

Eventual Organic Unity Aim Of Protestant Churches In Newly Formed Organization

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 17.—(AP)—A permanent body aimed at eventual organic unity of the Protestant church in the United States was formed Friday at the conclusion of a three-day conference on church union.

Delegates from denominations with 14,000,000 to 16,000,000 members joined in summoning the balance of America's 47,000,000 Protestants to work for "an organic union."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Mo., president of the Methodist World Federation and of the Methodist Council of Bishops, was named chairman of the executive committee.

The new, continuing body was named "the Conference on Church Union."

Bishop Holt said: "We are not ready yet to draw any blueprints of a new church but we are very sensible of the fact that we are being led in that direction."

The next meeting of the new conference should be held "not later than the early months of 1951," according to the amount of programs made, the statement said.

The Rev. Dr. William Barrow Pugh of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A., was appointed vice chairman.

A statement addressed to the protestant churches of the nation said:

"We believe that the time has now come for the churches of America to formulate a plan for organic union, by which we may outwardly and concretely express

that spiritual union which already exists among the churches which acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour."

Nearly 20,000,000 American Protestants are represented here in one way or another. Seven denominations are the actual sponsors, seven more have sent observers, and four of the great interchurch councils are represented.

It is the first major effort to achieve a widespread merger in Protestant ranks since 1920, when a similar conference was held without success.

The advocates of unity argue that consolidation in one form or another would make it possible to build more churches where they are needed, to re-group churches in shrinking communities, and to add power to Protestant stands on social questions.

Gonzales, DuPont Top Tennis Stars

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Richard (Pancho) Gonzales and Mrs. Margaret Osborne DuPont are the nation's top-ranking tennis players of 1949.

The U. S. Lawn Tennis association did the expected over the weekend in naming the two national champions first in their respective divisions.

Colorful Pancho from Los Angeles now is a professional. Mrs. DuPont of Wilmington, Del., announced after winning her second straight national title last September that she would not defend the crown next season.

The 1949 rankings must be approved at the annual meeting of



NEW GULLET MADE FOR BABY—Sheryl Wade, 15-year-old infant who was born with an incomplete gullet (esophagus) and underwent an apparently successful operation to give her a new gullet, is watched by Special Nurse Mary Gaffney as she lies in her humid-crib at Providence Hospital in Portland, Ore. Doctors say the child is progressing "satisfactorily." She was fed through a tube in her side before the surgery was performed.

the USLTA here Jan. 21. Californians again dominate the national picture, with seven in the top 19 for both the men's and women's divisions.

Rankings of the committee's first five in men's and women's singles:

Men—Gonzales, 1; Ted Schroeder, La Crescenta, Calif.; 2; Billy Talbert, New York; 3; Frankie Parker, Los Angeles; 4; (Parker turned pro after the Oct. 15 deadline); Gardner Mulloy, Miami, Fla., 5.

Women—Mrs. DuPont, 1; Louise Brough, Beverly Hills, Calif.; 2; Doris Hart, Jacksonville, Fla.; 3; Mrs. Patricia C. Todd, La Jolla, Calif.; 4; Mrs. Helen Pastall Perez, Los Angeles, 5.

30 States Have Acted On Air Safety Violation

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Thirty states, acting under their police power against violators of air safety regulations, have prosecuted 349 cases and levied fines totalling nearly \$36,000, the Civil Aeronautics administration has announced.

The survey, described by a CAA spokesman as incomplete and unofficial, covers reports received during a two-year period ending this fall.

Action by states included: California, 84, \$10,260 in fines,

14 jail sentences; Oregon, six, \$1,670, three sentences; Washington, seven, \$290.

Alaska reported one violator and one jail sentence.

Items of interest, including current newspapers, will be buried for 100 years in a stainless steel cylinder at Alexandria, Va.

Eagles Crush Rams In Slow Contest, 14-0

By PETE ARTHUR
LOS ANGELES, (AP)—The Philadelphia Eagles are still champions of the National football league.

And Steve Van Buren is a terrific back, even in the mud. But NFL head Bert Bell will never win a sports popularity contest in these parts.

Those items stand out today in the wake of a crushing 14-0 victory by the Eagles over Los Angeles Rams in the coliseum Sunday. What was billed as a high-scoring duel between two speed-burning, pass-happy teams turned into a slow-moving tug-of-war between two lines, with the Eagles far the better.

Only once did passing become important. Then three quick tosses provided one of Philadelphia's touchdowns. The other came on a blocked punt.

Quiet First Quarter
The teams sparred through the first quarter, but the Eagles broke loose early in the second.

Quarterback Tommy Thompson tossed two passes to left end Jack Ferrante—the second of which he caught on the ground after it was deflected. Thompson mixed in tries at the line, then rifled one to all-pro right end Pete Pihos for 31 yards and a touchdown. In the thrust, the Eagles went 63 yards in six plays.

The second score came four minutes after the third quarter started. The Rams were on their 10, set back by a holding penalty, when end Leo Skladany broke through to block Bob Waterfield's punt, pick up the ball on the three and trot across. A high pass from center was a contributing factor. Cliff Patton converted both scores.

Threaten Once
The Rams threatened only once, and that was nullified by an interception. The Eagles lost a third chance when Jim Parmer fumbled on the seven.

So bad was the weather that the managements of both eastern and western division winners

Woman Rider Finishes Ahead Of Nation's Best

AGUA CALIENTE, (AP)—Mrs. Wantha Davis, mother of a nine-year-old boy, best America's top rider, Johnny Longden, in a match horse race Sunday.

Her son, Lendol, happily cried: "I'm glad mummy won."

Longden, national champion jockey in 1938-47-48, refused to go to the Steward's stand for unsaddling and pictures.

He would make no comment. Acquaintances quoted him as

were willing to postpone the play-off until Christmas. But Commissioner Bell, in his home in Philadelphia, said no.

The downpour was so steady that even two layers of tarpaulin didn't keep the turf dry. Showers pelted the spectators through most of the game.

Although he didn't figure in either of the scores, Van Buren, the Eagles' all-pro back, gave as great a running exhibition as the coliseum has seen.

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saying he would like to race her again.

Mrs. Davis, wife of horse trainer L. D. Davis, of Redlands, Calif., rode 3-year-old Northeast over six furlongs in 1:12. Longden, aboard Grey Spook, was a length and three-quarters behind. There was no betting.

MCKENZIE PASS CLOSED
EUGENE.—(AP)—The McKenzie pass was declared officially closed Saturday after snow plow crews notified the Eugene office of the state highway department that drifting snow made further work impractical.

The federal government's telephone bill for calls in the city of Washington alone amounts to more than \$3,500,000 a year.

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