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SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Representatives of 148 Protestant and Orthodox churches—approximately 2,000 delegates—are meeting in Amsterdam for the purpose of developing a closer unity and cooperation among the many communions. The Rev. W. A. MacArthur, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Roseburg, is one of the delegates attending the session.

There is in this meeting, we believe, the germ for ultimate world peace, if the churchmen will fully realize and exploit their opportunity. But we fear the very elaborateness of the conference will contribute to futility.

The world needs today above all else a reawakening in spiritual values—it needs FAITH. Faith is founded on simplicity, not on complicated formulas. The world needs today to believe and practice the Golden Rule, one of the most simply stated formulas ever uttered. If the World Council of Churches can be fired with enthusiasm to evangelize the Golden Rule to people everywhere, we will have a weapon for peace far superior to all the inventions of modern science.

The World Council Assembly has as its general theme "Man's Disorder and God's Design." The theme has been broken down into four major topics:

- (1) The Universal Church in God's Design.
- (2) God's Design and the Church's Witness.
- (3) The Church and the Disorder of Society.
- (4) The Church and International Affairs.

Groups of Christian thinkers in various countries and faiths have been appointed to collaborate in preparing discussions of each topic. Thirty-seven authors, in all, have been chosen, and four volumes prepared. The ecumenical study has been in progress more than two years. Various chapters have been redrafted as many as three times. Thousands of religious leaders submitted criticism prior to the final draft of each volume.

From these four volumes of carefully prepared study the world Council hopes to furnish answers to many of the more critical problems of the day.

Plan For World Peace May Follow

In its study of the four main points for discussion, the Assembly will consider:

- (1) The Biblical message concerning unity in the Church.
- (2) The Church's evangelistic mission.
- (3) The achievement of a constructive balance between freedom and order or control in a society which has become almost wholly mechanized.
- (4) The responsibility of the Church for exerting its ministry of reconciliation within the struggle of international power politics.

It is not the purpose to obtain physical church unity, but rather to work out a plan of cooperation between denominations and communions in matters of common welfare. In its evangelistic studies the Assembly finds:

Effective evangelism is at once encouraging and disheartening. There is universal evidence of the hunger of people for faith in God, and in many places people are joining the Church by thousands. Yet there is still to be discovered a really significant "break through" by the Church into the hardened secularism of our time, nor is there evidence that the Church is able to stem the tide of spiritual disintegration in Western society.

These are complex studies. Two thousand delegates, leading religious thinkers, are concentrating their combined talents to formation of an aggressive attack against the evils contributing to world chaos and enmity. The effort deserves the earnest prayers of every believer that success in a program for world peace will follow.

From the Assembly will come many hundreds of thousands of words of religious philosophy and pattern. The reports and findings will be examples of the finest Christian scholarship.

But how simply the same program can be stated:

- (1) I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness but shall have the light of life.
- (2) Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
- (3) As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.
- (4) Whoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.

Moscow's Strong Arm Methods Bad Propaganda for Communism

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Moscow's policy of handling all situations, no matter what their nature, by strong-arm methods is making decidedly bad propaganda for communism abroad.

You would expect them to vary their tactics according to the occasions—but not they! Direct action is the order of the day, and it's applied in all cases without discrimination.

Within the Soviet Union every activity must conform to the Communist party line. For example, if science, medicine, the drama, literature and music are not developed in accordance with that line, there is a purge of the guilty. Apropos of this the Soviet academy of sciences yesterday promised to make its views on heredity and environment conform with those of the Red party and pursue a course dedicated to the "victory of Communism."

So the government tells the people not only how they must act but how they must think. There is no individual freedom. Some Examples Cited

In international affairs the same approach is employed. It is a policy which even in diplomacy calls for an attitude that is typical of the schoolyard bully. Let's take a look at some instances:

One of the most striking examples, of course, is the manner in

which Russia has hamstrung the activities of the United Nations in virtually all important matters by use of the veto—that nasty sounding "ave."

Then we have the sensational Kasenkina case in New York—the employment in free America of Russian secret police tactics by the Soviet consulate in an effort to compel three Soviet school teachers to return home to something which so terrified them that they appealed to the mercy of America.

And currently we have a typical case of Bolshevik strong-arm methods in Berlin. Howling Communist mobs have been raiding up meetings of the duly elected, anti-Communist city council.

Strong arm stuff! Scare Hades out of 'em! Never any deviation! The Bolsheviks have kept flinging that sort of stuff at the democracies until the latter are fed up with the Red line. There is nothing the Muscovites could have devised which would have done the cause of Communism more harm. They have done democracy a good turn by exposing Bolshevism in its true light.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

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Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

A dear friend—whom I shall call Grace—found herself confronted one morning with a revolver held in the hand of one of two young men.

Of one thing we may be sure: we may not know just what we should do in such a case, and cannot follow another's way as if it were a formula, but we can be sure that each one, in a moment of stress, will react in accordance with established habit of thinking.

For many years Grace's thought had been one of consecrated service to others. She said the first thing that came to her mind when she heard, "The money—give me the money" was that money was not their real need.

"What they needed was to be prevented from doing what they were planning to do," she said, and she told them so. "Sit down and I'll fix you a good breakfast," she said, "and after that maybe we can see about jobs. You have something to give—"

I imagine the young men were more surprised than their hostess when they found themselves sitting down at a table. As the

breakfast was cooking, a 'good one' of sausage, coffee with cream, etc., they talked.

Then Grace sat down with them. "Here," said one suddenly, pushing the revolver across the table to her, "you take this."

