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## -STORY OF THE WEEK-

# Churchmen Throughout Country Endorse Peace Appeal

Nearly 500 Signatures Received in a Week In Response to Witness Statement

#### BY W. B. SPOFFORD SR.

★ The statement calling for support of the World Council's call for "a just settlement by negotiation and conciliation" of the hostilities in Korea, published in our issue of August 10, had been signed by 440 people up to August 15. Endorsements continue to be received with every mail, making it necessary for us to report more fully in our next issue. It can already be said however that this is a remarkable response, representing a 25% return to letters we sent out by 4th class postage in the middle of the vacation

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Signers represented 27 denominations from 39 states, with Methodists leading the list with 158 signatures. Episcopalians were second, naturally since this is a magazine of the Episcopal Church, with 77 signing. Space limitations prevent us from publishing all the names, but we do present the names of some of the most prominent of other Churches, with the names of all the Episcopalians so far to have signed.

#### **Methodists**

There were 158 who stated that they were Methodists. Being away from our office as this is written our facilities for identifying the signers is extremely limited, but we wish to present some of the more prominent, without meaning any slight to others: Bishop Mar-

shall R. Reed of Detroit; Mrs. Fred B. Fisher, the chairman of the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Council of Church Women. Mrs. Fisher is the widow of Bishop Fisher who served his church in China for many years. There are two district superintendents: the Rev. Dillon Wesley Throckmorton of the Sacramento-Nevada district and the Rev. Owen J. Beadles of the Seattle district. Mark A. Dawber, until recently the head of the Home Missions Council; Prof. Clyde R. Miller of Columbia; Willard Uphaus, director of the Religion and Labor Foundation, and Bill White, vice-president of the youth fellowship of north central region are other Methodists to sign. Also the signature of Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston has just come in. **Baptists & Congregationalists** 

The Rev. Joseph C. Hazen, secretary of the American Baptist Convention, heads a list of 49 Baptists from widely scattered parts of the country, most of them pastors of churches.

The Congregational-Christian Church is represented to date by 47 signers, among them being the Rev. Albert Buckner Coe, president of the Massachusetts Congregational Churches; Prof. Arthur L. Swift Jr. of Union Seminary; Mrs. Erminie Lantero, assistant editor of "Religion in Life"; Ivey J. Shuff of the Pennsylvania Council of Christian Education, and Prof. Jerome Davis, author and lec-

turer, formerly of the Yale Divinity School.

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#### Friends & Presbyterians

Editor Richard R. Wood of "The Friend," one of eight Quakers to sign, writes: "I am delighted to be able to share with you in the current effort to introduce a much-needed constructive note into the consideration of the trouble in Korea. I hope that you receive a great response and that from mere fear of war people turn to the available means of doing something toward a peaceful settlement of the conflict."

One of the 29 Presbyterians to sign adds a bit of color by stating that he, the Rev. Raymond H. Rosche, is the pastor of the Church of the Covenant, New York, which he describes as the "church nearest to the new United Nations headquarters." Another well known Presbyterian to sign is the Rev. Philip P. Elliott, pastor of a large church in Brooklyn.

#### Unitarians & Disciples

Prof. Alva W. Taylor of Nash-ville and Dr. Kirby Page, author and lecturer, are among the seven Disciples, while there are eight Unitarians, among them the Rev. John Howard Lathrop of Brooklyn, and the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, now the pastor of a large congregation in Los Angeles and formerly the editor of the official magazine of that Church.

#### Evangelical & Reformed

The fourteen members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church are led by Dean David Dunn of the seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; H. Stanley Dunn, a professor at the same institution and Dr. John N. LeVan, their director of united promotion.

There are eight members of the African Methodist Episcopal

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Zion Church on the list, headed by Bishop Cameron C. Alleyne of Philadelphia and Bishop G. W. Taylor of Virginia, and Mrs. Abbie C. Jackson, the head of women's branch, the Church's missionary society.

#### Other Churches

Other Churches represented are: Reformed in America (4); Evangelical United Brethren (4); Missionary Baptist (6); Community (3); Lutheran (2); Church of the Brethren (2). A few Churches are represented by but one signature, but in a number of instances the signature is that of a distinguished person. Jenny A. Johnsen is the editor of "The Friend," organ of the Independent Lutheran Church; Archbishop William H. Francis is the head of the Old Catholic Church, while Pierre van Paassen, the noted author, is the sole member of the Dutch Reformed Church to send in his endorsement.

Other denominations represented are Churches of God in North America; Commandment Keepers; Federated Baptist-Methodist; United Presbyterian; Zion Baptist; Universalist. There were also eight people who sent in endorsements without identifying themselves by denominations.

