

# Religion in the News

## Maranatha installs Pastor

Reverend Bob Harrison was installed as Pastor of Maranatha Church, Sunday afternoon. Harrison is a graduate of San Francisco State College and attended the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He spent thirteen years in world evangelism with Billy Graham and with the Overseas Crusade, as well as serving as a missionary in the Philippines for two years.

Reverend Harrison is the author of the book "When God Was Black" and produced a film, "Some Bridges are Black".

Reverend Harrison and his wife, Marilyn, have five children: Keith, 19; Carol, 17; Adrienne, 14; David, 12; and Steven, 3.

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Reverend Bob Harrison is installed Pastor of Maranatha Church by Reverend Ralph Houston. With Harrison is his wife Marilyn.

# Report on peace: Journey to Washington

by Jack Kirkwood

Four of us from Oregon walked into the great convocation Wednesday evening just as Carl McIntire mounted the platform asking the assembling delegates to sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee." But the organ began to play, "We Shall Overcome", and the great New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington echoed with the voices of the people gathered from all parts of the United States to worship together and prepared for the next day when they would visit their congressmen to encourage them to legislate an end to the war. The high hopes for peace generated in the pre-election period had turned to despair. The heaviest bombings of the war over the Christmas holidays had dashed hopes for reconciliation, and the convocation

planned for 1000 turned into a gathering of 2500 people spilling into the aisles and into other rooms of the great church. The order of worship included leaders from Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths who joined in common fellowship to protest the war carried on in their names. Readings from scripture and prayer were rudely interrupted by McIntire and his followers shouting, "Victory in Vietnam!" and "Why don't you say anything about North Vietnamese atrocities?" They were escorted from the room. William Sloan Coffin served as master of ceremonies for all proceedings. Eugene Carson Blake of the World Council of Churches and other religious leaders read the liturgy. Ramsey Clark spoke concerning his recent visit to North Vietnam and the devastation which he saw. He especially admired the closeness of Vietnamese family life and spoke of their love, respect and devotion to the elderly in their society. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Thoa Brantman, a nurse from South Viet-

nam, told of her brother and many thousands of others who are in jail because they want peace. She said, "Your people were told to come and protect us. And instead their bombs pour on our heads. You think the bombs are stopping, but the bombs are still raining on my country." Philip Barrigan spoke, and Joan Baez and others sang peace and freedom songs. As people picked up candles for the silent vigil across Lafayette Park from the White House Joan explained that it was raining outside, but they should be thankful it was only water. At the vigil the dripping wet pilgrims dropped contributions into a large barrel labeled "For the Victims" to help relieve suffering of the war.

After the briefing next morning, the Oregonians caucused to plan strategy. Those present included Ray Hartsoog, Peace Secretary for the Northwest of AFSC; Mark Beals, a staff member of Portland Youth for Christ; Edwina Wills, author of a recently published book, "Rhapsody on Love," from Sheridan; Charles Gray, national board

of AFSC; Eugene; Ben Richmond, AFSC staff, Portland; Susan Orlandy, Reeds student, Portland; Ruth Van Dyke, Student at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, of Corvallis; and Janet Stevenson of Astoria; and me.

In summary, each of our lawmakers sees himself as an advocate of peace. All of them have been appalled at the recent intensive bombing of densely populated areas. Delenbach, Wyatt and Packwood have confidently expected peace, but believe the recent bombing may force Congress to act to end the war. They now question whether the President has the will or the ability to end it, but so far they are not committed to any course of action in this regard.

Edith Green does the most thorough job of documenting her statements and votes against the war. The problem seems to be a lack of motivation to assume leadership for peace and unwillingness to support legislation to end the war if other aspects of defense would be affected. Mark Hatfield, who has the strongest record as a promoter of

peace legislation, thinks such visits to Washington might be a waste of time and money, and that the effort might serve a better purpose if we would work with labor unions, service clubs, churches, etc. to build a political base on which Congress can build. Al Ulman wants strong legislative action to end the war. The biggest surprise was Wendell Wyatt who has given solid backing to the President on nearly all of his war policies. He showed us a copy of a letter he had written to the President for his personal attention denouncing the recent bombing as militarily unwise, destructive of chances for successful negotiation, and a stain on America's reputation in the world. He feels that he can be more effective working behind the scenes than blasting the President publicly.

The President was the hardest to reach. I called twice from Portland and wrote a letter requesting an appointment with the President or an aid prepared to discuss the questions I posed. I called again after I got to Wash-

ington, but was told that an appointment would not be possible, but that I could leave the letters I carried and that I should direct them to Mr. David Parker, an aid to the President regarding foreign affairs. After a little chat with the mail clerk at the Old Executive Building, he wished us luck and put the letters in a courier envelope to Mr. David Parker. This is just one example to illustrate the vast distance and isolation of the people from their President.

