

### Five Church Bodies Refuse to Attend World Assembly

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands, Aug. 23. —(AP)—The world council of churches formally came into being today, the result of years of effort to give the spiritual guidance of a unified Christian Church to the social, economic and political problems of the world.

After 10 years as a provisional body, the Council took on its new status when the Archbishop of Canterbury, chairman of the first business session, called some 450 official delegates from 40 countries for the first order of business.

The council opened its first business session on a note of regret at the absence of any official representatives from communions of the Roman Catholic, the Russian orthodox, the Southern (United States) Baptist and the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran church.

The absence of these communions was explained by Dr. W. A. Visser't Hooft, general secretary of the world council.

The Russian church's decision to decline was made at a conference of the eastern orthodox church in Moscow in July, Dr. T. Hooft explained. It was said at the conference that unofficial observers affiliated with the Russian church outside of the Soviet Union, were present.

A resolution adopted at the Moscow conference, Dr. T. Hooft said, "describes our movement as a body which is not really concerned with the unity of the church but rather with the gaining of political and social influence."

Dr. T. Hooft said the reasons given for the Russian church's "negative decision" were "based upon a complete misunderstanding of the true nature of our movement."

He added that if the world council succeeded in making it clear that it is not pursuing political purposes and that its concern is "for the lordship of Christ everywhere—in East and West," it may be possible to remove the Russian misunderstanding. He said the door will be kept open for the church of Russia to be represented in the world council.

**FARM PRICE UP**  
DES MOINES, Iowa — (AP)—When a 160-acre farm, near Melvin, Iowa, was auctioned off recently it sold for forty times its original cost—\$302 per acre, or \$48,320 for the 160. The farm went for \$1,200 when it was sold 65 years ago. The recent sale was for cash. John McDowell, auctioneer, said there were a half dozen bidders ready to start the sale with bids of \$250 per acre.

### Marriage Before Draft Registration Exempts

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Unless President Truman makes a change, young men who marry any time before they register for the draft will be deferred from service.

Scores of inquiries are being received from persons anxious to know whether there is a marriage deadline, a Selective Service official reported. In reply he read from Mr. Truman's order instructing boards to place in Class 3-A (deferred) "a registrant who has a wife or child with whom he maintains a bona fide residence."

"That's just about as plain as language can be," the spokesman commented.

### Heaviest Highway Travel Nearing

The heaviest highway travel of the year is expected between now and the Labor Day weekend, Secretary of State Newby has warned.

Pointing out that this means greater exposure to the possibility of an accident, he said the traffic volume is already higher than ever before, with late summer travel almost certain to set a new, all-time peak.

Up to August first, Oregon traffic accidents have claimed 225 lives, 176 of the victims meeting death in rural area smash-ups as against 49 inside cities and towns.

"Only extra caution on the part of drivers and pedestrians alike will offset the extra risk involved in car travel during the weeks ahead," Newby declared. "There will be too many cars on the road to allow even a momentary lapse of attention."

The top-heavy rural death toll is attributed to faster highway speeds which increase the likelihood of a fatality if any accident occurs.

### Wife of Slain Bandit Says She 'Egged Him' On

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—A 25-year-old Fort Collins, Colo., man whose female companion said she "egged him on" was shot to death yesterday in an attempted robbery of a Washington hotel.

Police said the man, Edward Allen Lincoln, has been identified in two other recent Washington holdups and the woman, booked as his wife, Jean, told them he had held up hotels in Newark, N. J., and several other cities.

"I egged him on," police quoted her as saying. "He was trying to get money to send me back to England."

Lincoln was killed by Douglas L. Farr, manager of the White-stone Hotel, who said he shot him as he was prying open the cash drawer behind the hotel desk.



### Lady's Charm Eases Stern Demand That Drivers Have Valid Licenses

By PAUL JENKINS

If you live here and drive an automobile probably you already have met the young woman pictured above, or will before very long. She is Barbara Geisler and she has charge of the issuance of drivers' license renewals for this district for the State of Oregon.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself," she told me when I applied for my renewal, "for your old license expired three months ago. What would you have done in case you had been involved in an accident during the time you were thus driving illegally?" I didn't know and was afraid to ask what would have happened. Visions of financial liability, fines and going to jail quickly flitted through my mind. "You know," she continued, "the state makes it so easy for you to renew: I'm here in the City Hall five days a week, just to help with that. Everyone having a driver's license subject to renewal should check the list we furnish and which is available here and at most service stations, and renew here when the proper time arrives."

I can't exactly figure just how she came to relent and issue my license renewal and eventually, even, to smile engagingly as you can see she did; but I made a mental note that the next time

Among the invaders of Palestine have been Canaanites, Egyptians, Hittites, Babylonians, Philistines, Israelites, Scythians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Crusaders, and British.

### Bay City Suspect Faces 40 Charges

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—(AP)—A man accused of being San Francisco's "black glove" rapist was indicted yesterday on 40 counts, including kidnaping. He previously had been convicted on 32 counts but won a new trial.

Frank Avitez, 25, captured after a series of nocturnal rapes in San Francisco, was sentenced last June to 75 to 440 years in prison. A confession was introduced at the trial. Victims testified he always wore black gloves.

A district court of appeals set aside the conviction on grounds there had been undue haste and irregularities in the trial.

The new grand jury indictments include 40 counts, including the supreme kidnap charge with rape, burglary and assault.

### Skunk Bite Renders Artist Hors de Palette

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Zoe Mozart has been rendered hors de palette.

It's as bad as it sounds, for Zoe, the comely and shapely advertising artist of national repute who does those simply ravishing young maidens adorning the calendars at your office, cannot wield her paint brushes.

Zoe has been bitten by a skunk. She is scheduled to play a part with a civet (polecat, to you) in a western movie. Doing research, she went to a shop that had a skunk for sale. The animal objected to a change in scenery and retaliated by biting, which is his No. 2 attack. No. 1 is generally considered even less desirable.

Miss Mozart has several unfinished sketches in her studio, so Plumber Joe Whozis' eyebrow-raising calendar for the tap room is a bit late this season, blame the skunk.

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