Incidentally there were but nine persons who were sufficiently opposed to our statement to write to say so. **Episcopalians** 

We will state first that eight of the ten members of The Witness editorial board have endorsed the statement, with the other two, Dr. Foust who is in Europe and Mr. McCandless who has not yet been reached, having had no opportunity to sign. Five Bishops have signed: Bishop Lawrence of Western Massachusetts; Bishop Dagwell of Oregon; Bishop Parsons, retired of California; Bishop Walter Mitchell, retired of Arizona; Bishop Gooden, retired suffragan of Los Angeles.

At least three to sign the statement which calls for the seating of the People's Republic of China in the Security Council of the UN, are former missionaries to that country: Mrs. Daniel T. Huntington, widow of the Bishop who served in that country for so long; Miss Marjorie True Gregg and the Rev. Alfred B. Starratt, now rector at Stockbridge, Mass.

Six clergymen connected with theological schools signed: Professors C. A. Simpson and W. Norman Pittenger of General; Joseph F. Fletcher of Episcopal Theological School; Oscar J. F. Seitz of Bexley Hall; Dean Fleming James, former head of the seminary at the University of the South; also the Rev. Frederick C. Grant, professor at Union Seminary and former editor and now book editor of The Wit-

ness, who comments that in signing he is lining up with Trygve Lie and Premier Nehru.

Others to sign: Rev. Charles B. Ackley, New York; Rev. Melvin Abson, East Syracuse, N. Y.; Mrs. J. D. Andrey, San Antonio; Rev. Shelton Hale Bishop, New York; Rev. Roger W. Barney, Ashland, N. H.; Miss Hannah L. Batty, Hardin, Mont.; Rev. W. Carroll Brooke, Staunton, Va.; Mrs. H. M. Burke, Long Island City, N. Y.; Eliza Polk Cochran, Middletown, Del.; Florence Converse, Wellesley, Mass.; Mrs. James G. Cooke, Los Angeles; Harvey A. Cox Jr., Thomasville, N. C.; Dean John W. Day, Topeka, Kan.; Rev. Gardiner M. Day, Cambridge, Mass.; Rev. John F. Davidson, New York; W. H. Duncanson, Detroit; Rev. Thaddeus Clapp, Worcester, Mass.; Page C. DuBois, Clearfield, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fawcett, Annapolis, Md.; Mrs. P. M. Ferguson, Dixon, Ill.

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Copies of the full statement, as it appeared in our August 10 issue, will be sent on request by writing The Witness, Tunkhannock, Pa.







FREDERICK C. GRANT, VIDA D. SCUDDER, BISHOP PARSONS are among the Episcopalians to endorse The Witness appeal for support of the World Council's call for negotiation and conciliation

#### MELISH FILES AN APPEAL

★ The Rev. John Howard Melish filed an appeal in Albany on August 10th with the Court of Appeal, against lower court decisions which upheld his ouster as rector of Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, by Bishop DeWolfe in April of last year. The appeal calls the lower court ruling "an unwarranted intrusion of the civil power in a Church controversy contrary to the freedom of religion" guaranteed by the federal and state constitutions.

# DISCUSS WELFARE OF DEAF

★ The Rev. Robert Fletcher of Birmingham, Ala., represented the Episcopal Church at a three-day conference held at Raleigh, N. C. to consider the moral, social and religious welfare of the deaf. It was one of the first conferences of the kind to be held in this country. Speeches were interpreted in sign language, enabling them to be 'heard' by the 150 deaf persons attending.

# OUTLAW BOMB IS URGED

★ Bishop Dagwell of Oregon, Bishop Moulton, retired of Utah, Dean Paul Roberts and Emily Greene Balch, Nobel prize winner for 1946, are Episcopalians to join with about 600 others in calling for the outlawing of atomic warfare and the setting up of a system of strict international control. The statement was issued August 14 by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, anthropologist, who is the chairman of Peace Information Center, New York. Besides the many Americans to sign the appeal, the statement listed a number of international figures, including Bernard Shaw; former President Cardenas of Mexico; Madam Sun Yat-Sen; Vitterio E. Orlando, premier of Italy in world war one; Alvaldo Aranha, former president of the UN security council.

The release, incidentally, was ignored by the two largest papers in New York, which is itself news.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

★ The Rev. Victor Hoag, the Rev. Donald W. Crawford, Mrs. Dora Chaplain and Mrs. Louise M. Gridley were the official delegates of the Episcopal Church at the conference on religious education, held August 7-9 in Toronto. There were also members of the youth commission attending the youth section of the conference: Mary Brace of the National Council's division of youth; Nancy Miller of New Hampshire; Beverly O'Dwyer of Rhode Island; Lindley Hartwell of Vermont; Kurt Fish of Ohio. Directors of education attending were Ruth Gill of Christ Church, Wilmington, Del.; Florence Hissey of Trinity, Binghamton, N. Y.; Muriel Wood of Holy Trinity, New York. The total registration for the conference was close to 1,000, including 62 members of the Church of England in Canada; seven Anglicans from Asia, with but one Anglican among the delegates from England.





