 out of 20 divorces could be prevented by advance preparation for marriage and by counseling during marriage, he said "here is a job the churches should help do."

The panel agreed that most churches have not yet accepted responsibility in their communities for working with agencies at building a stronger and more cohesive family life.

Churches can build love of family members for each other and for their neighbors, a spirit of goodwill, tolerance and real Christian fellowship, the group said.

"If the home is spiritually motivated," Lentz told the panel, "husbands and wives will remain together in love. They will rear their children with love. This will develop well adjusted and happy men and women who can contribute constructively to American society."

### THANK OFFERING IN HAITI

★ Haitian women of the Episcopal Church, undaunted by government unrest and general strikes and despite their republic's deep poverty (according to the New York Times, the average cash income per capital in Haiti is \$25), recently gathered in Port-au-Prince for their first semi-annual service of presentation of the United Thank Offering.

The missionary district, which has often in the past been on the receiving end of funds from the offering for

missionary work, is this year for the first time taking part in the program on a diocese-wide basis.

Many of Auxiliary members (called Dames Auxiliaries in Haiti) travelled to the presentation service in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Port-au-Prince, in spite of adverse travel conditions. The District Treasurer reported, "One member from each of four mountain missions travelled by the famous Haitian bus, called a camion, on a route which goes through (not over) the same river twenty times. There is not one bridge. Should rain swell the river the passengers simply wait sometimes days on one side or the other. Others came from regions where transportation is only possible by foot or beast."

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**URGES CONSIDERATION OF MINISTRY**

★ The Rev. Bartolome C. Alorda, rector of St. Paul's, El Centro, Calif., has urged educators of the nation to give religion a chance when meetings on vocations are held for high school and college students.

"Being a pastor is so much more than preaching," he said. "It has many rewards. It is a rich life. Young men who love God and people, and would like to leave the world better because of their lives, ought to consider careers in religion. Schools should encourage them by remembering, always, to invite ministers in, to talk to graduating classes."

**CENTRAL NEW YORK CLERGY MEET**

★ Clergy of Central New York held a two-day conference at St. Paul's, Syracuse, February 20-21. Prof. Thomas J. Bigham of General Seminary was the leader. He spoke on pastoral counselling, followed by discussion.

**EVANGELISM IN OHIO**

★ Quite a company of churchmen journey from Bryan, Ohio, regularly to Grace Church, Defiance, whose rector, the Rev. Carl A. Hoch knows where every Church family lives in three counties. Within the past year, a "Bryan Committee" has been established at Grace Church, to foster plans for in-

creasing active participation, and to seek out new prospects in this growing community.

**BISHOP GRAY IS HONORED**

★ The Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Pa., has honored Bishop Gray of Connecticut by naming a recreation room after him. He was formerly dean of the cathedral.

**CHURCH SEXTON ALSO A PASTOR**

★ Abraham Byrd, sexton of Emmanuel Church, Webster Groves, Missouri, is also pastor of a Baptist Church at Robertsville.

**SOUTH FLORIDA SEEKS FUND**

★ Bishop Louttit of South Florida has appointed a committee to head the drive for \$770,000 to be used as a

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**DENVER PARISH HAS FIRE**

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## BRITISH CLERGYMEN ARE HARD UP

★ Many of Britain's clergymen are so poor they cannot buy new clothes for their families or provide them with enough food, a survey disclosed.

It was made by the Rev. Nathaniel Micklem, former principal of Mansfield College, Oxford. His investigations embraced ministers of the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches as well as clergymen of the Church of England.

He reported that one minister had not been able to buy his wife a winter coat for 12 years. Another said his teenage boys have gone without coats since they were little more than babies.

A third clergyman informed Micklem that "our children are not adequately fed, and often rise from the table actually hungary."

According to the Poor Clergy Relief Corporation, a Church of England organization, 6,763 of the 11,387 Anglican clergymen in Britain get less than \$1,820 a year, and only 401 have salaries above \$2,800. From these salaries they must meet such personal expenses as telephone calls and bus fares to visit parishioners. Some even have to pay rent.

