

# Religion in the News

## Brookins relates Africa experience

"The best thing that ever happened to me was they (the African Methodist Episcopal Church) sent me to Africa, for whatever reason, because it gave me a whole new dimension of whatever is going on," the Rt. Reverend H. Hartford Brookins told AME ministers following his return from Africa.

"It gives you a wider perspective of the whole Black issue; the whole thrust of world history today; where the next Vietnam is potentially to come (in Africa, where the issues are sharp, clear, dramatic and traumatic), and where Blacks have no knowledge, really, of Africa," he said.

Formerly the Pastor of First AME Church in Los Angeles, and since August of 1972 presiding bishop over the 17th Episcopal District of the AME Church, Bishop Brookins' district comprises Zambia, Malawi, Rhodesia, Tanzania and Zaire. These five countries consist of approximately 40 million people, of which about 85 per cent are Black.

Rhodesia is the only one ruled by white minority. The other countries have

gained their independence and are governed by Blacks. "In Zambia, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, the leader, is one of the most sober, sane, sound statesmen on the continent today.

"And incidentally, when they gained their independence in 1964, there were only four persons in six million who had a college degree. Now, they have over 2,000 who are in charge of the government: The ministers of finance, resource, health, education, etc. In my judgment, it represents the brightest spot on the continent," the bishop said.

"All faiths except Jewish are in Africa. There is, though, the United Church of Zambia, which contains persons of extractions from all denominations.

"In particular they have the Catholics, Presbyterians, United Methodists, Seventh Day Adventists and the American Baptists. Most of these are heavily financed by the Church of England and in the United States. As such, they have been able to make many, many inroads on the AME Church, which church the Africans have great ad-

miration, respect and appreciation for," continued the bishop.

"But inasmuch as our finance and other resources are so limited, the Africans have had to go to whatever churches that provided schools, clinics, playgrounds and welfare services.

"We have some schools in Malawi and Rhodesia, secondary schools, and some sort of a school in Zaire, which is in the second largest city of the Republic of the Belgian Congo. We don't have enough to boast of the fact that we are doing an academic job in those countries.

"We do have a longevity, a history of having done a good job such as we had invested over there. The real problem in all of the countries of Africa is health and education; and in this sense we have not scraped the surface.

"We don't have enough doctors, technicians, professional people, engineers, etc., at this time. The challenge to Blacks in this country is not just to just discuss Africa on Pan-Africanism, but to go there with some substance.

"If you go to Africa to do something, whether you be bishop, layman, professional or whatever, you are welcome. You can function and make great money, so long as you are doing a service for those countries. Zambia, to me, is the brightest spot, especially where I'm serving. They have all the problems of a young developing country. After all, they got their freedom about nine years ago, and to have been able to do what they had done, in my opinion, outstrips what has happened in this country," the prelate said.

(Continued next week.)

## Evangelicals call Portland meet

The National Association of Evangelicals will enter its fourth decade of service at its 1973 convention in Portland, Oregon, May 1-3.

The event highlights the end of NAE's 30th Anniversary Year and will launch a new phase of ministry in behalf of millions of evangelicals across the country, according to Dr. Billy A. Melvin, executive director. Concerning NAE's next ten years, Melvin said, "Never before in the history of this nation have conditions been so ripe for the evangelical witness. In spite of many wonderful scientific dis-

coveries and unprecedented material prosperity, people are still searching for purpose and meaning in life.

"We know the answer is spiritual," Melvin asserted, "and the power available through a relationship with the living Christ is the bridge toward understanding and solutions."

As to NAE's role in the evangelical witness, Melvin said the association is gearing up to assist at the community level in establishing new groups of united evangelicals and in strengthening existing ones on an action-oriented basis. "Local

churches working together can sponsor many creative projects in outreach and Christian ministry that no single congregation can handle alone. Together they can initiate effective programs of social concern and, at the same time, spread the good news of Christ right there in the marketplace. "It is time," he said, "for evangelical churches to get together and get the job done."

NAE represents some 3.5 million evangelical Christians in more than 36,000 local churches.