BISHOP DAGWELL, GARDINER M. DAY, BISHOP MITCHELL are also endorsers of The Witness appeal

# PHILIPPINE CHURCH WINS CASE

★ Bishop Isabelo de los Reyes, leader of the majority group of the Philippine Independent (Aglipayan) Church, has been declared by the Court of Appeals to be the denomination's legitimate head. The decision was the latest in a series of court rulings on his dispute with Bishop Juan Jamias, leader of a minority faction, who claims to be the ruling head of the Church.

The court granted Bishop de los Reyes' request that the Rev. Santiago Fonacier, retiring bishop of the minority faction, hand over to him the accounts of the Church's funds and properties. The minority faction had accused Bishop de los Reyes of renouncing the Philippine Church and joining the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States because he accepted consecration at the hands of Episcopal bishops and arranged for inter-communion between the two bodies.

Recognition of Bishop de los Reyes' authority by the Court of Appeals is expected to bring the Church into closer relationships not only with the Anglican communion, but also with Evangelical denominations in the Philippines and abroad. Bishop de los Reyes a few months ago informed representatives of the International Missionary Council and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America that if his authority were confirmed by the courts, he would strive to identify his Church more closely with the Federation of Christian Churches in the Philippines and the World Council of Churches.

He also expressed his intention of visiting Christian groups abroad to enable him to give the Philippine Independent Church a more progressive and vital Christian leadership.

The Aglipayan Church was formed in 1902 by priests and laymen who broke away from the Roman Catholic Church.

# EDITORIALS

## To Be Read In a Hammock

THE weather may be somewhat warm when you receive this copy of The Witness, so instead of giving you another editorial to read, we shall tell you a story. It is about real people, and it has what some consider a happy ending.

It was a year ago last spring. There was a diocesan convention in an eastern diocese which has had great difficulty in even approaching its missionary quota. The delegates were in a mellow mood, and the time seemed ripe to persons interested to ask for the allocation of diocesan

funds to the establishment of two new commissions: one for college work, another on work among elderly people.

Certain clergy stirred uneasily. They were the ones who found it difficult to face their vestries when they were raising their quotas, and even more difficult to face themselves if they didn't. Some of these men rose to point out that the college work commission would overlap other work to some extent, and that the geriatrics commission would not be able to do anything but announce problem everyone knew existed - namely, that there were not enough homes and other ghetto or jim-crow arrangements for old people.

These opponents knew they were playing an unpopular role. They would be accused

of unfiliality, cold-heartedness, and that senile mentality which sees no future in anything but hoarding. Thus they made their remarks in a conciliatory tone, but they stuck to their position and almost won out.

The proponents of these measures spoke with infectious and attractive enthusiasm. Finally they announced that one of these commissions would cost nothing, and the other would be allowed to use only a few dollars left over from a previous survey in which the old people had overwhelmingly stated that they would not mind being in old folks homes if they were located in their own neighborhoods. So the two commissions were

made official.

One year passed. The new budget of the diocese was placed before the delegates. There were two new items, one for each of these heretofore gratis commissions. The combined cost was now to be almost eighteen thousand dollars. This time there were no questions, no opposing voices.

This sum would keep a dozen or so old people for a year. It would keep up quite a few mission stations. But how insignificant and parochial that would be! A commission tackles problems from a much loftier point of view. It evaluates, tabulates, enumerates, corresponds with other

commissions, visits the field in good weather, sends out reports, and does a hundred other chromium plated improvements on works of mercy or of evangelization.

If we were Mr. John T. Flynn, we should see in all this a vast plot. Being depressives rather than paranoiacs, we see it simply as a trend. Taxing and spending is in the air, and the resultant atmosphere makes it as impossilbe to kill commissions when they are aborning as when they are completely fossilized. Building a bureaucracy is in the blood, and it seems to infect Republican lay-delegates quite as much as Socialist members of Parliament.

If this is a trend, we wish the Church would take the lead in reversing it.

## "QUOTES"

WHAT we are doing is to make it easy for the Russians to induce the Chinese to adhere to the Kremlin, and we are identifying ourselves with armed opposition to the great masses of Asia and to most of their intellectual and spiritual leaders. Against the advice and judgment of our European allies and of the strongest and the best of our disinterested friends in Asia, we have made it impossible for ourselves to take the only course by which we could hope to reduce the fearful odds against us. That is to refuse to regard China as a Russian satellite and to treat the government in Peking as if it were, so that it may have the chance and the reason to become an independent Chinese government.

