

CRASHING INTO ICEBERG, this Danish freighter Hans Hedtoft was subject of wide search off the coast of Greenland where it radioed its distress. Air and sea search failed to find trace of 130 persons aboard vessel. Radio contact went dead after SOS.

# Church Council Official Travels Throughout World

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At the World Council of Churches headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, the Rev. Dr. Edgar H. S. Chandler is known irreverently as "the flea."

The nickname has nothing to do with Chandler's stature, which is about average for a 54-year-old man, or his manner, which is both amiable and dignified. It alludes to the fact that he is always hopping about the world.

Chandler is a Congregationalist minister from Providence, R. I. Since he became director of the World Council's far flung refugee services nine years ago, he has visited every continent at least once, and most of them several times. His annual mileage makes John Foster Dulles seem like a fireside huggler.

This week Chandler is in the United States. His mission, as always, is finding homes for refugees. Specifically, he is asking U. S. churches to give all-out support to the international refugee year which begins July 1.

This project, sponsored by the United Nations General Assembly, has as one of its goals the resettlement of 37,000 men, women and children who are still living in refugee camps in Europe. Many of them have been there since the end of World War II, nearly 14 years ago.

Chandler has seen their despairing faces, and the memory is never very far from his mind.

"It is a shameful thing," he said softly, "that in this day and age so many people should be allowed to remain homeless for so long a time."

While clearing out the pathetic population of the camps is a top-priority task, Chandler said in an interview, it is by no means the only refugee problem that should be weighing on the Christian conscience.

"There are at least 250,000 other refugees in Europe who are living outside of camps, but who have not yet found permanent homes or jobs," he said. "They also are in

desperate need of help."

Many Arab refugees, there are upwards of 1,000,000 Arab refugees from Palestine who are living in tragic squalor in the Gaza Strip, and in Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq.

And in the Far East, British Hong Kong is crowded, literally to the rooftops, with 700,000 Chinese refugees who have "voted with their feet" against Communist rule.

Because of international political complications, there is very little the churches can do for the Arab and Chinese refugees at present, except to help provide them with emergency shelter, food and medical care.

But there is no barrier to resettlement of the European refugees - no barrier, that is, except the formidable task of lining up enough visas, homes and jobs.

Chandler is counting on American churches to lend a big hand with that task during the coming "refugee year." A committee to organize U. S. church participation has already been formed under the chairmanship of the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, dean of Washington Cathedral.

### Need Special Legislation

The first problem - immigration visas to admit refugees to America - will require special legislation by Congress. Chairman Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) of the House Judiciary Committee has displayed sympathy and churchmen are optimistic that the necessary legislation will be enacted.

Chandler said local churches and their members can help in two ways:

1. By "sponsoring" refugee families. Sponsors line up homes and jobs, and generally oversee the "settling in" on refugee families in their new American communities.
2. By contributing funds. Private refugee relief agencies will need to double their budgets during the coming year to meet the goals of the "refugee year."

Both sponsorship pledges and contributions may be made through such estab-

lished religious organizations as Church World Service, Catholic Relief Services, the Lutheran Resettlement Service, and the Jewish Dias Agency.



## Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

### Here Is Information About Seeds

Comparing the size of a mouse and an elephant is not half as ridiculous as the comparison of two particular seeds.

To get the general idea, let's look at a petunia seed, or the seed of a birch tree, which takes 400,000 to make a pound, and place them beside a coconut, which is the largest true seed and may weigh several pounds. We are startled at the tremendous difference. The size of the seed does not indicate the size of the tree which will grow from it. The acorn is much smaller than the coconut seed, yet the oak reaches a bulk never attained by the graceful palm.

### Ways of Distribution

Nature devised many ways for the distribution of seeds, her idea being to carry them some distance away from the parent plant. For this purpose she uses nearly every natural force existing in her wide repertoire of resources.

In the case of the coconuts, she uses the ocean current of the world as conveyors. One of the giant seeds dropped into the sea on the Florida coast may take root in some remote island, thousands of miles away. Many tropical land areas have been planted in this manner. The next long distance medium would be the wind which could carry small seeds for great distances. Birds play an important part in this seed-carrying program. Embedded in mud on their feet, they may be carried hundreds of miles to fall on a foreign soil.

