

# Protestants Ready New Approach For Converting Asians, Africans

Washington — (U.P.) — American Protestants are quietly preparing for a revolutionary new approach to their century-old, yet barely-begun task of converting Asia and Africa to Christianity.

They are facing up to the fact that the rising tide of nationalism and anti-Western sentiment in many countries has reached a point where the Christian gospel can make little headway if it is labeled a Western export.

# Science Makes Study For Improving Voice In Communicaitons

By DELOS SMITH  
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New York — (U.P.) — Scientific tests have put people who talk through their noses and people who can't talk through their noses in the same boat. They're both very hard to understand and ought to be barred from taking part in important voice communications.

The 30 denominations which are members of the National Council of Churches will send representatives to a meeting at Dayton, O., Dec. 4-7, to discuss specific plans for adapting their far-flung mission programs to the new "partnership" concept.

Three scientists of Ohio State university had been hired by the Air Force to do the experimenting. The Air Force naturally is interested in giving its radio voice communications the greatest possible clarity.

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The normal voice produces speech by using "a series of coupled resonators"—namely the cavities of the mouth, the nose, the larynx and the pharynx, said Henry M. Moser, John J. Dreher, and Sol Adler. Not one can be short-circuited out of the coupling without muddying speech.

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They were particularly emphatic about the person who can't use his nasal cavity as one of his resonators for his words because he has a heavy cold.

There is a bright spot in the picture, however, and American churchmen are now focusing their attention to it. The native churches, although small numerically and woefully lacking in resources, are showing remarkable zeal in spreading the faith.

Nose-talking is all right and even required by some languages other than English, particularly French. It seems to thin out speech, they said, but they weren't concerned with that. Their concern was intelligibility, and nose-talking definitely is "detrimental" to it.

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The obvious way in which American Christians can help these native churches is through ways including helping to train native clergymen and missionary doctors, and providing technical experts in such fields as church administration and architecture—a sort of religious point four program.

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# Americans Reading Almost as Many Books Now as Before Coming of Television

By ROBERT ZIMMERMAN  
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New York — (U.P.) — You can't watch television and read a book at the same time, as anyone who has tried it knows, but the fact is Americans are reading almost

as much today as they did before TV moved in to entertain them. The TV screen hasn't made us a nation of illiterates after all.

# Western Allies To Protect West Berlin

Berlin — (U.P.) — West Berlin Mayor Otto Suhr told Berliners in his semi-monthly radio broadcast Sunday that the Western Allies will protect the city from any Communist moves.

Not yet, at any rate. It appears to have reduced the number of books the average reader gets through in a year, but it has sent some people to the public library who might not have gone there before.

The Socialist major forecast Communist "pinpricks" but said these would be nothing to a city that has gone through "so many difficult situations in 10 years of the cold war."

A New York librarian named Helen Evelyn Peerless has completed one of the most objective surveys yet conducted on the competition between the printed word and television for our leisure time attention.

"We are thankful to the western allied foreign ministers that at the end of the unsuccessful Geneva conference they once more announced emphatically and explicitly the continued interest of their governments in the maintenance of the security and welfare of Berlin," he said.

Miss Peerless, who works at the Elmhurst book-borrowers passing the check-out desk and made them her guinea pigs. The results of the survey were cheering to Miss Peerless and library officials all over the country. She concluded that TV watching and reading were "highly compatible activities."

Manila — (U.P.) — Seventeen persons were killed in traffic accidents Sunday—final day of safety and accident prevention week. The dead included 14 persons killed when two passenger buses were wrecked as they raged on a concrete bridge. Twenty-two other persons were injured, six seriously.

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