-WALTER LIPPMANN

# On The Assumption

WE hope all our readers were wise enough to go swimming on August 15th, because this is an infallible way of preventing any kind of illness for the next twelve months. We ourselves know it is so, for we were told about it by a girl who was majoring in biology at a Roman Catholic college. August 15th is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This teaching of the Roman Church was this year made a basic tenet of their faith: it is no longer to be considered just a nice thought,

but a necessary doctrine. Some of us will regret this, as being just another barrier to reunion between Rome and the rest of Christianity. But it is easy to see what brought it about. It is the latest step in a long process of the human mind which constantly attempts to disassociate God's love from his justice.

At first, the ignorant feared God the Father, but they loved Jesus! When the Church insisted that Jesus Christ was God, and revealed God, people attributed to him the harsh vindictiveness and irritability they had pictured God the Father as possessing. Thus we have such Advent hymns as the fearful and unhappy "Dies Irae" (468). The result was that people turned to the other members of the Court of Heaven for favors, to many saints, and to Mary the Queen. ("She is a woman, she will understand, she will speak for us.") It was very much like the approach to a worldly court.

Once the Blessed Virgin had assumed the role of mediator, it was only natural to give her a

sort of Virgin Birth—the Immaculate Conception. Now the process has gone to full length in giving her a sort of Empty Tomb—the Assumption. The pleasing old Eastern feast of "the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary" was changed into a bodily disappearance.

Need we assume that we require a mediatrix between the Mediator and the flock he came to save? Need we say that it is repugnant to think that the body of the Blessed Mother should become a prey to worms; that he who was tempted in all points as we are would have assumed her body to the heavenly mansions to prevent this? Need we assume that the best answer to the materialism of the Communists, who pickled Lenin's body, is the Church which promulgates this very unspiritual doctrine? Does this add one iota to our gratitude and respect for the unassuming Virgin?

Our ancestors used to say, of the claims of Rome, that they were presumptions. At present we feel some of her doctrines are assumptions.

# Why People Are Irreligious

JAMES M. MALLOCH

Dean of St. James Cathedral, Fresno

PEOPLE who are indifferent or opposed to religion may be classified loosely as follows:

1. Traumatic (injured) Personalities. They are the religiously injured. Religion for them is associated with some injustice, persecution, extreme boredom, embarrassment, or other bitter experience. "They have become fixated on the trauma," as one psychologist puts it, "and have never matured in this region of their lives beyond the shock." "Preachers kids," retired ministers, and widows of clergymen are apt to be victims of remembered religious injuries. Many Protestants develop a sense of church dissatisfaction which is sufficiently characteristic of Protestantism to be called the "Protestant Peeve." Some of them are pathological demanders or pronounced introverts and get frustrated and infuriated when their demands are not promptly, fully, and constantly met.

Temporary relief from traumatic dislike of religion is often secured through praise, a pastoral call, election to a church office, coaxing and coddling, or some other form of flattery well known to Protestantism. A permanent cure can be had generally only through maturation, including the facing of life as it is. Sometimes it

can be had by psychological substitution, such as the joining of a church like the Christian Science which eliminates "personal contagion."

2. Overoccupied Personalities. They are unreligious, because they find no time in their lives for religion. The machine age and overorganized materialistic society leave little room for the things of the spirit. Religion becomes indefinitely or permanently sidetracked. The cure for overoccupation is revaluation, resulting in the putting of first things first, and thereby recognizing the primacy of religion in life.

3. Confused Personalities. They are people who are left bewildered by the complexity of religion itself or by the sectarian and social competitiveness of Protestantism and Speculative Fraternalism. Failing repeatedly to make up their minds about religion, they finally drop the religious quest altogether and forget it. Mixed marriages are a prime source of religious confusion. Protestantism in general expects too much of run of the mill humanity and offers it virtually no simple religious devices comparable to the rosary in Rome for example. It expects everybody to be a judge of good preaching. Pentecostal sects meet the situation by noise, jazzy

hymnology, excitement, and repetitious ejaculations which become practically as fixed in wording as rosary petitions. The only permanent cure for confusion, however, is the elimination of confusion.

4. Atheistic Personalities. They are against the gods and religion. In his book "Psychology of Religion," Paul E. Johnson of Boston University lists four motivations of atheism: (1) jealcus revolt or the Oedipus complex, a jealous desire to overthrow and supplant the father; (2) egotism, the overflow of the Freudian "Id"; (3) projection, the blaming of God or the universe for ones misdeeds or misfortune; and (4) rationalization, the victory of desire over reason. Atheism may be wishful thinking or evasion of pronounced order. In his book "The Individual and His Religion," Gordon W. Allport of Harvard points out that a militant atheist is a "reactive doubter" and perilously close to being religious, because he puts vehement emphasis upon the same focus of interest. Negatives shift into positives very easily. That is why Communism may be regarded as a religion.

