

Parliament of World Religions

Dr. Wright Urges: 'Listen and Weigh'

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A Portland clergyman Sunday night urged the 700 persons who attended the opening session of the "Parliament of World Religions" to make the four-day session "a part of your personal lives... as a starvig man who is looking for food."

The speaker was the Rev. Paul S. Wright, pastor of the first Presbyterian Church in Portland. He opened the Parliament, which in the four days will attract speakers representing the world's major faiths.

Listen and Weigh

He reminded his listeners that "your interest is to know the truth, even if it wrecks the religion you now have." He said he hoped they would "listen and weigh." The Presbyterian pastor said he was a Christian because it was "the best truth yet to me." But, he said, he hoped he was honest enough to "follow a further vision," if the truth should appear to be other than what he now believes.

In hearing the speakers, some of them of world-wide reputation, Dr. Wright asked his listeners to consider two questions:

1. Who am I, and what is my significance? Pointing out that "Religion starts when you ask ultimate questions," he observed that man is more than just a vascular system, or an animal creature, or the head of a business or the member of an organized society. "What," he asked, "does it mean to be a human being?"
2. "What is the universe in which you live?" Admitting that the universe in which you live

Lively Time: Fans Arrested At Armory

The customers got into the act even a little more than usual at the wrestling matches Saturday night, and two of them wound up under arrest for disorderly conduct.

First, there was Lloyd Leon Curley, 24, of 146 S. 19th St., Springfield, who, although not a regular salesman, was buying and reselling peanuts at the Armory Saturday. He would sell awhile, then give the rest of the peanuts away, police said. Then, up in the balcony during a preliminary match, Curley began throwing bags of peanuts at the wrestlers. When he ran out of bags, he threw the box they came in, police said. It landed on "several citizens" in the bleachers below, police reports stated.

Curley is being held for Clackamas County law enforcement authorities for questioning in another case.

Then, during the main event at the Armory, Dade Marsden, 1707 H St., Springfield, was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge after he jumped from his seat, ran to ringside, and tossed a cup of soda pop in a wrestler's face. Marsden posted \$50 bail and is to appear in Municipal Court Wednesday night.

Chief Petty Officer Assigned To Govern Lonely Pacific Island

HONOLULU — (UP) — Life on a lonely island appeals to Fred Pobst and his family.

Pobst is a chief petty officer in the navy who has been assigned to Chi Chi Jima, in the Volcano islands, as the American military government representative and his nearest neighbors are in Yokosuka, Japan, 500 miles away.

Chief Pobst is the first navy enlisted man ever to hold such a post. As the only American on the island he is its governor, business adviser, lawyer, judge, schoolteacher and agriculture expert.

The Pobsts were left on the tiny speck of rock and vegetation several months ago. Pobst reports to the navy in Hawaii that he is getting along quite well in his new job and has been "pretty busy."

Early Progress Made
So far he's increased the island's fish exports, built a new school, introduced farm irrigation and started an industrial expansion program.

The Pobsts, including Mrs. Pobst and their 12-year-old daughter, Carol, live in an American-style home that housed the Japanese weather station before the war. The cooking is done on an American range, but from there on out the similarity with modern living ends.

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Booklet Raps UMT Proposal

'Based on Theory War Is Inevitable'

WASHINGTON — (UP) — The basic aim of universal military training is militaristic dominance over the minds of the nation's young men, the National Council Against Conscription said Sunday.

The plan now proposed, it asserted, would "drastically change the character of our democracy and virtually destroy the chances of preventing a Third World War."

It said the proposal works on the theory that "war is inevitable" and leaves no room for any policy aimed to "eliminate the conditions of poverty or the sources of hatred like imperialism upon which both Communism and Soviet foreign policy thrive."

It denied every major argument advanced in favor of UMT, starting out by disagreeing with the basic assumption that the United States is really "unprepared."

In summation of its arguments against the plan, the council asserted that it would force every American boy "as a matter of permanent national policy, to be either a conscript or a convict. In either case freedom is lost."

40 Page Booklet
The criticism appeared in a 40-page booklet circulated to all members of Congress as a reply to the report of the National Security Training Commission.

Here's Your Auto, Sir
A local man's auto, apparently stolen early Sunday morning, was returned to him by police before he knew it was gone.

City police noticed a pre-war auto parked with lights on and keys inside on W. 13th Ave. about 2:40 a.m. Sunday. Presuming that the owner would return shortly, they left it. But it was still there an hour later.

When the registered owner, Robert Charles Lyford, 1390 W. 8th Ave., was phoned, he said he left the car about midnight in front of his home with the keys inside.

