

I could never think well of man's intellectual or moral character if he was habitually unfaithful to his appointments. —Nathaniel Emmons



RICH REDS, as in Mrs. Steward Artf's velvet tunic, or Mrs. Gerald Otto's cocktail gown they model at the youth building are fall fashions.

Churchwomen See Modes

New youth building at Our Shepherd Lutheran church was the scene of a fall fashion preview being sponsored by the church's women's club.

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25
United Brethren - The Rev. Willis E. Bishop will speak at the 11 a.m. service on "The Stewardship of Personality."
First Methodist - Mrs. Both Duffy, director of Christian Education, will speak at 11 a.m. worship service on "Faith up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Echoes From Europe

Describes Baptist Alliance

By THE REV. EMIL KONTZ, D.D., Pastor, First Baptist Church

London was the scene of the meeting of more than thousands of Baptists from all over the world. During July, 1955 the delegates of over 25 million Baptists in 65 countries assembled to observe the 50th anniversary of their world organization, the Baptist World Alliance.

The conference was representative of many races and cultures, these often reflected in the content and speech of those present. For the first time since 1922, there were official delegates from the Soviet Union and delegates from other Iron Curtain countries.

THIS COSMOPOLITAN meeting was all the more remarkable since it was a voluntary assemblage of people from completely independent organizations of Baptists, called conventions or unions. These groups in turn are made up of completely autonomous, independent, self-governing churches who have only a fraternal and not a legal relationship with any other.

And the local churches, of course, are composed of members, who pledge themselves on their baptism of full liberty and independence of belief and judgment. No hierarchy of leadership, no contract of cooperation binds and brought these people together. Nevertheless, delegates and attendees at the congress numbered nearly 10,000.

Site of the Baptist meeting was Royal Albert Hall, a large circular red-brick building on the edge of one of London's spacious parks. It is the scene of concerts and recitals. The auditorium is in the form of a vast amphitheater, its stage and main floor surrounded by numerous tiers of seats and balconies.

HIGH ABOVE the audience was the multicolored emblem of the B.W.A. with a gold globe at the center. On either side of the emblem were the Bible text which provided the theme for the conference: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). The week-long program was so extensive it required a booklet of 45 printed pages to list all of the various meetings and activities of the congress.

The meetings of the congress were naturally replete with dramatic incidents. Very significant was the occasion of the roll call of the nations. This took place at the great hall was crowded to the rafters.

One of the haters' being the flag of the many nations represented. Spoken from a Baptist group around the world stepped up to the speaker's microphone to bring greetings of their group. Some of them appeared in native costume, some spoke through interpreters.

THE KEYNOTE of these brief but moving testimonials was the joyful sense of kinship that was felt with the group, despite geographical distance and cultural difference. Another high moment came when the congress voted a resolution to be sent to the "Summit Conference" which was meeting in Geneva at the same time. This message was addressed to the four heads of state and ex-

pressed "thankfulness for your meeting at this time and your intention to plan for peace and not for war. Believing that the present moment is crucial but full of hope, they assure you of their full support in your efforts and their earnest prayers for the guidance of Almighty God in your deliberations."

THE AUDIENCE arose to express its unanimity regarding the message and united in prayer. A delegate from Russia offered prayer first, followed by a delegate from Texas. While these prayers were being read like a bulletin of the world, a hymn was sung as well as all those in the audience joined in prayer to form a close fellowship of prayer.

The program consisted of a variety of addresses, some by ministers but many of them by laymen. The agenda of speakers with their titles and countries was as follows:

Considerable attention was given to the various aspects of the Baptist world program; evangelistic, medical and educational missions in many countries; relief and rehabilitation in war-devastated areas; rebuilding of churches and schools; distribution of the Bible and Christian literature.

LAYMEN, women and youth had separate mass meetings in nearby large halls. Much thought and attention was given to the problem of securing religious freedom for many groups now being denied that right in various parts of the world.

One of the dramatic episodes of the conference was the occasion when the Russian delegation appeared on the program. Their spokesman, a Baptist minister from Moscow, the Rev. Yakov Zaidov, spoke through an interpreter who was another member of the delegation. Rev. Zaidov spoke about the continued rapid spread of the evangelical movement in the Soviet Union.

HE INSISTED that Christians must promote the cause of Christ everywhere, regardless of political systems or economic organizations. He admitted that courage of high order was necessary to give a full and frank testimony to the Christian faith. While the work is carried on under some limitations, there is a large latitude of liberty, the speaker reported.

The Christian cause is advancing in the Soviet Union more rapidly now than in 25 years. Announcement was made of the invitation extended to several prominent ministers and laymen of the Baptist congress to visit the Baptist churches of the Soviet Union after the close of the conference. The Baptist congress, while not a legislative body and unable to make commitments for all its constituent nations, nevertheless, did adopt resolutions to be sent to the "Summit Conference" which was meeting in Geneva at the same time. This message was addressed to the four heads of state and ex-

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What the Church of Your Choice Is Planning



STYLE SHOW poster is displayed by committeewomen of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church, left to right, Mrs. Walter Pinner, Mrs. Thomas Devine, Mrs. Russell Montgomery, and Mrs. Richard Kowalczyk. Mrs. Devine, chairman, is aided by co-chairman Mrs. Montgomery, and Mrs. Pinner and other ladies are publicizing Sept. 29 noon event.

Woman's Society Groups to Meet

Day-time groups of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church will start the fall season by meeting for luncheon, followed by a business session, on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 12:45 p.m.

A Newcomer's group for those not previously affiliated with existing groups will be organized on October 1.

Hostess for group seven will be Mrs. William Hunter, 1519 Hennrich with Mrs. Kent Woodbridge, Mrs. Ross Souler and Mrs. F. J. Watkins as co-hostesses. Mrs. George Henry, president of American Motors and an outstanding churchman, will speak on "The Faith of the Mormons."

Activities Begin For Fellowship

Activities of the Westminster Fellowship, high school organization of the First Presbyterian church, begin Sunday, Sept. 25, with a picnic at Bloomer State park, Rochester.

Hostess for group seven will be Mrs. William Hunter, 1519 Hennrich with Mrs. Kent Woodbridge, Mrs. Ross Souler and Mrs. F. J. Watkins as co-hostesses.

Hostess for group ten will be Mrs. George W. Mack, 6195 Lantern lane, Foxcroft. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Terri Shattuck, Mrs. Robert C. Bouse and Mrs. Gerald Herrick.

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