Cures for atheism must be as varied as its causes. They generally lie in the realm of the emotions. Unlike people who suffer from traumatic conditions, atheists who are cured at all are almost invariably cured permanently.

5. Secular Personalities. They are religiously insensitive, just as some people are tone deaf or color blind. They have little capacity for religion. A distinguished psychologist calls them "non-religious personalities" by temperament, and says that they do not seem to require an absolutely embracing value or philosophy of life. For them matters are easily compartmentalized. They are incurious, content with a limited conception of the good. "Proximate values, not ultimate values, are what they sigh after."

Secular personalities can become at least mildly religious and often wholly cooperative with churches through an aroused sense of duty to themselves or to society. They usually have some rudimentary religious longing which can be used as the basis of moral appeal.

FIVE qualifying points must be noted: 1. Many people who say they are not religious really are religious. They simply do not know the philosophical and psychological meaning of the term religion. Everybody believes something and in something. People who say they have no religion often have a lively set of superstitions. It must be admitted that philosophers and theologians have not succeeded in defining religion beyond a vague and abstract discussion of its psychological

correlates, their possible synergy, and their object in ultimacy. Possibly we can hope for better results from the work of psychologists in the field of religion.

- 2. Irreligious people, that is people who are violently opposed to religion, are usually in psychologic or psychiatric conflict. The cure for irreligion as a mental abnormality lies in the field of psychosomatic medicine and beyond the scope of this article.
- 3. Many people are only ostensibly unreligious or irreligious. They are just keeping up with the Joneses. They are slaves of the religious pattern or mores of their group. Strange as it may seem, this is often true in academic circles. The cure for this lies in the development of a sincere, genuine, conscientious personality and moral integrity. Some people apparently are just too lazy and procrastinating to be good church members. Maybe vitamin therapy is what they need!
- 4. Some people undoubtedly are just too ignorant of religion to be functionally religious. They have no language or other means by which to express their religious impulse. The only cure for religious illiteracy is the improvement and extension of religious education.
- 5. Many people are religiously inhibited by the essentially unreligious idea found in non-Roman Catholic Churches that it doesn't matter whether a member attends church or not. The cure for this unnatural reaction lies in the bringing of the Protestant philosophy of the Church into conformity to a normal psychology of organized religion.

# **Swimming and Praying**

BY

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**O**NE of the most important things we shall ever learn to do some summer is learn to swim. It will mean a great deal to us in later summers—and winters—for our peace of mind, our safety, and our pleasure.

One of the most important things—probably the most important thing—we shall ever do in our lives is to learn to pray. It will mean a great deal to us in good times and bad times, for our peace of mind, our safety, and our joy of living.

There are marked similarities in learning to swim and learning to pray.

When a little fellow is learning to swim, we say to him "Do this with your hands and this

with your feet, and the water will hold you up." He may not say so, but he will probably think that sounds ridiculous. Everything else that holds you up is something you can cut with a knife or move with a shovel.

The same is true of praying. We say, "Clasp your hands and bend your knees," but it seems like the weakest thing in the world, and the poorest way to get things done.

We are used to air as an atmosphere. Water is a strange medium for us to live in.

Prayer also seems a strange atmosphere. (Just "saying your prayers" is like doing swimming exercises on dry land.)

In order to prove that people do stay up in the water, the instructor usually gets in himself and shows what happens.

The people who are best at teaching us to pray are those who tell us what it has done for them. They do not need to be great prayer-makers, any more than the best swimming teachers are great swimmers, but they do need to share their experience with us.

If a person has been around water and swimmers from an early age, he usually finds it easy to learn. The same is true of a person who wants to learn to pray.

Swimming and praying are both quite discouraging at first. Very often the swimming student is tempted to say: "Oh well, I'll be able to swim if I really have to." This may be true in some cases, but it may not. Not everyone who is thrown in the water learns to swim that way. Remember the king in "Hamlet"; he wanted to pray, he needed to pray, but he found he was not able to pray really, no matter how many prayers he said.

Or, the pupil may say: "Oh, I'll stick to bridges and boats." Boats are like the prayers of the Church, and bridges are like the prayers of others, but they are not always there when you need them.

Or, he may say: "Oh, I'll never go out over my head." That is something you can't prevent. Sometimes people find themselves way over their heads in some predicament, and the only way of praying they know is to say "Now I lay me down to sleep" or "God bless grandmother." You can't always live your life in shallow water.