Grace drew back. "Take the bullets out," she directed, "it might go off if I were to pick it up!" So—the bullets were taken out and Grace's husband was amazed when he came across a revolver, later on, and was told the story under pledge of secrecy.

Before the day ended both boys, ("they were just boys, not a day over twenty," she said—her mother-heart, having been denied children, reached out to help the sons of others), had jobs, one of them driving a truck for her husband! In time they went back to their home town. . .

Now and then she hears from them, and rejoices in their success in life, grateful for her part in it.

They had fallen among thieving thoughts and she had not passed by—she had lifted them to a thought of security, and restored faith.

In the Day's News

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is to make it appear that Germany WANTS COMMUNISM and is prevented only by the Americans, the British and the French from getting it.

WHAT is the play everywhere.

The purpose of the big shot communists in the Kremlin is to conquer the world. They HOPE to conquer it by communist infiltration—which is a big word term meaning the setting up of communist parties in every non-communist country and ultimately taking over these countries by the operations of the communists within them.

They will go to open, shooting war ONLY IF THEY HAVE TO. They prefer the infiltration method. At the moment, Germany is the BIG GAME they are gunning for. They hope to conquer Germany from within.

If they fail to do so—Well, in that event, they may start the shooting. But they won't start shooting as long as there is any hope of winning by the infiltration method.

IN any effort to understand the situation, this fact must be kept clear:

A German communist is no more a German than an American communist is an American.

THEY'RE BOTH RUSSIANS.

In any pinches, they'll be for Russia.

WE SEEM to be off on a philosophical binge today. So we might as well finish this piece on that note.

In Amsterdam (Holland), where the World Council of Churches is holding a what-to-do-about-it meeting, the Bishop of London tells his fellow church leaders that "our actual difficulty is the APATHY people show today, which accounts for much of the world disorder."

He goes on: "The British people, for instance, have become ESCAPISTS seeking release from the monot-

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

PROBLEMS OF THE FRINGE

The Oregonian

The proposal for annexation of the small Clackamas county tract, Sellwood Gardens, by the city of Portland is perhaps only the forerunner of several such plans involving the populous residential fringe over the Portland boundaries in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties.

The truth is that residents of a number of these unincorporated communities have found that the disadvantage of living in areas which become almost as crowded as city areas, but have inadequate sewerage and water systems, fire and police protection, streets and mass transportation, have overcome the advantages.

A principal inducement in the movement of population to the country has been lower taxes. But in more than thirty of these districts, taxes now are higher than in the city of Portland—and they are not getting services comparable to those in the city. Overlapping fire, sanitary and water districts, virtually un supervised and sometimes expensively administered, have not proved satisfactory in several communities.

The competition for tax funds inherent in a system of districts piled one on top the other also has built up voters' reluctance to authorize more special levies for needed services.

The ultimate in civic frustration was reached in the South-west Hills. The residents of Capitol Hill, Glencullen, Hilldale, Sunset Ridge, West Portland and the business section of Multnomah voted last year to organize a sanitary district. But Tuesday they rejected a \$1,050,000 bond issue to build a sewage disposal plant and trunk sewers.

County and state health authorities, as well as thoughtful residents of those communities, are deeply concerned about the health menace from septic tanks draining into streets and vacant lots where children play. Property values are being damaged and the situation is growing worse by the month.

County Teachers Institute Dated; Workshop Listed

Workshop in audio-visual instruction will be held for elementary school teachers during the annual county institute in Roseburg Sept. 27, 28, 29, said Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, county school superintendent.

Plans for the workshop were discussed at a meeting Wednesday of the executive council of the Douglas County Division, Oregon Education Association, in Mrs. Gorrell's office. Attending the meeting was Vlyon Moore, director of the extension division of the Oregon System of Higher Education.

The county institute for all high school and elementary teachers will be Monday, Sept. 27. All schools in Douglas County will be closed that day. The workshop for elementary teachers will continue Sept. 28 and 29.

University credit will be granted to those who attend the workshop and continue with additional lessons. The latter will include attendance at about three meetings and completion of a project, said Mrs. Gorrell.

All high schools in the county will be dismissed Nov. 18 and 19, as high school teachers attend a workshop at Eugene those days. The high school workshop will be conducted jointly by the schools of Lane and Douglas counties, with instructors to be drawn from the University of Oregon School of Education.

A principals' work clinic scheduled in Roseburg Aug. 27 was cancelled because of the illness of George Sorick, Salem, of the State Department of Education, who was to have conducted the clinic.

Vets Hospital Has New Specialist



The most recent addition to the medical staff at the Veterans Hospital is Dr. Burch B. Gilpin, M.D. (above), who has been engaged in tuberculosis work for San Diego County, Calif., the past two years.

Dr. Gilpin has been a specialist in diseases of the chest, in which capacity he will read X-rays. He is in charge of the laboratories and is chief of the Internal Medicine Service.

From 1941 to 1946, Dr. Gilpin was with the United States Army, serving two years overseas in England and France. Prior to his Army service, he spent three years in private practice in Medford, Ore. His desire to return to Oregon caused him to become interested in the Roseburg Veterans Hospital, which now has the largest staff of regular doctors in several years. Several medical doctors are now on duty with specialists in all branches of medicine, surgery, and psychiatry.

Dr. Gilpin, born in Kansas, was educated in the Middle West. He attended Cotner College in Lincoln, Neb., and the University of Montana in Missoula, later receiving his M.D. degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in Omaha. Besides

the Veterans Administration, he is licensed to practice in the States of Kansas, Arizona, California, and Oregon. Thunder is caused by the sudden expansion of air due to the great heat from a flash of lightning.

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