

Discussion of Church and Peace Reveals Sharply Differing Ideas and Opinions

How can war be prevented? Is war ever justified? Will God allow mortals to destroy the world? Why has Communism spread so rapidly in recent years, as compared to Christianity? Has the Christian church power to cope with the world's great problems?

These were some of the questions and ideas, sharply different, voiced at a meeting at First Methodist church yesterday afternoon on the topic of "The Church's Role in Saving the Peace." The meeting was sponsored by Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association, in cooperation with the committee for the Great Decisions program now underway in Jackson county.

A panel of ministers and laymen spoke, with the Rev. George Roseberry, pastor of First Methodist church, as moderator. Many in the audience participated in general discussion.

First speaker was Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., president of the local UN chapter. Mrs. Bosworth said she believes the most urgent of all problems before the world today is control of the atom bomb with its power of massive destruction. She quoted Archbishop Fisher of the Episcopal church as having said that "perhaps God wants us destroyed," and his successor as having said "we do not have the right to destroy the world, even if we are taken over by the Communists." She added that many believe "God won't let us destroy ourselves."

Mrs. Bosworth said that to believe that God will intervene and keep man from destroying the world "make man little and puny" but to believe that we do or do not have the right to destroy ourselves at least argues that man does have the right and the ability to use his own mind, to control his own destiny.

Matter of Conscience
Representing First Presbyterian church was the Rev. G. Robert Jacks who said that his church holds that beliefs about such matters as war are "of our own conscience." He spoke of the "great guilt" of militarism, and added that "war is not the answer, but disarmament is not the answer either unless we are able to substitute something better." The Rev. Mr. Jacks also said

the church seldom has anything "relevant" about such matters as disarmament and "the church is not really doing the work it should."

The Rev. Mr. Jacks declared that the church is "not a social agency" but a "community which bases its action on love, a redemptive community and a militant community which must be armed with the sword and the spirit."

Pointing out that the Brethren church of which he is a pastor has a historic position as being a "church of peace," the Rev. Esell Hiser declared emphatically "All war is sin—we cannot engage in or support war." He quoted the Bible to the effect that one should "love thine enemy" and ended on the note that "we must obey God rather than man."

Clinton Chrisman, pastor of Medford Friends church, followed the Rev. Mr. Hiser by saying that his church also was founded on the concept that "peace is achieved only through Jesus Christ" and said "we must have personal righteousness before social righteousness can be hoped for." He declared that his church has always had the "peace approach" and added that "Friends have suffered for their views but still believe that Christ's way is the way of love."

Opposite Position
Taking an exactly opposite position was Robert Grant, a layman representing the Roman Catholic church who said "Man has the right to self defense. There is such a thing as a just war. We must defend American ideals. It is the duty of the state to protect man against those who would take away his rights. We want peace, but not at the risk of giving up our rights. Sometimes there should be no compromise."

The Rev. Thomas McCamant spoke for Medford Congregational church of which he is pastor, saying his church has no single position about war and peace and added, "I am a pacifist." He added that this country must avoid having a militaristic foreign policy. The Rev. Mr. McCamant said the Congregational church believes that its members should "pray and work for peace." He added that Congregationalists work to

promote the social and economic welfare of the general citizenry, support human rights and work to promote the United Nations.

Congregationalists also work for the effective control and reduction of arms, the minister added, and said, "Everybody is in favor of peace, but what progress have we made in achieving it?" He pointed out that the non-violent approach sometimes works, and said moral power should be invoked to do away with war and closed by saying that "the idea of a just war has no validity in this age. War now means utter destruction of nations. The idea of national defense doesn't exist any more — there is only offense — the plan to wipe out another nation."

Position Stated
Speaking for the Methodist church, the Rev. Mr. Roseberry began by saying that "Christianity cannot be national — only universal." He read a statement concerning the official position of the Methodist church as being opposed to war and added that Methodists strive to remove the causes of war.

"There is no parallel between present and past wars," he warned. "The effects of an atomic war are so great and so far-reaching; they can even mean genetic changes. Nothing can be gained by such a war. There can be no just war using atomic arms."

Among the statements made during the discussion period were: "We should not fear he who destroys the body, but he who destroys the soul; Christianity is not necessarily institutionalized, but can be a force through individuals; in thinking of a method of defense for a nation, why do we neglect the power of the spirit and the soul and think only of military might?"

Arnold E. Jenny offered the opinion that Russia and Communism are "not as solid as they sometimes seem; Khrushchev has said that war is not inevitable." Another pointed out that Gandhi and his followers literally followed the rule of Christ and did not resist evil with evil; that they achieved the freedom of India without arms and without going to war.

One man pointed out that Christianity, in 2,000 years, has achieved some 800 million followers, and asked why it was that Communism had achieved the same following in only 40 years. He was reminded that much of this has been accomplished by force. In its early days, Christianity had a vitality which is less evident now, it was said. The Rev. Mr. McCamant added that today in the United States one of the few evidences of a vital, forceful Christianity can be found in the Negro's fight for equality; he also pointed out that the Negroes are using peaceful, non-violent tactics.