#### Our Own Prayers

OR, the pupil may say: "I'll always wear a life belt." Wearing a life belt is a good gradual way to learn to swim; first you depend on it entirely, then you do a bit of swimming with it, and then—a terribly hard thing—you are able to give it up. It is like the prayers we learn to

say by heart. First we learn to say them, then we learn really to pray them, then we finally are able to say our own.

When some one learns to swim, at first he does a great deal of splashing and hitting at the water, and doesn't get very far. Some people try to pray that way. They pray "God make me better; God give me the things I want; God make everyone happy, Amen."—without giving God a chance to say anything. And then they wonder why they don't get very far. When you start swimming or praying, the first thing to do is to relax.

Some instructors at girls' camps say, "Don't forget the water; just pretend you're a water lily and do a gentle slow dance, and you will find yourself swimming." I have always taught boys, and I never imagined that an invitation to do a slow dance like a lovely water lily would be attractive to boys, so I have suggested that they don't hit at the water, but treat it like a big strong teammate.

The same is true of prayer. Rufus Jones advised: "Let go—and let God." When we start to pray we should think about God thankfully and trustingly, and let him help us pray.

When you float in the water, you can just feel your body being buoyed up, and you realize that water is a friendly element. When you relax in prayer, you feel the spiritual forces about you, and you realize that the spiritual world is not so strange after all.

Many swimming teachers ask their pupils to sit in shallow water, to learn to put their heads under, to learn to open their mouths and eyes under water, and so forth before they begin to learn to swim. This gets them to realize what water is like. Then perhaps they have them hang on the side of a pool or swimming dock, or lie on a board, and kick their feet to see how the water acts when you move in it.

For the same reason, the Church teaches us a great deal about God, and then it teaches us to hang on to some definite duty and relate that duty to God.

By going to church and hearing the Bible we learn that God is not some one who will give us anything we happen to want whether it is good for us or not. He is not a magician who will change the laws of the universe to suit us. But he is our great Father and Companion and he desires our companionship.

We swim usually not to get to a distant point (walking or boating would be better) but for the pleasure of being in the water. So we should pray, usually, not to get anywhere or anything in this world, but to be with God.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS

#### CONFERENCE ON HELPING AGED

\* Episcopalians Frances Perkins, the Rev. Beverly M. Boyd, officer of the Federal Council. and Canon Richard Williams of Washington Cathedral, played leading parts in President Truman's conference on aged, held in Washington August 16. Mrs. Perkins said that churches should do their utmost to play a major role in care for the aged rather than leave such care entirely to secular authorities with their often impersonal approach.

Canon Williams told the delegates that "too often grandmother stays at home as babysitter. Older persons are shunted aside in our own programs and left to their own little circles. We have to begin by changing our own attitudes toward the aged."

#### THE PICTURE ON THE COVER

\* Artist Kenneth George Gilson, British war veteran, is putting the finishing touches on murals showing birth and crucifixion of Christ, as the vicar, Esteban Cladera, looks on. The murals were recently dedicated at the Mission of the Holy Family, North Hollywood, by Bishop Bloy.

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#### ARCHBISHOPS HIT NEW DOGMA

★ The Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued a joint statement on August 17 condemning the new Roman Catholic dogma of the Assumption. The doctrine teaches that the body of the Virgin Mary was preserved from corruption and assumed into heaven shortly after her death.

"We profoundly regret," the Archbishops said, "that the Roman Catholic Church has chosen by this act to increase the dogmatic differences in Christendom." (see editorial, page six)

#### ANNOUNCE PROGRAM FOR SYNOD

★ The synod of the province of the mid-west will be held at Kenyon College, Sept. 11-13, under the presidency of Bishop Ivins of Milwaukee. Bishops of the dioceses comprising the province are to report on various phases of work, with Presiding Bishop Sherrill featured with an address on the national work of the Church.

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\* The National Council has received from Wiesbaden, Germany, a grateful letter telling of the resumption of worship in the Old-Kathol Parish church, made possible in part by the Episcopal Church's contribution through the Presiding Bishop's fund for world relief. The service was conducted by Bishop Steinwachs with assistance by Priest Eder of the local parish. At the opening, Eder "thanked with hearty words the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, for through its help it was only possible to restore the church. It would be absolutely impossible to restore our church as it looks now without the

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brotherly help of Protestant Episcopal Church."

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#### CHURCHMEN ASK FOR PRAYERS

★ Clergymen and lay people of different denominations in Atlanta, Ga., have called upon President Truman to set a time for special prayers over the Korean war. They ask for a 15 minute all-network broadcast to be conducted by a Protestant minister, a Jewish rabbi and a Roman Catholic priest. Dean de Ovies is participating in the campaign.

In Oklahoma City Protestant churches united on August 11th for a 24-hour prayer vigil for world peace and justice.

