

Bombshell Is Tossed By Pastor

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One Sunday morning, a brawny-shouldered Presbyterian clergyman stood in the pulpit of an Episcopal Cathedral in San Francisco and tossed a bombshell into the midst of U.S. church life. The clergyman was the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church.

His bombshell was a surprise proposal to merge four of the nation's largest Protestant bodies—the United Presbyterian Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ. For years, Dr. Blake noted, church leaders have been deploring the tragic divisions of the Christian family. They have been saying that denominational barriers must be broken down, that Christian unity must be achieved.

"Let's Do Something!" All right, he said in effect, let's quit wringing our hands and do something about it. We can begin by combining four denominations into one strong, 18-million member church, which will preserve all of the best aspects of our different heritages. Then we can invite other denominations to unite with us. Churchmen who have grown accustomed to snails' pace progress in the unity movement were flabbergasted by the audacity of Dr. Blake's suggestion. Had it come from a man of less eminence, it probably would have been brushed off as impossibly utopian.

But Eugene Carson Blake cannot be dismissed as a visionary amateur. He is the chief executive officer of a denomination that was created by a painfully negotiated merger of two Presbyterian bodies. As a former president of the National Council of Churches, he has been intimately associated with efforts to achieve a measure of unity among churches by means short of organic union.

Dr. Blake knows as well as anyone that there are immense obstacles to the four-way merger he has proposed. But he also knows that these obstacles can be surmounted, if the motivation is strong enough. That was proved in India, where the same four denominations have already come together in a united church.

Can't Afford Division Dr. Blake believes that in America, as in India, the time has come when "we can no longer afford the luxury of our divisions." Denominationalism is indeed a costly luxury. To maintain their separate administrative bureaucracies, their endlessly duplicated boards, agencies and programs, churches are spending hundreds of millions of dollars that might be better invested in their central mission of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

But the spiritual cost of disunity is even greater than the financial cost. As Dr. Blake pointed out, many people have come to look upon the Christian churches as "competing social groups, pulling and hauling, propagandizing and pressuring for their own organizational advantages." This spectacle does not attract people. It is a poor way of bearing witness to the Prince of Peace who said that all men would be able to recognize his disciples by the fact that they loved one another.

Denominational leaders have promised to give Dr. Blake's proposal "serious consideration." Many a gold idea has been considered to death in the past. This attempt to achieve a real breakthrough toward Christian unity is unlikely to get anywhere unless it receives prompt, vocal and continuing support from the pastors and lay leaders of local congregations, and from ordinary church members, in all four of the denominations concerned.

EXCHANGE LIVE TV LONDON (UPI)—Britain and the Soviet Union will exchange several live television broadcasts next year over the Western European Eurovision and the Eastern European Intervisyon networks. The arrangements, announced Friday, will bring British TV audiences performances of the Bolshoi Ballet. Soviet viewers will see the Soviet Trade Fair in London and other programs.

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