

Plan To Unite Protestant Churches Gains Favorable Clerical Reaction

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Leading churchmen today registered a somewhat bedazzled but firmly favorable reaction to a proposal for a wide reunion among American Protestants.

The plan, said Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord, of Boston, "is as shocking as it is Christian."

"It overcomes with stark simplicity many of the problems that have perplexed the separate communions over the years."

The plan, at the outset, would embrace the Episcopal, United Presbyterian, Methodist and United Church of Christ with other denominations subsequently invited to join.

The provocative formula was offered Sunday by a top-ranking Presbyterian, the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, of Philadelphia, shortly before the start of the triennial General Assembly of the National Council of Churches.

More than 3,000 representatives of 33 Protestant and Orthodox denominations with 40 million members joined Sunday night in the stirring opening services.

Although not formally a part of their program, the proposal generated keen interest among delegates.

"It is the opening of a very significant move," said the Rt. Rev. Arthur C. Lichtenberger, of New York, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church.

"Out of this might come a plan that would be acceptable to all the people involved," he added. "It is a good approach. I hope it will lead to a reunion of the church."

He, like others, however, emphasized it will take time, and careful examination.

Dr. Blake, in a sermon at Grace Episcopal Cathedral, detailed steps for combining creedal, liturgical churches with the more informal, non-ritualistic churches into a body "both reformed and catholic."

Episcopal BPNF — James A. Pike, of California, called the plan the "most, sound and inspiring" ever offered in this country.

The plan is patterned on the precedent-shattering establishment of the United Church of South India in 1947, uniting Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians and Congregationalists.

Dr. Blake proposed specifically a merger of these four groups in the United States. He included the United Church of Christ, a presently evolving union of Congregationalists and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Altogether, the combined body would have more than 20 million members. Other churches accepting the principles, Dr. Blake said, would also be invited to join, with the ultimate aim of reuniting "the whole of Christ's church."

The Rev. Dr. James E. Wagner, of Philadelphia, and the Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins, co-presidents of

the newly created United Church of Christ, voiced "great interest and appreciation" for the plan.

They said they felt sure that if the Episcopal and United Presbyterian conventions next year issue calls for such a union as proposed by Dr. Blake, it will receive "careful and thoughtful consideration."

However, they expressed hope that the plan would not be limited to the four bodies named even at the start, since their own merger already was planning unity negotiations with the Disciples of Christ Church.

The proposed reunion would include a joint consecration service, in which all clergy took part, so as to bring them into the apostolic succession—a heritage valued by the Episcopal and other catholic-rooted churches.

This is a line of authority considered handed down from the apostles.

The plan also would provide for "truly democratic government," with congregations free to name their own pastors and "a wide diversity of theological formulations of the faith and a wide diversity of worship and liturgy."

Other measures would incorporate distinctive features of both Catholic and reformed types of Protestant churches, Dr. Blake said. He said he used the word, "catholic," as it applied to age-old Christian concepts and practices.

"The reunited church," he said, "must have visible and historical continuity with the churches of all ages before and after the Reformation."

He estimated it would take at least 10 years to effect the initial union, if the designated denominations act on it favorably. He suggested as a possible name: "The Reformed and Catholic Church in the United States of America."

JFK Expected To Name Council On Resources

WASHINGTON (AP)—One of the Kennedy administration's first moves in the field of natural resources is expected to be creation of a council of resources and conservation advisers in the presidential office.

Coordinated planning for protection and development of the natural wealth of the nation would be the council's job.

President-elect John F. Kennedy promised in his campaign to "apply creative and dynamic principles" in a new program in the field of natural resources.

"We have had too many short-term, limited piecemeal studies," Kennedy said at Billings, Mont. "We have not had enough long-range, continuing and comprehensive surveys."

At another point, he said "the surge of demand for additional energy, water, irrigation and recreational sites will soon overtake all present and planned projects."

"All our oil resources, coal resources, hydroelectric resources and our atomic energy resources will be needed."

"But there has been little effort to organize these interrelated demands into a comprehensive program... we are drifting when we should be steering."

In a speech at Durango, Colo., he said the nation needs a "whole new concept of resource development."

"The days have passed when our natural wealth was so plentiful that a little effort brought

great reward. Nor can we any longer look upon each resource need as a separate and individual item—requiring separate planning and separate administration."

"Today's resource needs are closely interrelated—the development of our water supplies affects the irrigation of our land and even our stocks of fish."

"Forest development influences power development, and our power development can only be carried out with a careful eye to the need for flood protection."

"And, as our needs mount and our population grows, it will become increasingly essential that we consider all our resources in light of their relationship to each other—as well as to the economy as a whole."

In another speech he said "in today's world the development of our natural resources is vital not only to the survival of the American west—but not only to American survival—but to the survival of the entire free world."

He also said his administration "will not stand by and permit our resources to be taken for partial development for the benefit of special interests."

"We will appoint to the Federal Power Commission, the Department of the Interior, the Rural Electrification Administration and to every other agency men who will put the public interest first."

The west will be eagerly awaiting many of these appointments and the performance of the new administration in such fields.



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Pilot Ejects Too Low, Killed

DENVER (AP)—Air Force Capt. Lawrence R. Reeves, 29, four young children at Portland, Ore., was killed when he ejected from his disabled F102 jet fighter 100 feet from the ground—too low for his parachute to open.