Billfold Lost
The loss of a billfold containing a \$100 bill, two \$50 bills, four \$20 bills, and one \$10, was reported to city police Sunday.

Home Burglary Probed
State police Monday were investigating the Sunday burglary of the Marie Jager home, 3365 Coburg Rd. Taken were a .410 gauge shotgun, a table radio, a woman's coat, several pairs of hose, a Canadian dollar bill and a small Japanese chest containing pictures.

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Business Outlook

Report Has Political Tone

By J. A. LIVINGSTON
WASHINGTON—The Government Printing Office has duly completed its allotted task of grinding out the President's state-of-the-union message, the economic report, and the budget. Yet one more, take those thousands of words too seriously. This is a Presidential year.

Despite President Truman's request, Congress won't tighten the Defense Production Act, vote \$5,000,000,000 of increased taxes, or authorize the Federal Reserve Board to increase reserve requirements of banks. Truman knows that. His advisers know that. The reports are for the record—for the campaigning in the fall.

BEWARE OF BUDGET DEFICITS
The President's economic report of Congress added nothing new to the business outlook. The estimate of an \$8,000,000,000 deficit in the current fiscal year and double that amount for next year must be discounted. Estimates of deficits are notoriously too high.

BUSINESS FUNDS TIGHTER
Not only that, but business men are running low on funds, too. You'd realize that from headlines which said "Working Assets at New All-time High."

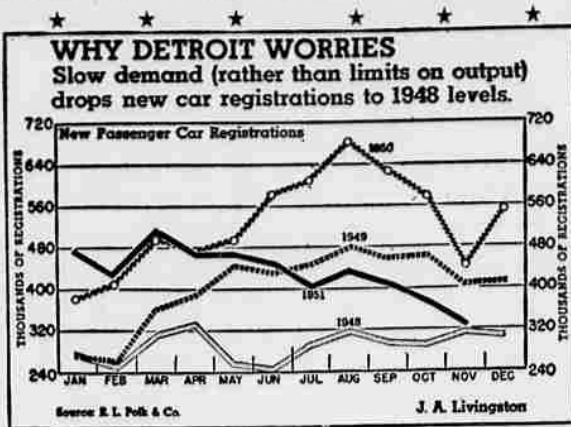
True, the SEC reported working capital at \$79,200,000,000, a new top. But the working capital ratio—the figure which measures the degree of freedom corporations have financially—is down. A year ago, corporations had \$2.13 of quick assets for every dollar of liabilities. Now it's \$1.95 to one.

PREDICTION FITS THE TIME
This makes good politics for the President and the Council. If the President or the Council declared that armament would inflate the economy and necessitate higher taxes and tighter controls, Congress might turn around, in an election year, and cut defense appropriations. Thus the Council's forecast fits the time.

Immediate business pressures are not inflationary. Some 130,000 workers are reported unemployed in Detroit because of cutbacks. And Detroit's worries go beyond government controls. New passenger car registrations have declined fairly consistently this year.

In textile's, the story's pretty much the same. Men's clothing is being offered at big markdowns to clear inventories. Some woolen manufacturers, following the lead in hosiery, want to reduce wage scales.

The major inflationary impetus—if there is one—must come from



defense. And defense schedules are picking up only moderately. Only last week, Air Force procurement offices informed aircraft manufacturers that orders were being held up by anticipated budget cuts. Design changes also are delaying production.

What really hurts is this: Cash and government securities held are about the same as a year ago—\$47.6 billions versus \$46.4. But notes and accounts payable plus tax liabilities has increased to \$67.4 from \$52.6. That explains why credit men say that collections are a little bit slower.

When business men are flush with funds, they pay promptly and are expansive. When they're not, they pay less promptly and don't make long-term commitments freely. Right now, they're just like everybody else—in an economic lull.

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Yanks Stymie Music Critic With Serenade

WITH THE U.S. 7th INFANTRY DIVISION, Korea — (UP) — Singing GIs were amazed Monday when they got some competition from a Communist soldier turned music critic.

Members of Company E of the 32nd "Buccaneer" regiment who were dug in only 20 yards from a Red bunker were singing to occupy their time.

"You can imagine our surprise," said Cpl. James Rutherford, of Ivanhoe, Cal., "when this Communist gives out with 'The Tennessee Waltz' in good old American style."

The GIs decided to return the serenade with "God Bless America." The Reds didn't have a comeback for that.

Tunisian Riots Simmer

TUNIS, Tunisia—Returned to Tunisia for three days of rioting throughout the French zone.

The only incident reported was from Kairouan, site of ancient Carthage, where the police could not control demonstrators who were

In Tunis itself, the rioting appeared to have been confined to shops and cafes where, however, police produced and only the general and the French troops.

The death list includes more than a

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