#### LOS ANGELES HAS NEW GUIDE

\* A curriculum guide for the diocese of Los Angeles, embracing the eight southern counties of California, has been prepared by the division of Church instruction and has been released by the department of Christian education, it was announced by Miss Margaret Brown, assistant director. The 26-page guide has been prepared as a further response to Bishop Bloy's call "to know the faith in its wholeness, to practice the faith in its completeness, and to propagate it with vigor and with zeal." also is a tool to be used during the new interim period when "we are preparing for the new curriculum, the family-parish program of Christian education," according to the foreword.

# BENTLEY PREACHES IN CANADA

★ Bishop John B. Bentley, vice-president of the National Council and director of the overseas department, has accepted the invitation of the primate of the Church of England in Canada to preach at a service to be

held in connection with the annual meetings of the House of Bishops and the executive Council of that church. The service will be held in St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on Wednesday evening, September 6.

# JOSEPH McGEE OFFERS A PRAYER

★ Joseph E. J. McGee, verger of the Cathedral Church of Christ, Philadelphia, believes that stockholders meetings should be opened with prayer. He travels to Hoboken, N. J. each year and there requests of the chairman of the stockholders meeting of United States Steel that a prayer be said. It is becoming traditional for Mr. McGee to be asked to do the praying. He is 82 years of age.

# NEW CHURCHES IN MICHIGAN

★ Ground was broken July 20 for a new church for St. Martin's, Detroit, where the Rev. James H. Morris is rector. Also a new church was dedicated by Bishop Emrich on July 23 for All Saint's, Houghton Lake.



# THE NEW BOOKS

FREDERICK C. GRANT, Book Editor

The Earth is the Lord's. By Abraham Joshua Heschel. Henry Schuman. \$2.50.

A beautifully written and wonderfully illustrated account of Eastern European Jewry, bringing out its profoundly religious character, but at the same time its intense loyalty to traditionalism. It is the record of a precious human-very human-kind of life, indeed a wholly unique type of civilization, which has now, thanks to Hitler and his hellions, completely passed away. It seems to me that it is somewhat of an exaggeration, however, to say that this "was the golden period in Jewish history."

A Pictorial Gospel. By Eliot Hodgkin. Macmillan, \$3.50.

Truly "good news" is this presentation of the gospel narratives in picture book form. The collector has included all of the recognized masters, which makes of the book the enjoyable experience of walking through a

familiar gallery, but, in addition, there are delightful drawings from breviaries, codices and old Bible histories rarely come upon. Some of the pictures from private collections like "The Hireling Shepherd" of P. Breughel and Blake's "The Soldiers Casting Lots" are significant. The two pictures by Hans Fries from Fribourg suggest a startling XVth century parallel in lively biblical depiction to the current "In Our Image." The plan is right with the story (A. V.) on the left-hand page and the illustration facing it; the format is attractive. This is a superior "gift book," but you will want to keep it for yourself. -Jean H. Johnson

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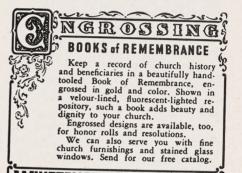
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## NEWS OF OTHER CHURCHES

#### FEDERAL COUNCIL URGES ECONOMIC IDEALS

Science and a free economic system fail to solve the problem of society unless they are accompanied by the practice of Christian ideals, according to the annual Labor Sunday message issued by the Federal Council of Churches.

"Despite all our resources," the statement said, "we have not been able to meet even the basic needs of many people at home and of millions throughout the world. Unless we continually seek to make the convictions we hold as Christians operate in the work that is our livelihood, we invite moral decay."

The message warned against allowing the national economy to become habitually dependent on "artificial supports" such as military expenditures. "We must strengthen and improve those elements in our economic system," it said, "which will enable us to maintain continued high levels of employment and productivity without such supports. To do this we must declare unremitting war on poverty, ignorance, greed, and prejudice."

The message declared that "the Christian can never accept the doctrine that unemployment and hunger are inevitable any more than he can accept the doctrine that war is inevitable."

Intended to be read in churches throughout the country on the first or second Sunday of September, the statement was approved by the Council's executive committee and issued through its department of the church and economic life. Church people were urged to familiarize themselves with the problems of wage earners and with organized labor's contribution to industrial progress and harmony. They were encouraged to correct injustices in the social order and to oppose abuses of economic power by labor as well as by management and other groups.

# MACKAY SEES NON-RECOGNITION OF CHINA A MISTAKE

Failure of the United States to recognize Communist China was "a very decided mistake," Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theologi-

cal Seminary and chairman of the International Missionary Council, said at a Lutheran conference at Northfield, Minn. Although the Korean war has made the situation more difficult, a way still should be found to give recognition to the new Chinese order.