His plane crashed Sunday north of Buckley Field and was destroyed by fire.

Reeves had just taken off for a return flight to Portland, where he was assigned to the 40th Fighter - Interceptor Squadron, when his plane developed engine trouble.

Unable to circle for a landing, he ejected from the craft about 100 feet from the ground.

Reeves leaves a widow and four young children at Portland. He had been stationed at Portland since 1958. His father lives at Sterling, Colo.

He was accompanied on the flight by Lt. Harold Hall, flying another F102 from Portland. Hall returned to Buckley Field after seeing Reeves' plane crash.

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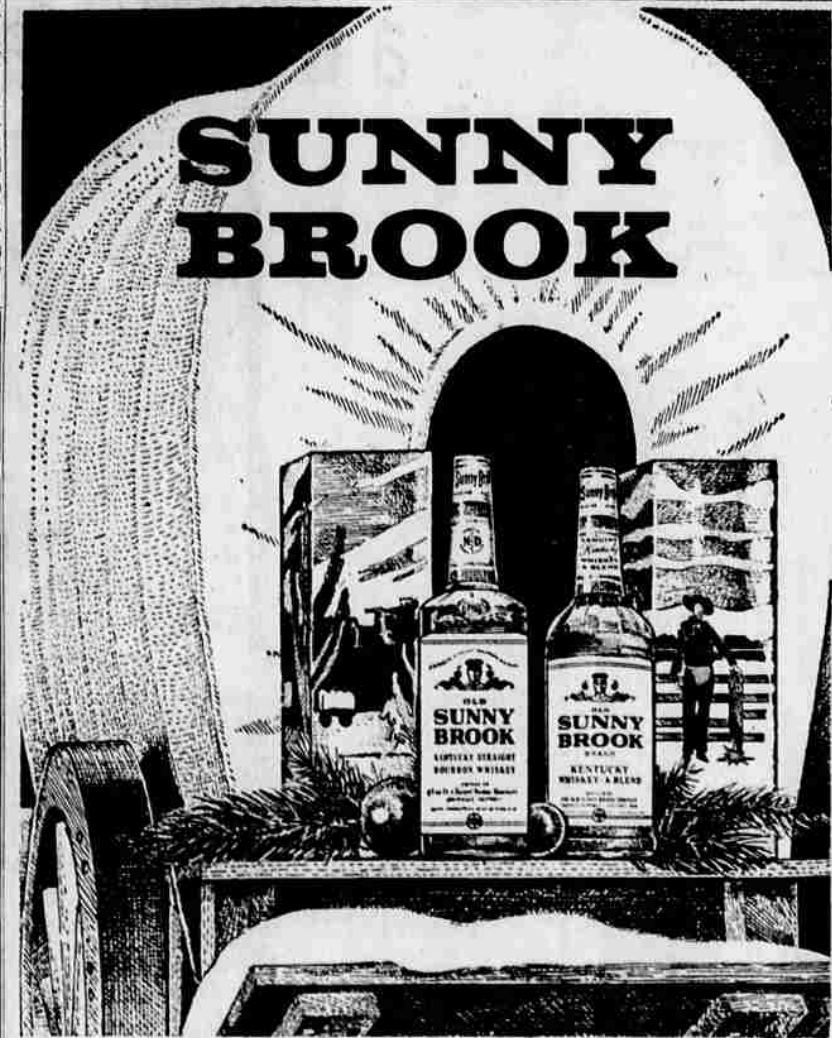
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI)—A California firm needs a midget who can crawl through a 10-inch hole of a space missile nose cone and sand its insides.

The Florida state employment offices here circulated the notice Friday.

The midget must have security clearance and be able to work inside a space 54 inches high to operate a pneumatic sanding machine.

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Scout Rocket, Inflatable Satellite Are Failure

WALLOPS ISLAND, Va. (AP)—A 72-foot Scout rocket and the inflatable satellite it was to have put into orbit lay under deep water 80 miles off the Virginia shore today after the failure of the first major space shot attempted from this test center.

Although the vehicle cost more than \$750,000, there will be no attempt to recover any part of it. Officials said it would be almost impossible to locate. Even if the bits of wreckage could be found, they would shed little additional light as to the cause of the failure.

Instead, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration planned to analyze carefully the radio telemetry information and the Australian system of secret ballot first was used in the U.S. at Louisville, Ky., in 1888.

The 36,600-pound, four-stage search vehicle roared aloft at 4:14 p.m. and climbed beautifully for the 44 seconds of first stage burning. But the second stage failed to ignite and the rocket plunged into the ocean.

All four stages of the Scout rocket use solid propellants, and this was the first attempt to launch a satellite with such a vehicle. No date has been set for a follow-up effort.

The experts today were studying the 22 measurements of tail fin positions, temperatures, pressures and accelerations received from the telemetry in the first stage.

What they learn will be applied to future Scout firings to develop that vehicle into the versatile and relatively inexpensive space work-horse it is designed to be.

If it had worked as planned, the inflatable satellite, 12 feet in diameter, would have orbited for a few weeks to perhaps a year, giving useful information as to the amount of drag resistance that exists, against large uniform surfaces, at orbital altitudes.

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