

## Lad Wins \$500 Prize in National Spelling Contest



WASHINGTON—William Cashore, 14, Center Square, Pa., spelled "uncinated" and "transept" Thursday to win the \$500 prize in the National Spelling Bee. The national contest is confined largely to Eastern States but is similar to the one sponsored by The Oregon Statesman of Salem, Ore. William Kelley, 11, Deering, Mo., took second and Patricia Brown, 14, Birmingham, Ala., third. Photo shows contest in Department of Commerce auditorium with Word Caller Benson Alleman (right) pronouncing for Robert Schambler, 14, Berlin, N.H. (No. 35). (AP Wirephoto.)

## World to Learn U.S. Has Gospel

By GEORGE W. CORNELL

NEW YORK (AP)—New, far-reaching steps are being taken today to let the world know the United States has a gospel as well as gadgets.

"It's a big job," said Dr. David Elton Trueblood. "Too often in the past we've been silent about the true character of America."

To philosopher Trueblood has gone a pioneering government assignment of exporting products—not of the country's factories, but of its faiths.

He is the recently appointed chief of religious information of the U. S. Information Agency. As the first man to occupy the post, he heads one of the most far-flung religious activities in the world.

His job, as he sees it: "To tell the truth about us."

To carry this message, the agency has a global network of facilities, including:

"Great Story"  
A religious press service channeled into 77 countries, religious books in 158 overseas libraries, an output of religious documentary films, and the Voice of America, with its religious broadcasts about 6 per cent of the total output.

"We have a great story to tell," Trueblood said, "one hat hasn't been told often enough or well enough. We are going to do everything we can to make it known everywhere."

It concerns, he said, "not only the present vitality of our religious life," but the biblical concepts which "in great measure are the roots of our whole democracy."

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Trueblood, 53, is an energetic, warm-mannered Quaker, and a leading religious scholar. His appointment to the new post has been hailed by major Catholic, Jewish and Protestant spokesmen.

A one-time professor of religious philosophy at Stanford and Harvard Universities, the Methodist's Garrett Biblical Institute and Quaker Earlham College, he also is author of several books.

In Trueblood's view, it is "impossible to tell the truth about America without including religion. To avoid it would be a distortion."

But because this phase has sometimes been neglected, he said, some people abroad have developed notions that the country consists of "ostentatious wealth, sexy movies, gangsters and gunplay."

He said he Communists have exploited this picture.

"They've tried to give the impression, with some success, that we are mere materialists," he said. "In some cases we've aided and abetted this by what we've said or what we've failed to say."

By such failure, he added, "we could lose the struggle for men's minds. Men are not moved by anything but ideas. Emphasis on material things brings only envy—and even worse, hate."

"Black Sheep"

"By silence on the real things, we've risked being looked on as the black sheep of nations. Too few know we are not merely concerned with bathtubs, but are also concerned with moral integrity and prayer."

As indicated by letters from abroad and trips there, Trueblood said, people want to "hear about our steady family life, honest faith and the lay religion of ordinary men and women."

"There is a real hunger in many parts of the world to know this—and be sure it exists."

Trueblood said the truth about America has "especially to do with the dignity of the individual, with equality before the law, with equal opportunity, all of which come fundamentally from the religious basis that inspires so much of our belief and life."

In the program, he said, it is essential that all religious groups are fairly represented, that "we keep a balance of our spiritual federation." Consultants of the different faiths aid in this.

"I've received wonderful cooperation," he said. "In fact this is one of the great stories we have to tell

—that all faiths can live side by side without undue struggle for power or prestige.

"This is almost unbelievable in some parts of the world where they're at each other's throats."

Only criticism of Trueblood's appointment has come from the relatively small American Council of Christian Churches, which opposes the activities of most major churches. It objects to Trueblood's Quaker views and contends the job violates the principle of church-state separation.

Trueblood Neutral

As for the church-state question, Trueblood said the program is not a part of "internal religious life" or churches in America. It cannot interfere, he said, or it would be a violation.

"It's that simple," he added.

The fact Trueblood is a Quaker, a small but highly respected faith in this country, in a way makes him like a Switzerland among nations, a neutral. Some other adherent might have been less removed from the competition.

Besides avoiding any hint of interference in internal religious life, Trueblood sees two other "dangers that must be avoided."

One is proselytizing, people of other religions in other countries.

"We want to strengthen what they already have by a sense of comradeship in the spiritual life here," he said. "We're not trying to make them over in the American pattern. That would be terribly out of line. We want to give them an understanding of our practice and of the inspiration to our way of life."

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### Eskimos Use Ice as Glass

FORT WILLIAM, Ont. (AP)—O. J. Weiben, Fort William airlines manager, said it gave him "quite a start" his first night on the Belcher Island in Hudson Bay to see lighted windows like a small town. In daylight he had seen nothing but a desolate waste of ice and snow.

The lighted windows were in Eskimo igloos.

"They make their windows with a clear sheet of ice," said Weiben.

With little use for white man's goods, except guns and ammunition, some 200 Eskimo families are spread through the 3,000-square-mile area of the islands in mid-Hudson Bay. Hoing presents no problem. Within two or three hours they can "whip up an igloo."

STRANGE TREASURE

WASHINGTON (INS)—A glacier in the Beartooth Mountains of southern Montana carries a strange cargo in its icy depths—millions of dead grasshoppers.

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## Farm Union to Seek Change In Milk Control

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Farmers Union said Thursday it will seek to amend the state milk control law to take away the milk control board's wholesale and retail price-fixing powers.

The group's executive board also announced it will ask changes in the law to raise the minimum butterfat content of standard milk from 3.5 to 4 per cent and to prevent cuts in basic grade A market allotments of dairymen with quotas of less than 50 pounds.

Harley Libbey, state Farmers Union president, said the proposed changes, including limitation of price-fixing authority to the producer level, will aid small dairymen and reverse the downtrend in milk prices.

The group unsuccessfully sought similar amendments at the last session of the Legislature.

Petitions are being circulated for outright repeal of the milk control law.

In 1950 three-quarters of the babies born in the United States had fathers under 35 years old.

## Find Reveals Loss of Safe

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Farmer Chet Axtell found a smashed safe on a deserted country road.

He called Sheriff Merle Karnopp who had no reports of any safe snatching, but discovered at the scene the safe belonged to a Lincoln cafe owner.

Sheriff Karnopp called Cafe Manager Tony Alesio who didn't yet know the safe was stolen. The loss was \$2,500 cash and valuables.

NO KIDDING  
CHICAGO (INS)—It may not be a gag when your friend tells you he got that black eye by walking into a door. Safety engineers for an insurance group report that a study of 10,000 industrial accidents shows that 6.5 per cent of the mishaps occurred when persons bumped into doors, walls and other fixed objects.

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## Seeks Place to Park His Office

DALLAS, Tex. (INS)—The office and parking problems of the founder of a Dallas delivery service are a little different from those of most business men—he sometimes has to find a place to park his office.

Rip W. Nichols started with a couple of bicycles and now has two warehouses and 60 pieces of equipment, including a fully equipped mobile office in which he works as he is being driven from client to client.

In the perambulating office (a

## Park His Office

large panel truck) there's a desk, letter-files, a portable typewriter, fluorescent lights, an air-conditioned unit and most gadgets found around a regulation office.

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