Another minister said "Communism compounds evil in the heart; Christianity must conquer evil in the heart." **Idea Disputed**

One in the audience disputed the idea that the United Nations is the only potent force against war in the world today, and said this belief gave no credit to the work of the churches against war. This brought the reply, said with considerable emotion by the Rev. Mr. Hiser, that in the past "American people were enjoying their luxuries while they should be honoring their God."

It was stressed that the United Nations is the only forum in the world today where nations, particularly the weak, can air their grievances and hope for a just settlement of their problems.

Mrs. Bosworth pointed out that former President Eisenhower, in his farewell address to the nation, had warned against the power of the military.

The Rev. Mr. Roseberry, in his summary of the meeting, made a number of strongly worded statements. Referring to the earlier idea that God would not let the world destroy itself, he declared "I think God will let us destroy ourselves. We could obliterate all life. War has been largely an industry; in many ways it still is." He reminded his listeners that munition and war plants were not destroyed in such "disarmed" countries as Germany after World War II.

Social Events Women's News

Coming Events Announced For Bridge Fans of Area

Coming events of interest to duplicate bridge fans of the area are the annual charity party Sunday, February 19 and the annual guest night of Medford Duplicate Bridge club Tuesday, February 14. Money raised from the charity event will go to the research fund of the National Association for Mental Health.

Sixteen tables of players gathered at Girls Community club Saturday night for the master point game sponsored by the Medford unit of the American Contract Bridge league.

Winners in Section A, north-south, were Mrs. W. W. Stevenson and Mrs. Frank R. Baker, first, 108½; Mrs. E. L. Miller and John Solheim, second, 104; Mrs. Virginia Anderson and Mrs. H. Reddick, Grants Pass, third 88. East-west winners in this section were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Copeland, Grants Pass, first, 92½; Mrs. J. S. Winslow and Paul McDuffee, second, 89½; Mrs. Fred Burich and Mrs. John Daugherty, third, 87½.

North-south winners in Section B were the Paul Haltons, first, 95½; Mrs. Ben Todd and Mrs. Jack Burr, second, 87½; Mrs. and Mrs. Hershel Obye, Grants Pass, tied with the B. L. Sandersons for third and fourth with 85½ points. Section B, east-west, winners were John Shortridge and Roy Pruitt, first, 116½; Mrs. A. W. Lingas and Mrs. Maude Coddling, second, 95½; Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Durland, Grants Pass, third, 94½.

Mrs. Lewis Smith served refreshments.

Calendar
Monday:
7:30 p.m. — Civil Air Patrol, CAP building, Medford airport.
7:30 p.m. — Southern Oregon Pre-School association, Mary's Casa, 537 Mary St.
7:45 p.m. — Neighbors of Woodcraft, Eagles hall, West Main St.
8 p.m. — Degree of Honor Protective association, Girls Community club.
8 p.m. — Friends of the Library, meeting room of Public Library of Medford and Jackson county.
8 p.m. — Phoenix High school band and chorus, high school gymnasium.
8 p.m. — St. Catherine's Guild of St. Mark's, at church.
8 p.m. — Scottish Rite Women's club, Masonic temple.

Tuesday:
9:30 a.m. — First Presbyterian church Women's Association circles: Hope, with Mrs. C. H. Bessonett, 2607 Hillcrest circle; Mercy, Mrs. John Wubbels, 424 North Holly St., and Temple, Mrs. Paul Culbertson, 1663 South State rd.

10 a.m. — Women's Association board of Westminster Presbyterian church, Christian Education room at church.
10:30 a.m. — Oak Grove Home Extension unit, with Mrs. S. B. Sandburg, 225 Renault ave.
12:30 p.m. — First Baptist Women's Fellowship, church annex.

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1:30 p.m. — Butte Falls Home Economics club, home of Mrs. Ben Tullton.

Ritual Jewels Ceremony Held For Chapter
Alpha Beta chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, recently held a ritual jewels ceremony for Gamma Rho chapter of the Phoenix-Talent area, at the home of Mrs. Tom Shoop, 130 White Oak drive.

The members of Gamma Rho receiving the degree were, Mrs. Dean Dorman, Mrs. Daryl Hughes, Mrs. William Knips, Mrs. William Kildsen, Mrs. Gordon Logan, Mrs. Robert Myrick, Mrs. Charles Rhodes, Mrs. Harold Sloper, Mrs. David Taylor and Mrs. Jack Wheeler.

Officiating at the ceremony were Mrs. Floyd Estwood, Mrs. O. A. Eden and Mrs. Wayne Turpin. Following the ritual the group attended a dinner at Kim's restaurant.

At the last Alpha Beta chapter meeting Mrs. Richard Frey gave the program, "The Connoisseur," with emphasis on American antique glass.

