

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

BY W.W. REID

The Northern Baptist Convention, one of the largest Protestant denominations in the United States, is planning to hold a series of two hundred convocations in the fall of 1942 "to help prepare Baptists for their additional responsibilities as Christians in the present world situation." These convocations will be held in two hundred leading cities across the nation, and will draw some of the ablest church leaders and speakers in the country. "Teams" of speakers will include prominent pastors, missionaries, laymen and women, and executives.

"In this time of China's life and death struggle," says President Y. C. Yang of Soochow University, China, "it would seem natural that the whole country would be surcharged with war psychology. But the nation's leaders have not allowed immediate problems to crowd out the educational and moral development of those who will be the leaders in the future. They realize that China's greatest battle is to be fought in the realm of thought and faith. There is a new interest in religion and a greater appreciation of the spiritual values of life. China is earnestly seeking light and truth and a Christ who can save and redeem. Spiritually, China's eyes are turning to God. Now the Christian church has its opportunity to show the Chinese that Jesus Christ is the Savior and Redeemer they need."

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. reports that it now has a total force of 1189 missionaries. Of this number, 155 are on regular furlough in the United States, 97 have been evacuated to the United States because of war conditions; and 101 are on extended furlough but planning to return to missionwork. On the several mission fields there are actually 836 missionaries today. They are in Brazil, Chile, China, Cosen, Colombia, Guatemala, India, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Mexico, Philippines, Syria, Thailand, Venezuela and West Africa.

Christianity and Democracy must be practiced as well as believed if they are to win the present world struggle, in the opinion of Mrs. J. W. Mills, vice president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. In a recent address she said: "While we are hearing so much about the necessity for increased armaments, and all life seems to center on immediate things, our vision of the future is apt to be clouded. The world will be full of bitterness and hate. While woman must begin with self-discipline and self-sacrifice, she must not stop with her self-adjustment, or her own home, or her own community, or her own nation. She must see the opportunity and set in motion an over-widening circle of friendship which shall reach from her small home to the women of Asia."

The Island of Ambonia in the Dutch East Indies—now appearing in the headlines of American newspapers for the first time—has had a Christian church for more than two hundred years, long before coming under the control of the East India Company. Since 1867 its religious life has been merged with that of the Church of India, and it has been independent of support from the Netherlands Missionary Society. The Protestant membership in Ambonia in 1938 was 189,141. From that church have gone many missionaries and

evangelists to nearby islands, especially to New Guinea and Halmahera.

The Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, D. D., pastor of the prominent Plymouth Congregational Church at Lansing, Michigan, has been elected Minister of the Missions Council of Congregational Christian churches in the United States. This new post will make him responsible for directing the promotional and field activities of the three principal "service agencies of the Congregational denomination—those dealing with foreign missions, home missions, and social action. His headquarters will be in New York after June 1. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin and of the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Dr. Stauffacher held pastorates in Brawley, Cal., and in Washington, D. C., before going to Michigan.

Guest Speaker To Be Here

Miss Jimmie Woodward of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, will visit our campus this week. She will arrive on Wednesday afternoon and work with the students through Thursday night.

Miss Woodward is the present secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in Chapel Hill. She comes for the purpose of helping solve the problems on our campus that confront the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A.

The schedule for Miss Woodward has been worked out as follows:

Wednesday p.m.—Campus Religious Council Meeting
 Wednesday night—A special meeting of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A.
 Thursday a.m.—Class lectures.
 Thursday p.m.—Phi Sigma Tau Sorority.

Germany Gets French Ships

Latest reports from a Russian news agency say that France has turned over to Germany 40 warships. If true, then Germany will have at hand means to control the Mediterranean Sea and thereby be able to attack the Allies along the coast of Africa to the Suez Canal. Already we are told Axis subs are taking a heavy toll of shipping in the Atlantic. Any addition to their marine power will enable them to make more heavy inroads on Allied shipping.

RAF Starts Spring Drive

For several days the RAF has made attacks on Paris, German munition plants and have threatened to attack plants and airfields in France. The bombings grow more intense each day. It is said the RAF is seeking to destroy every aid to the German preparation for the invasion of England in the spring.

Here are some suggestions offered by no less a person than Dan A. West, director of the Office of Price Administration Consumer Division to help families meet the advanced cost of living due to the war and the subsequent rise in prices:

Set up an exchange to pass along articles of children's clothing that have been outgrown before worn out.
 Mend raincoats and overshoes.

New Senior Prexy Chosen

Joe Frank Draper Elected to High Post

Joe Frank Draper, Conway, has recently been elected Senior Class president to succeed Joe Holliday.

Mr. Holliday resigned after having been elected president of the student body to succeed Gordon Aldridge.

Mr. Draper came to A. C. C. in the fall of '39. He has been with us for four years. In that time he has done many things for the college, for his best friends, and for his class. He has entered the field of athletics wholeheartedly, having made for himself a berth on the varsity team in basketball in years past.

He has done numerous things and held many positions in the various organizations on the campus in past years and, especially this his senior and busiest of years.

Fashion Show

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order: Campus & Sports Clothes, Street Wear, Afternoon Costumes, Play Clothes and Evening Wear.

Between each group of styles, the audience was entertained by a number of students. Those who contributed to the entertainment were: Elizabeth White, Mary Herring, Howard James, Margaret Garria, Elizabeth Soney, Claudia and Sally Lucas, Mr. Eugene Grove and the College Octet.

Probably one of the most unique things of the college year was the Melodrama given by Lib Stoney. With a musical background, she appeared on the stage in an old-fashioned, bustle styled dress and in a very dramatic way recited the well-known ballad, "My Mother Was a Lady." Her costume and her characterization gave an entirely new and different air to the show. This dramatic interlude added a touch of humor to a successful Style Show.

Refreshments were served throughout the evening by the hostesses.

The Dining Hall was lighted by candles entirely, with the exception of a spotlight on the models. Throughout the Show, soft piano music was played by Madeline Denning. Carrie Davis May, President of the Sorority, was Narrator. She announced the models and described the costumes as they appeared.

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