

Two Church Groups Proposing Merger

NEW YORK — Two major Protestant denominations today are on the way toward carving a new frontier of church unity.

Their projected merger, up for a final decision next week, would be the first fusion in America of Christian bodies.

Involved are:

The Congregational Christian Churches, with a membership of 1,342,045, and a background stemming from the Anglican Church of England and the early American Pilgrims.

The Evangelical and Reformed Church, with a membership of 775,000, and the outgrowth of distinctive German and Swiss theological and national heritage.

Under the proposal, the two would become the United Church of Christ.

Among Congregational Christian churches, there have been minority rumblings of protest during the years the plan has been developing, and threats by some individual churches to quit the denomination.

Final action is due at a meeting of the church's General Council, its central body, in Omaha, Neb., June 20-27. Approval of the plan would mean a rare feat in bringing separate denominations together.

The United States had 61 million cars and trucks registered at the end of 1955.

Church Decaying, Says Moderator At Meeting

EUGENE — Paul M. Robinson, national moderator of the Church of the Brethren, Wednesday night told delegates at the national convention "we stand in peril of decaying at the heart."

Alarmed at the record of the church during the past few years, Robinson told the delegates assembled at McArthur Court they must help their churches do better in the future.

"Membership gains did not keep pace with the increase in population," the moderator, who also is president of the denomination's Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago, said. "Stewardship increased, but most members are still only token givers and fail to give God what is his."

Columbia River Drops To 24.9 Feet Thursday

PORTLAND — The Columbia River was down to 24.9 feet at Vancouver Thursday and all of the sudden dikes were holding.

The biggest danger area in recent days, a Columbia Slough levee south of Portland Meadows race track, was bolstered with emergency repairs Wednesday and showed no further weakening.

Surveyors kept a regular check on the dike levels and said they had found no sagging since early Wednesday. Prompt action with bulldozers fixed that.

The river, which is in flood above 15 feet at Vancouver, has been falling slowly for more than a week from the 26.8 feet it reached at its crest.

AEC Will Open Hearing On Labor Rift At Hanford

RICHLAND, Wash. — The Atomic Energy Labor Management Relations Panel will open hearings in Spokane June 18 on a dispute that idles 1,300 Hanford construction workers for nearly three months, it was disclosed Wednesday.

The panel agreed to assume jurisdiction in the matter last week when three striking unions ordered their men back to work pending a final settlement.

The unions offered to resume work if pre-strike conditions were agreed. The strike at the Hanford atomic plant involved free bus transportation and premium pay for men working inside the Hanford project.

The governing panel sent telegrams announcing the hearings to contractors and the Teamsters, Operating Engineers and Cement Masons unions.

The panel will take testimony at Washington, D. C. for review and recommendation.

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Institution Heads Open 2-Day Conference

SALEM — Superintendents of Oregon's 11 state institutions opened a two-day conference here Thursday.

They spent Thursday talking about medical matters, and will take up budget problems Saturday.

The planning committee of the proposed 14 million dollar state mental hospital at Wilsonville will hold its first meeting Friday afternoon.

Members of the committee are the architects, Stanton, Boles, Maguire and Church, of Portland; Dr. Dean Brooks, superintendent of the Oregon State Hospital; Dr. Donald Wair, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital; and Dr. John Waterman, state mental health director.

Potato Headquarters To Be Moved To Salem

ONTARIO, Ore. — The Oregon State Potato Commission, meeting here Wednesday, voted to move the commission's headquarters from Redmond to Salem.

Commissioners said that closer contact is required with key state personnel taking part in the agency's programs, and that substantial savings can be made in travel expenses.

The commission's offices have been at Redmond since August, 1949. In the past farm groups have expressed opposition to the move.

Operation Now Proposed To Correct Ailing Hearts Before Seriously Damaged

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Associated Press Science Reporter

CHICAGO — An operation that aids ailing hearts could be used to prevent serious heart damage before it occurs, a heart specialist said today.

Some 1,200 persons with sick hearts have had this surgery, said Dr. Bernard Brofman, Mount Sinai Hospital, Cleveland. He called it safe and effective for a majority of patients who have had coronary attacks.

It should no longer be considered a "last resort" step after other treatments have failed, he said. "Ideally, it should be performed before any significant muscle damage has occurred," he told the American Medical Assn.

The operation is one method of helping people whose arteries bringing life-nourishing blood to the heart muscle have become plugged.

It involves dusting asbestos powder over the surface of the heart to stimulate new channels of blood flow, and carrying out other steps. It was developed by Dr. Claude Beck of Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

Ninety per cent of 185 persons operated since 1951 have been freed from all or most pain, and 90 per cent have returned to full or part-time work, including some doing heavy labor, Dr. Brofman said.

None among the last 58 patients succumbed to the surgery, even though a fourth were in bad condition.

Dr. Brofman proposed it could help some persons, suffering from the artery plugging, before they got into serious trouble.

Most persons dying of coronaries still actually have enough heart muscle left to keep the heart beating if enough of the muscle could be kept nourished, he said. In only 20 per cent does the life pump fail because of extensive destruction of heart muscle tissues.

In many patients, deaths might be prevented by surgery, done early enough, he said.

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EARNINGS REPORTED
BERKELEY, Wash. — A Con Corp. The income amounted to \$1,249,107, \$1.22 per share of common stock, after taxes, for the fiscal year compared to earnings of \$1,007,822 for the year ended March 31 was reported \$62 or \$1.04 a share during the Thursday by the Harbor Plywood processing fiscal year.



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