Hostess for the evening was Mrs. Willard Chinn assisted by Mrs. David Irving and Mrs. Dalton Gressett.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, at the home of Mrs. Shoop.

Gamma Rho chapter held its last meeting at the home of Mrs. Darol Hughes of Phoenix on February 8. Mrs. William Knips gave a program on expressing oneself. The importance of one's vocabulary in expression was emphasized.

Mrs. Charles Rhodes, co-hostess for the evening, served refreshments.

The next meeting will be held February 21 at the home of Mrs. Turpin.

command and to write those in Washington and in power in high places urging their full support of the UN.

Prayer Day Plans Said Completed

Plans for the annual observance of the World Day of Prayer by Medford Council of United Church Women are completed according to Mrs. Walter Higgins, chairman. She adds that 145 countries of the world will join the prayer chain this year.

Adding interest to the day is the fact that this year also marks the 75th observance of the Day of Prayer. Two countries, the United States and Canada, began the prayer day program. At that time prayers were for mission work in both the foreign and home fields. Gradually the chain prayer grew, the focus now is for peace and better understanding between nations.

It is being emphasized that a change in programming has shortened the time for the observance and that the hours will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The First Christian church, Ninth and Oakdale avenue, will be the host church on Friday, February 17. Each woman attending is asked to bring a friend.

The 75th anniversary gifts to Africa, one of the projects, will be half a million books which will be produced by African authors who will prepare the manuscripts for use in that country.

The other important project concerns help to Alaska through the new council of churches there. This will include secretarial assistance, office equipment, and travel, with the program to cost about \$40,000. The need for this aid, it is explained, is to greatly increase the church attendance and church interest quota which is presently in a very low bracket. Of the 233,000 in Alaska, it is stated that only 10 per cent have church relationship.

Announces Meeting
Central Point-Central Point Home Extension unit will meet Wednesday, February 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. E. H. DeGarmo, 473 Head road. Child care will be provided at the home of Mrs. Eunice Jones, 235 Laurel street, Central Point.

Representing the American Lamb council, Mrs. Ashbaugh will point out the many advantages of lamb as a regular addition to the homemaker's daily menu planning.

There are more than a dozen tasty and nutritious cuts of lamb besides the legs and chops, Mrs. Ashbaugh says. These cuts are economical too, she added. Many consumers are trying lamb and finding it a welcome change—suitable for any meal on any day.

The Foodorama opens Tuesday, February 14, with a program to be given by Mrs. Beverly Lyons, home economist for the California-Oregon Power company and Mrs. Gretchen Wade of the Grocceria. It closes February 15 with a program by Nancy Haven, San Francisco, representing the Western Beet Sugar Processors association.

Hours are 1 to 3 p.m. each day; many prizes will be given away.

Chapter To Hear Architect Speak

Jack Edson will speak for a luncheon meeting of Chapter CP of the PEO sisterhood Wednesday, February 15 at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ray McNair, 229 Valley View drive. She will be assisted by Mrs. Charles Paske and Mrs. Theodore Bars. Mr. Edson, local architect, will present a program on modern architecture.

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Plans Are Made For Junior Night

Honored Queen Jane Ward of Bethel 55, International Order of Job's Daughters, has announced that the meeting Tuesday, February 14, will be Junior Bethel night. The meeting will be held at the Medford Masonic temple at 7:30 p.m.

Junior members who will occupy the appointive offices are the Misses Jill Hibbs, recorder; Diane Vinzant, treasurer; Pat Hardenburger, Joyce Van Buren, Ann Jensen, Claudia Edson, and Terry Pitts, messengers; Kay Hay, chaplain; Judy Mee, musician; Judy Hanning, librarian; Fredena Wilkins and Shireen Prough, custodians, and Krista Baker and Kathleen Bowers, guards.

The Junior Bethel members are reminded of a practice session at 6:30 p.m. at the temple. Following the meeting refreshments will be served by Sandra Irving, Christine Finch, Cheryl and Elaine Hastings and their mothers.

Mrs. C. D. Hershler, Mrs. A. W. Denny, Mrs. Keith Templeman and Mrs. Wayne Troxell have been named to the budget committee of the fellowship group for the coming year. Mrs. Templeman reports that \$1,000 has been sent to the United Christian Missionary society since July 1 by the local group.

April 13 and 14 is the date for the spring rummage and plant sale, according to Mrs. R. L. Bailey, chairman.

Peterson circle, under the direction of Mrs. Mabel Buchanan presented the last program. She was assisted by Mrs. Glenn Mc Kerrow, Mrs. Paul Andrews and the Rev. F. R. Evans. They talked on what individuals can do for the church and what the church can do for its members.

Mrs. Arthur Hotho was soloist. Mrs. Cook gave the devotions using "Hands" as her theme. Luncheon was prepared by Shoemaker circle under the chairmanship of Mrs. Grace M. Morrison and Mrs. Chester Parker.

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