

Presbyterians Vote To Sponsor DP's

The members of the Central Presbyterian Church recently voted to support a family of displaced persons to be brought to the United States. The decision was reached at a meeting held last night after a movie, "The Day After Tomorrow," concerning the DP situation in Europe, and a discussion which aroused interest among the members.

The Church World Service is sponsoring the program in cooperation with the Protestant churches in America in an attempt to receive approximately 10,000 Protestant displaced persons who have not yet been placed.

Buried Alive' Champ Boasts

ZANESVILLE, O.—(P)—Raymond "Demp" Emmert of Zanesville walks around among the living—proud of being called "the buried alive champion."

The 40-year-old unemployed World War II veteran emerged from a deluxe "grave" Monday. He had been underground just 40 minutes short of 45 days.

"I feel fine," he said. Then he sat down until he could get some strength in his legs.

The Zanesville man announced he was ready to defend his title against anyone wanted to set a new mark. The old one, set in 1938, belonged to another Zanesville resident, L. G. McIntyre, who did his horizontal dibbernation in Chicago.

Emmert was buried 6 feet under in a wooden casket, with a shaft leading from his face to the surface. Down the shaft came his food and wine, and thousands visited his burial place for a peek down the shaft.

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The action of the Presbyterian church was the first taken by the Protestant churches in Eugene. Rev. Paul S. Mellish of the Presbyterian Church stated that it is to be followed by a concerted effort on the part of the Eugene Ministerial Association to see that the Protestant churches in Eugene do their part in the settlement of displaced persons.

The International Refugee Organization sets up rigid standards to which both the DP's and the churches receiving them must comply. The church must (1) assure a home for the family, (2) provide a job which fits the particular skill of the DP, (3) provide money for the transportation of the family from the port of debarkation to the point of inland settlement, and (4) must assure that the DP's will not become a public charge to the community.

The Presbyterian Church plans to make a project of locating an old house which is not presently in use in order that it might be repaired for the family which is to come and thus comply with the Displaced Persons Act of 1947 which requires that no American shall be deprived of a home because of the influx of DP's.

Good Citizens
The Ministerial Association has recommended to the Church World Service that any DP coming to Eugene have the type of skill which will fit into the community and thus benefit it.

Rev. Mellish stated that it is much easier for single persons to come to the U.S. since it is relatively simple for them to find a job and place to live, but the great problem is the settlement of families. Rev. Mellish said, "These people are assets to the community. They will be the kind of constructive persons that will make good citizens." All of the DP's are carefully screened by the IRO before they are allowed to embark so that there is no chance of receiving persons who are not in harmony with our Democratic way of life, Rev. Mellish said.

The Jewish and Catholic quotas have been largely met along with the Lutheran and Baptist denominations. The Protestant churches are now striving to meet their goal to settle 50,000 DP's.

Reds Repeat Threats Against Catholic Clergy

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia.—(P)—Communist government rulers, who Sunday spoke of "Concessions" to Slovakia's fighting-mad Catholics, issued new threats Monday against the church in the western province of Bohemia.

Two cabinet ministers touring Bohemia, linked priests opposed to government policy with "counter-revolution." They accused some church leaders of serving foreign interests and said "reaction" would be "annihilated."

Soft Tones Hardens
The speeches abruptly dropped the apparent conciliatory tone set Sunday by Premier Antonin Zapotocky. The premier visited Slovakia, where the government admitted Slovak peasants had fought Communist police to protect village priests, and appealed for "peace and calm."

The explanation of the conflicting statements in the two provinces appeared to be this:

In strongly-Catholic Slovakia the government admitted the peasants were arming with clubs, scythes and other crude weapons to guard their priests. Government leaders were reported seriously concerned at the violence of the resistance.

Bohemia Quiet
In less-stormy Bohemia there have been no clashes yet reported. Feeling apparently is not running so high against the state drive which church leaders claim is aimed at controlling the church.