## OBITUARIES

### Conrad McConnell

Conrad McConnell, pharmacist, Director of Pharmacy Services at St. Vincent Hospital, died Friday at his home at 3640 North Winchell, of system amyloidosis after a brief illness. He was 44 years old.

Born January 2, 1929 in St. Louis, Missouri, he was educated in Denver, Colorado and was graduated in 1955 from the School of Pharmacy, University of Colorado, Boulder Colorado, with a B.S. degree in Pharmacy. He moved to Portland in 1957 and was employed at St. Vincent Hospital, where he became Director of Pharmacy Services in 1958, a position he held until his death. He was licensed to practice pharmacy in Colorado, Oregon, Washington, and California. He was a member of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, Oregon Society of Hospital Pharmacists, American Pharmaceutical Association, Professional Society of Pharmacists, Board of Directors

for the Portland Economic Development Committee, Urban League of Portland, and Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

McConnell was appointed by Governor McCall to the Oregon State Board of Health in 1967. He was serving his second term and was first vice-president at the time of his death.

The recitation of the Rosary was held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at Vann's Mortuary, 5211 North Wil-

liams. Funeral services were held at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 2620 North Delaware, Wednesday, April 11th, with interment at Wilamette National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; one son, Conrad Peter; an aunt and uncle, Beni and Webb McConnell; and numerous relatives and friends.

The family suggests remembrances be contributions in his name to Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

### Mildred Unthank

Mrs. Mildred K. Unthank died at her home on April 8th.

Mrs. Unthank was an employee of Bonneville Power Administration for 17 years prior to 1962. Following 1962 she worked in her husband's office until his retirement in 1970. Mrs. Unthank was a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Unthank is survived by her husband, Dr. DeNorval Unthank; five children, Ruby Crosswhite, Elizabeth Scott, Earlene Martin, Patricia Winters and John Minor; three

brothers; two sisters; five step-children, Thelma Brown and Lesley, DeNorval, Thomas and James Unthank; 23 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; and one God-daughter.

The funeral was held April 11th at St. Phillips Episcopal Church with Reverend Manning officiating. The funeral was directed by Caldwell's Colonial Mortuary.

The family suggests contributions to the Diabetic Research Fund or the L.O. Stone Cooperative Pre-School.

### Union Fellowship Good Friday Service

April 20 12:00 to 3:00  
Mallory Avenue Christian Church  
126 N.E. Alberta Street

#### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

- "Forgiveness at the Cross" 12:00 p.m. Rev. Benjamin Owre
- "Authority at the Cross" 12:25 p.m. Dr. O.B. Williams
- "Remembrance at the Cross" 12:50 p.m. Rev. L.J. Thompson
- "Submission at the Cross" 1:15 p.m. Rev. A.L. Henderson
- "Suffering at the Cross" 1:40 p.m. Rev. George Dick
- "Victory at the Cross" 2:05 p.m. Rev. John Jackson
- "Confidence at the Cross" 2:30 p.m. Rev. Thomas Strayhand

Reverend Dale A. Stitt, Presiding

A community service for all worshipping Christians. Come for all or any part of the service.

\* Featuring: Choirs from King School, Jefferson High, and St. Andrews Catholic Folk Choir.

## Is it nothing to you?

During this Lenten season of sensitive and deep feeling we continue toward the day of Crucifixion to the Cross of Calvary. There is an ancient word which always seems to me to convey the meaning of Good Friday in an especially helpful way. It comes from the old book of Lamentations. Many verses might be selected from the New Testament to portray the meaning of the day of the atoning sacrifice, but I think it means even more just to be able to reach back into history and hear the Prophets of Old repeat: "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by, come and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow," but also to

be able to hear Him today speaking those same words.

Think how many pass by today - the welfare clients, foster children, etc. Can't you hear millions of poverty victims saying "Do you care? Are you concerned? Is it nothing to you?"

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Morning Worship 12:00 noon Weekly Services 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday & Friday  
Bishop J.C. Foster, Pastor


**MARANATHA CHURCH**  
1222 NE Skidmore 288-7241  
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