Dr. Mackay, who is also president of the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., said "the present danger is that we alienate entirely the Chinese people and risk the tragic possibility of war with China."

#### ANGLICANS OF INDIA NAME METROPOLITAN

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## PEOPLE

#### DEATHS:

ROBERT CARTER JETT, 85, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia from 1920 to his retirement in 1938, died August 9th at his home in Roanoke.

#### CLERGY CHANGES:

G. BURTON HODGSON, assistant at Christ Church, Dearborn, Mich., is now rector of St. Paul's, St. Clair, Mich.

JOHN L. COTTRELL, formerly of Montana, is now in charge of St. George's, Milford, Mich.

BENJAMIN A. MEGINNIS, former navy chaplain, is now rector of the Nativity, Dothan, Ala.

JOSEPH W. PEOPLES, rector of St. John's, Chicago, has been called back to active service as an army corps

J. EDGAR EDWARDS, clergyman of another communion who plans Episcopal ordination, is in charge of St. Peter's, Hillsdale, Mich.

FRANK L. TITUS, assistant sec'y of the overseas dept., National Council, becomes rector of All Saint's, Syracuse, N. Y. in Sept.

PHILIP J. DAUNTON, formerly an instructor at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, is now curate at St. Clemen's, Berkeley, Cal.

WILLIAM B. MURDOCK, formerly curate at St. Paul's, Burlingame, Cal., is now vicar of St. Andrew's, Lomita Park, Cal.

MILTON G. NICOLA, formerly vicar of St. David's, Pittsburg, Cal., is now vicar of St. John's, Capitola, Cal.

#### **ORDINATIONS:**

LESTER W. McMANIS, in charge of St. John's, Decatus and St. Timothy's, Athens, Ala., was ordained deacon on Aug. 16 by Bishop Carpenter at Trinity, Florence.

ROBERT DAVIDSON, graduate of Virginia Seminary, was ordained deacon by Bishop Emrich on July 29 at St. Columba's, Detroit. He is assistant at St. Paul's, Flint.

PHILIP J. DAUNTON was ordained priest by Bishop Block at St. Clement's, Berkeley, Cal. He is to be an instructor at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

ROBERT S. MORSE was ordained deacon by Bishop Block at St. Paul's, Burlingame, Cal., where he is curate. BURKE INLOW was ordained deacon on July 21 by Bishop Block at St. Luke's, San Francisco, where he is curate.

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#### ARTHUR A. SWANSON

Methodist minister, Lundy's Lane, Pa.

Please add my name to the other names which come into your office for the settlement of the Korean dispute by reconciliation for a just settlement. This Bath of Blood so soon after the last horror of bloodshed and suffering is wholly uncalled for, costing precious lives and outlay, which and because of which, the neediest and poorest on earth are compelled to do without and further adds to still greater suffering. It's so shocking and awful that unscrupulous heads of nations plunge millions and themselves into pitfalls and death.

#### PAGE TREDWAY SR. Layman of Little Falls, N. J.

On a business trip this week to one of our largest cities I noted the following: In the heart of the business district stands a Methodist Church. A sign board - dignified but large enough to be read by passersby in a car-announces the preachers for the two summer months—a prominent clergyman each Sunday, some of them nationally known. Two blocks away is an Episcopal Church, about the same size as the Methodist-its bulletin board announces the service for the following Sunday, with sermon by the curate.

A mile or so from downtown on one of the main arteries is the Cathedra' of the diocese-its bulletin meekly announces that the preacher next Sunday will be a member of the Cathedral staff. This thoroughfare rolls on, the neighborhood becomes distinctly residential and we find an especially handsome Episcopal Church sermon by the curate. Exactly one block behind is a Disciples of Christ Church. It has a sign announcing summer preachers—prominent names and one of them no less than an Anglican bishop - and an Episcopal Church only a block away!

All this strikes me as an example of the so-called "Protestant bodies" using the summer months as an opportunity to put their best foot forward and the Episcopal Church using them as an opportunity to coast along and do the minimum.

Does our Church not have sufficient top-flight preachers among its bishops and other clergy so that during the summer the key parishes in large cities could provide a program on a par with that of neighboring Protestant churches? Or do these fellows have such a strenuous winter that

they must vacation all summer, perhaps preaching, occasionally at some St. Juniper's-by-the-sea.

It may be argued that preaching is not important in the Episcopal Church. If so, it should be abolished altogether. A poor sermon can be just as long as a good one.

I do not mean to pass judgment on the young men who do our summer preaching. Being confined to my own organ bench even Sunday, I seldom hear them.

#### JEROME DAVIS

Author and Lecturer

On my return from a trip to Europe where I have been studying the cooperative movement I find your letter about signing the statement on the Korean situation. I am of course happy to do this. More power to you in the great work you are doing.

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