The two cabinet leaders who issued warnings at Szava, in Bohemia, were Minister of Education Zdenek Nejedly, a Moscow-trained Communist, and Minister of Health Josef Plojhar, a suspended priest who sides with the government in the church-state fight.

Nejedly, who is chief sponsor of the Communist-backed "Catholic action" society, called on the priests to "take their places alongside the people."

"If they do not," he added, "they will reap the reward of people serving foreign interests."

Indian Maidens Make Debut In Giant Party

By Bill Rawlins
MESCALERO, N.M.—(P)—It's coming-out time for a couple of teen-age Indian maidens. And the debutantes have made big plans. The Mescalero Apache Indians started their annual ceremonial at sunrise last Saturday.

All 800 members of the tribe made notorious by old Chief Geronimo crowd around their reservation headquarters in southern New Mexico. They pitch tepees there in lieu of hotel accommodations.

Mostly Farmers
Most of the Indians are farmers and stockmen, living all over the 500,000-acre reservation. But once a year they move into the village of Mescalero for dancing and a feast—a coming out party like no white girl ever had.

Guests of honor this year are Miss Caroline Sundayman and Miss Cleo Comanche, who tribesmen believe are ready to settle down, marry, and take on the responsibilities of a home.

Other Girls, too
There are other girls of marriage age on the reservation, but coming-out parties cost money in any language. And the way the Mescaleros do them up, they burn

a considerable chunk from the family budget.

There isn't just one day of dancing—there are four. There isn't just one dinner party—feasting lasts through more than 100 hours.

The girls wouldn't be caught dead in some frilly formal. They must be gowned in beautifully beaded, hand-made buckskin costumes. Supervised by their mothers, they have spent months making their party dresses.

Expenses High
When it is considered that the girls' families bear the chief expense for the 800 Indians and some 1500 white guests, it isn't surprising that most of the girls must be presented with less fuss.

The celebration dates 'way, 'way back—long before the days when Geronimo was a name feared by white men in the Southwest. Besides the social implications for

the tribe, the festival has a deeply religious tone. It is a prayer for the girls' happiness and for the tribe, a time of feasting and taking stock of its blessings.

Raise Tepee
The ceremonial starts with the raising of the tepee where the debutantes hold forth, a sacred ceremony. In the tepee with the girls are their chaperones—a medicine woman to look after them and about four medicine men who chant the legends and songs handed down by their forefathers.

During the morning of the first day, the social dances begin in front of the girls' tepee with visiting Indians, decked out in their tribal costumes, taking part. Chief Waterfall, who is just plain Richard Bond the rest of the year, has charge of the dancing.

Scores of visitors from New

Mexico, west Texas and throughout the Southwest come each year to watch the fun. They are welcome everywhere but at the sacred, private initiation rites.

But the white man has done more to the ceremonial than just visit. As a sample of how he has

invaded the Indians' way of life, a feature of this year's entertainment is a baseball series—between the San Carlos reservation team from Arizona and the Mescaleros.

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Fire Wrecks Revere Beach

REVERE, Mass.—(P)—A fierce fire wrecked two hotels, 24 waterfront cottages and 19 automobiles at Revere Beach—the Coney Island of New England—Monday night.

Fire Chief Thomas J. McCarrack estimated damage at \$125,000.

The flames, apparently originating in a large garage, jumped swiftly to the three-story hotels Chateau Thierry and Seaview and the small cottages. Most of the automobiles destroyed belonged to bathers seeking relief from 100-degree temperatures.

Building Topples on Pedestrian Group

PITTSBURGH—(P)—The top of a building thundered down on a group of pedestrians out for a stroll on the city's northside Federal St. Monday night. The barrage of bricks, mortar and heavy neon signs killed four and injured eight.

Four of the injured were listed as "critical" at Allegheny General Hospital.

The dead were T. J. McGee, 50, retired Pennsylvania railroad worker; Charles Schmidt, 29, Donald Hanlon, 22, and Mrs. Viola Dickson, 39.

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