As William Sloan Coffin said in his concluding remarks at the Thursday afternoon session, "We may not be represented wisely, but we are represented all too well." He also reminded us that we should be concerned not only with what happens out there, but with what happens in here, inside each of us. The movement for peace needs more loving and caring for each other, clearer thinking, more articulate expression and disciplined emotions to challenge the violence of our institutions with the power of non-violent methods of action and truth.

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Let me but live my life from year to year With forward face and unreluctant soul.

Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal Not morn'ing for the things that disappear In the dim past, nor holding back in fear

From what the future veils; but with a whole And happy heart, that pays its toll

To youth and age, and travels on with cheer. So let the way wind up the hill or down, O'er rough or smooth the journey will be joy;

Still seeking what I sought when but a boy, when but a boy, New friendship, high adventure, and a crown.

I shall grow old, but never loose life's zest, Because the road's last turn will be the best.

Author Unknown

## The Parson's Pen

by A. L. Henderson

In this computer-minded age, when personality has been de-personalized, the Church continues to affirm the dignity and worth of human beings. Man is more than a machine; man is a child of God, a free soul with selfhood, a relative of humanity made in the image of God.

In industry, man is a number. In the armed services of our country, man is a serial number. In our social structured society, our welfare state, man is a case number. Everywhere man is a number, a nameless face. Such de-humanizing of human beings is all too prevalent in the age of the atom.

Dostoevski causes one of his characters to say, "I am an X in an indeterminate equa-

tion. I am a sort of a phantom of life who has lost all beginnings and end, who has forgotten his name." The affirmation of the Church confronts every man with the words, "I know your real name. You are not an X in an indeterminate equation or a phantom in life, you are a child of God. You are a brother of man in Christ."

Let God be thanked, there is on earth an institution that transcends race, nation, and class; an institution which loyally undertakes to embody the spirit of Christ, and in his name to relieve human suffering, promote human welfare and carry on a ministry of reconciliation among men.

Statistics tell us that population continues to increase at an accelerated rate. World production of food, while at a record rate, is dropping per worker. There is an awesome increase in new knowledge, and all of this makes for complexity. The uses of technology, the creation of more leisure, the vast increase in specialized and scientific knowledge - all these tend to make many men lose their sense of self and feel alienated and alone. Such are the problems, but what are the possibilities? Have we the power to solve these age-old perplexities? The Church says yes!

The Church's message now, as in days of old is the same yesterday, today and forever. The message is simple, the directions clear. To live well; the Church contends, we must have a faith fit to live by, a self fit to live with, and a work fit to live for - something to which we can give ourselves and thus get ourselves off our hands. We cannot tell what may happen to us in this strange medley of life. But we can decide what happens within us - how we do with it - and that is what really counts in the end.

How to take the raw stuff of life and make it a thing of worth and beauty - that is the test of living. Courage is the first virtue, as kindness is the final joy - "To be a little kinder than necessary." To take life for granted, grudgingly, is to spoil it; whereas to take it for gratitude, bravely and without fear is to enjoy it, despite all its aches and ills. To be happy is easy enough if we give ourselves, forgive others, and live with thanksgiving. No self-centered person, no ungrateful soul can ever be happy, much less make anyone else happy. Life is giving, not getting. Life is an adventure of faith if we are to be victors over it, not victims of it: Faith in God

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Our objective as the Community Church of God is to live according to the Commandments of Christ as taught in the New Testament, to preach the simple and entire gospel of salvation, Christian life and Christian duty at home and abroad to encourage and admonish back to mutual edification and Christlikeness.

It seems to me that in spite of an apparent weakening of the home life of America, that the home is the most powerful educational institution and the parents are the true teachers of their children. Therefore, we must not fail to give direction and inspiration for Christian homemaking.

If God has been left out of marriage, an institution that he himself established, he must be invited to return. There is far less chance of

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## Smile -God loves you

by Reverend V. Brown



divorce and the tragedies that follow among couples who

read the Bible, who pray together daily and go to church. Disputes may arise about money, sex and children. Use this simple formula: Get on your knees, hold hands, and say together, "Lord, we've argued, we've become hurt and angry. Help us to understand each other and, Lord, please forgive us." The children need the love and guidance of two parents if they are to realize their potential; to walk out on them is to destroy a part of their birthright and to jeopardize their future happiness.

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