Many seeds are equipped with horns or spurs that attach themselves to animals and are carried to far locations. Some are buoyed up by downy fluffs of light material that waft the seed along on the gentle breeze of summer. Others stick to the parent plant that disintegrates itself from the earth and then tumbles over the ground, as a tumble weed.

### Pressure Releases

Still others are released from the pod or seed case under pressure and are forcefully thrown to some distance. In fact, there seems to be no end to the ingenious devices that are brought into play to cast the seed upon fertile ground.

Nature is extravagant in her production of seeds. Countless billions are produced for every one that sprouts and reaches fruition. They go to feed birds, mammals, insects, in fact nearly every type of life. Nine-tenths of all the people of the world subsist

### CLEARANCE ASKED

Berkeley, Calif. -UPI- California's Gov.-elect Edmund G. Brown has been asked to get security clearance from the FBI or the Pentagon.

The request was made by the State University Board of Regents, of which Brown will be ex-officio president when he takes office. An official of the board explained that the university is engaged in secret work for the government, and the regents sometimes visit secret U.S. installations.

## Shorter Police Week Bill Studied

Salem -UPI- A bill providing a five day week for members of the Oregon state police, scheduled to come to a vote Monday, has been returned to the Senate Committee on State and Federal Affairs, after which it will be sent to the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

The detour of the bill resulted from a motion by Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) who contended that the bill was improperly before the Senate and that no estimate of its cost had been made.

"I think the move to give the state police a five-day week is commendable," Yturri said, "but I do not like the implications in the bill that the morale of the state police is at a low ebb."

## End to Fund Raising in Legislation Eyed

Salem -UPI- A bill prohibiting solicitation of funds for political purposes of persons employed at the Legislature has been introduced in the state Senate by Republican Sens. Carl Francis, Dayton, and John D. Hare, Hillsboro.

### ADDRESS UNKNOWN

Memphis, Tenn. -UPI- A puzzled truck driver asked Grace Radebaugh where they'd moved the post office to. Miss Radebaugh, who works in a building behind the old site, gave the driver directions and saw him drive off - in his U.S. mail truck.



FACE TRIAL FOR TREASON—John and Sylvia Powell (left) and Julian Schuman are pictured outside Federal Court in San Francisco after their sedition trial was declared a mistrial. Granted by Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman, the mistrial was based on a defense motion citing newspaper reports of some remarks by the judge that the government had made out something of a treason trial against the three. The trio will be returned to the Federal Grand Jury for possible indictment for treason.

## Flag Makers Worry Over Admission of Hawaii To Union

New York -UPI- The flag makers of America are in a bit of a flap.

No sooner do they start producing 49-star flags than Congress starts talking about Hawaiian statehood and a 50-star model. The flag manufacturers know from experience that such talk inhibits business.

"Sales began to dip after the Alaskan admission last year, and our last six months of 1958 were bad ones," said the sales manager of a major flag company.

"People stopped buying 48-star flags completely and waited for the 49-star flag. We hope the same thing doesn't happen with Hawaii."

While some of our modern-day Betsy Rosses give the Hawaiian question a why worry? answer, others report the uncertainty is definitely complicating production plans.

"Our payroll planning and equipment needs are affected by Hawaii's chances for statehood," an executive explained. "Right now, it's hard to make a decision about expanding our plant."

As part of the campaign to stimulate immediate flag-buying, most flag makers say that even if Hawaii were to be admitted later this year, the new 50-star flag would not become official until July 4, 1960. That would allow at least one year's use for the 49-star flag.

They also urge us to buy and display the 49-star model today. "It is perfectly proper to display the new flag now. We are now, in fact, 49 states and there is no law that says you must not display the flag before July 4. That's just a day for formal dedication of the flag," said Sam Schatz, an owner of the National Flag and Display Co.

The major flag makers report they are busier now than at any time since World War II. Annin & Co., the oldest flag company in America, reports a "staggering backlog of orders" to fill. Collegeville Flag of Collegeville, Pa., expects its 1959 sales volume to double that of 1958. Delta Flag, Valley Forge and National, three other large firms, also report significant gains in orders and sales.

