

United Church Sought By Several Protestant Branches Meeting Today

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 14 (AP)—Establishment of a United Protestant church — partly to save small independent congregations with inadequate finances and facilities — was sought at a conference opening here today.

Representatives of more than 19,000,000 churchgoers were to attend the three-day conference.

Big Issue
The main business will be to establish a permanent committee "to explore several proposals which will be submitted to interested denominations if a United Church of Christ in America."

This goal was explained by Dr. Mark A. Jawber, co-executive secretary of the Home Missions Council. This agency, which represents 25 religious bodies, arranged the conference.

Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice president of the Board of Home Missions, Congregational Christian Church, said demand for efficiency in church facilities for many of the nation's 47,000,000 Protestants.

Sponsors
The conference is sponsored by seven denominations representing 15,140,000 members. Seven other denominations, with 4,257,000 members, are sending observers. Also attending are consultants from four interdenominational councils.

Presiding over the sessions is Dr. Douglas Horton, secretary of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Church.

Here are some of the things Dr. Douglas mentioned in connection with the conference's aims: Many new communities don't have a church or Sunday school. Older communities, with shrinking populations, should have a consolidated church instead of trying futilely to support several. A congregation in Eggertsville, N. Y., uses a chicken coop. One in Glenview, Ill., uses a bowling alley. On Long Island, New York, a Manhattan congregation uses a roadside restaurant and a South Hempstead congregation, a garage.

Problems
Dr. Douglas said a stronger attack could be made on such problems as housing, racial strife and juvenile delinquency through a united church.

These denominations sponsoring the conference are: Methodist church, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical and Reformed church, Presbyterian church in the U. S. A.,

Congregational Christian churches, Moravian church in America (northern province) and African Methodist Episcopal Zion.

These churches already accept each other's ministries and sacraments.

Observers are being sent by these denominations: Protestant Episcopal church, Church of the Brethren, Five Years Meeting of Friends in Lutheran, Evangelical United Brethren, Presbyterian church in the U. S. (South), and Churches of God in North America.

Consultants are being sent by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, National Council of Community Churches, International Council of Religious Education, and the Home Missions Council.

Racial Bars Cost City House Funds

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 14 (AP)—The federal government has rejected this city's application for 400 public housing units because the project was intended for Negroes only. City officials met today to discuss a new bid.

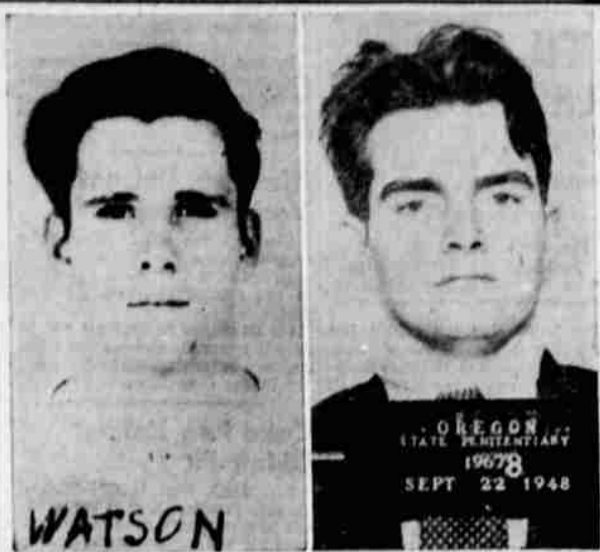
President Truman struck out the project in line with the administration's announced policy to prevent racial discrimination in the use of public housing funds.

Executive Secretary Harold J. Dillehay of the Charlotte Housing Authority announced the turndown yesterday. He said it would be necessary to revise the application, eliminating reference to White or Negro occupancy, if approval was to be obtained.

The public housing administration has announced that segregation in projects will be left up to local authorities as long as the number of units is apportioned fairly among the races.

Officials here interpreted this to mean that after the government approves a project, the policy of limiting occupancy to Negroes can be exercised on a local level.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE POST
SALEM, Dec. 14 (AP)—Melvin Conklin, Salem, was named by the state department of agriculture yesterday to supervise slaughterhouse sanitation in Oregon. For the past eight years, he has been field supervisor for the milk control law.



WANTED MEN—Two criminally insane men who escaped from the Oregon state hospital are still at large and are believed to have passed through Klamath Falls and escaped into California. Shown above are Marion Watson (left), 21, and Robert Melvin Burr, 23.

Youngster Livens Up Home Scene

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 14 (AP)—Bedlam broke loose when two-year-old Mickey Holloway got his head stuck in the banister.

The playful Mickey was up to his old trick of making faces at sister Shirley, 12, last night. All of

a sudden he got his head caught between two iron bars of the staircase.

Mickey screamed "bloody murder," said his mother, Mrs. J. L. Holloway. Somebody called the fire department. The firemen got Mickey loose with a crowbar.

They gave the boy a dime to keep him quiet during the operation. Newspaper photographers came to take Mickey's picture. "I'm not afraid," he told them.

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Mrs. Ward's Cats To Get Food

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14 (AP)—A Pan-American Clipper leaves here today with 15 pounds of food for Mrs. Angus Ward's four hungry cats.

Mrs. Ward kept her animals with her all during the time she and her casual general husband were held prisoners by China's Communists. All are now en route to Kobe, Japan, aboard the SS Lakeland Victory.

Robert Kendall, president of the York, sounded the call for aid yesterday.

The Coast Fishing company of Wilmington, Calif., responded forthwith by announcing it will ship the cat food to Japan today.

O'Dwyer Gets Gift Can of Water

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 14 (AP)—A five-gallon can of this city's surplus water was on its way today to Mayor William O'Dwyer of water-short New York City.

Staff members of radio station WTTW and television station WTTV noted water was flowing over the waterworks dam here and decided

to start what they called an irrigation-by-mail plan.

With New York's bathless-shaveless Friday decree in mind, they said in a letter to Mayor O'Dwyer, "Hope this will be good for a few shaves, anyway."

SWAG WILL SQUEAL
CHICAGO (AP)—Maybe the burglars who broke into a north side furniture store won't talk, but one of the things they carried off most certainly will. They got away with one portable bar, one rug, two lamps and Peggy. Peggy is a talking parrot.

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