The Anglican organization last year distributed 270 parcels of clothing and doled out \$80,000 to 1,112 clergymen in financial distress.

The survey showed that the condition of some Free Church

clergy is even worse. His inquiries revealed that they are obliged to get along on salaries averaging from \$1,453 to \$1,764 a year.

## SCOLDING DOES THE TRICK

★ Charles Turner, who escaped from Leavenworth Prison last June, gave himself up after being scolded by Miss Louise Freeland, sister of the late rector at Kingman, Arizona.

A policeman had forced Turner's car to the curb and the escaped convict started a gun-fight. He then fled into the rectory with the policeman in pursuit. Miss Freeman, 82 years old, gave him a dressing-down for barging into the rectory and ordered him to give himself up. Turner walked meekly to the door, tossed out his still-cocked pistol and surrendered.

## LAYMEN HAVE MEETING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

★ Laymen of the diocese of South Carolina are to have a dinner meeting in Charleston, March 1, with the Rev. C. J. Sweetser, on the staff of the National Council the speaker.

## ANIMALS FOR RESEARCH

★ A proposed law in Massachusetts would allow a medical research institution to obtain stray animals from municipal pounds. At present they are destroyed at the pounds.

Bishop Lawrence, suffragan of Mass., appeared at a hearing to support the new measure and announced that Bishop Stokes also supported the bill. He told the committee that "the attempt to relieve human pain and to prolong human life is supported by every religious principle."

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★ The Rev. C. Lawson Willard, rector of Trinity, New Haven, Conn., received the following letter on February 7th from the Rev. Worthington Campbell, Jr. who is a navy chaplain:

Perhaps you would like to hear of an unexpected influence of your parish's boys' choir this Christmas.

I write as the chaplain of a squadron of destroyers and also as a priest of the Episcopal Church. The armed forces division in early December mailed to me the Christmas Carol recording your choir has made. Our ships were then in Nagoya, Japan. Our Christmas chorus of 18 sailors had been rehearsing in a warehouse at the end of the pier (better than the usual mess hall setting when underway). None of us had ever heard your record. So after the rehearsal we went back on board to listen. We were all

deeply moved. The arrangement of "Good King Wenceslas" was striking; it influenced our own.

By Christmas Eve the ships of which I am speaking had been out to sea again and were at anchor side by side in Yokosuka harbor. It was cold and clear. On one of our ships two loud speakers were rigged topside. Suddenly out of them came the strains of your choir. All across the harbor floated the voice of that wonderful boy soprano singing "In the Bleak 'mid Winter." No one who heard it forgot it. Late that night just before the Eucharist your recording was again heard all the way through.

Sometimes it is strange to see the ways we help each other throughout our Church. Please thank your choir master and his boys for all they have done in making our Christmas thousands of miles away. God bless your ministry of music.

The record is entitled "Christmas Music from Trinity, New Haven" and was produced under the direction of the organist and choirmaster, G. Huntington Byles.

## CONTINUE COMMISSION ON COMMUNISM

★ Gov. Foster Furcolo signed a measure extending the Massachusetts Commission on Communism for another year.

The legislature approved the measure despite contentions by a group of Protestant clergymen, educators and civic leaders that it would be "foolish, if not illegal" to continue the commission in view of a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision. That ruling held the federal government superseded the state in the prosecution of sedition.

The Protestant group maintained that the commission, set up three-and-a-half years ago, had spent a total of \$101,425 but had "uncovered no new facts and is unlikely to discover anything new in the future."

The Pilot, organ of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, took issue with the Protestants, stating it would be "false economy" to discontinue the commission. It said "state legislators deserve and can profit by information supplied by a commission of the sort we now have in existence."

Senator Philip G. Bowker of Brookline, Mass., said the commission will "enter a new phase of intensified activity" in the next year. Citing the recent Communist Party convention in New York, he said "a very active underground recruiting campaign" by the Communists may be expected.

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