Orders are from the usual government departments as well as from schools, retailers, libraries, offices and clubs.

The manufacturers, who guard sales figures rather closely, have no industry-wide trade association for liaison and estimates vary where sales volume is concerned. Some manufacturers place the volume at seven million dollars while other lower it for six million.

The factories are located in the East - in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York -

Grapes have been cultivated so long that the plant's place of origin cannot be accurately determined. Egyptians evidently grew grapes and made wine 6,000 years ago.

but a few have been established in the South and California. Besides the star-spangled banner, the firms turn out signal flags, banners, grave marker flags, union Jacks, pennants and industrial flags of all sizes, shapes, colors and description.

Since the advent of the 49-star flags, some fast-buck operators have tried to move in.

"The hope to put out the new flag in a hurry, making deals with retailers, and get out of the business after the hullabaloo dies down," a manufacturer said. "We will have nothing to do with them."

## Bad Check Artists Said Being Aided by Careless Operators

Washington -UPI- Bad check artists are doing a record business, FBI director J. Edgar Hoover has reported in the law enforcement bulletin.

Furthermore, he said, they are getting a big assist from careless shopkeepers and other victims.

To illustrate, Hoover said, one glib storekeeper recently cashed a check signed "U. R. Stuck." Another cashed was drawn on the "East Bank of the Mississippi."

"The plague of fraudulent check passers is assuming proportions of a national pestilence," the FBI chief said.

### Take Runs High

He added that in 1957 the take from fraudulent checks was \$35 million.

He said that in fiscal 1957 the FBI examined 30,903 bad checks having a face value of \$5,053,846. The figures mounted in fiscal 1958 to 33,027 bad checks totalling \$7,933,827.

Hoover said these figures are only part of the picture since countless worthless checks go unreported by victims.

To combat the problem, he urged businessmen to forget the theory that acceptance of checks without specific identification of the writer is a necessary business gamble.

Hoover said that the bad check artist is considered the

"elite" of the criminal world. He does not have to face danger of physical violence confronting the armed robber. He makes his living by his wits and skill.

"A counter attack must be intensified on a nationwide scale," Hoover said. "Carelessness of the victims themselves must be a primary target. The united efforts of merchants, the public, and law enforcement authorities are essential."

## Barfels Appointment Confirmed by Senate

Salem -UPI- By a unanimous vote, the Senate has confirmed the reappointment by Gov. Mark Hatfield of Dr. Herbert Goodman, Portland Dentist, to the State Board of Health.

The Senate also confirmed appointments to the board of three other physicians. They are Dr. A. S. Jackson, Forest Grove; Dr. Brandt Bartels, Medford, and Dr. Wendell H. Hutchens, Portland.

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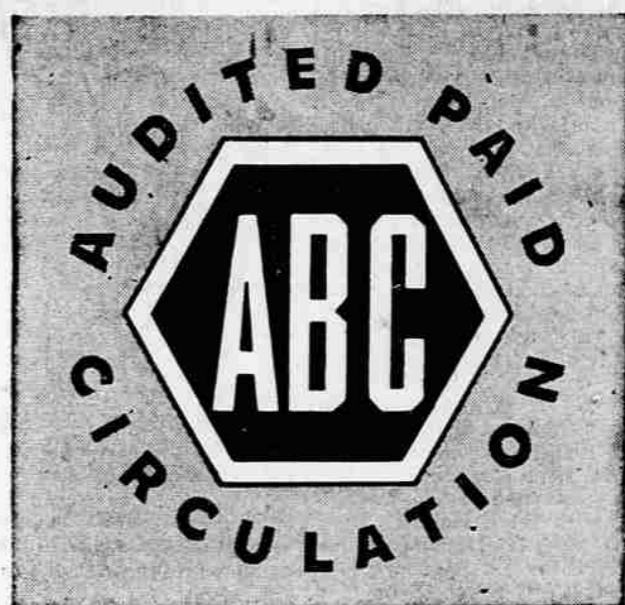
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