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Billy Graham Interviewed At Montreat Office

Sees Terrorism Ahead Calls For U.S. Patriotism

Will Not Retire

By UVA MIRACLE
Dr. Billy Graham declared he had no plans to retire, "I don't believe an evangelist can retire," he said. "I feel I was called by God to spread the Gospel and am duty bound and obligated to win people to Jesus Christ as long as I live. I may have to slow down and do fewer crusades but I'll never quit." Dr. Graham stated that many evangelists had cut down on their evangelizing or had stopped at his age and length of time. He preached his first sermon at age 19 and began his public ministry in 1946-47 with his first Crusade in England.

Dr. Graham held a special news conference Tuesday, Dec. 30 at his office in Montreat for representatives from all areas of the news media. Quoting the testimony of "police officials" to Congressional committees, Evangelist Billy Graham warned that "about 2,000 terrorists are in the United States ready to activate in the Bicentennial year."

"I would think," the evangelist said "that we are entering one of the most serious and most dangerous periods in the history of the United States."

"Some of these people are going to try to make their points in their terrorist activities during the Bicentennial year to divide and disrupt us."

Graham made a nationwide television speech Wednesday night Dec. 31 over 304 stations, and said he will speak the nation, "Are we going to allow them to succeed?"

"I'm calling upon people's patriotism," he said, "and upon people to make 1976 a year of prayer and humiliation and fasting, and that we put the emphasis on spiritual things to combat this terrorist activity."

Graham said the bomb blast in New York's LaGuardia Airport Monday "might have been the start" of the terrorist activities he mentioned. The New Year's Eve telecast, which covered every part of the nation, he said, "will emphasize the Bicentennial and the dangers we face in the world, the problems we face, and what I believe to be the solution and the answers to them."

The speech will be telecast in most areas in the prime television time between 9 and 11 p.m.

Graham discussed his recent three-months tour which took him to various countries in the Far East, Middle East and Europe.

He spoke of lunching with the Queen of England and other heads of state, including President Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Rabin of Israel, of being briefed on the military situation in Europe, the Far East and the Middle East.

"Professors from the American University in Beirut," he said, "came to Cairo to brief me on the situation in Lebanon, and, all in all, I picked up quite a bit of interesting information about what is happening in the world."

"I sum it all up by saying that we are living in a dangerous world, and these explosive points are very serious. Many of them could explode this coming year. I think 1976 is going to be a very serious and very dangerous year for the whole world. And I believe this is going to intensify and increase."

The evangelist said he is hopeful "the plans of Mr. Kissinger don't fall through." Referring to the Secretary of State, Graham said, "He's walking a very tight rope at the moment, in my

judgement, trying to have detente with the Soviet Union and China. Seemingly, in the latest news reports, the Soviet Union and China are trying to get together. The Soviet influence around the world is tremendous, and they are in the process of changing their weapons system from a defensive weapons system to an offensive weapons system. It is estimated that they could take all of Europe in nine days."

Warning of the explosiveness of the world situation, Graham said, "Jeremiah the Prophet said there would be false prophets who would be crying peace, peace, peace, when there is no peace — and there isn't any peace in the world. Twenty-five wars are being fought right now, according to one London newspaper."

He said the current situation of uneasiness in the United States has been building up for a long time.

"Such things as the Watergate, Vietnam and the energy crisis have been a buildup," he said, "causing us as the American people to lose confidence in many of our great institutions. This in itself poses a danger to our country and to democracy and to freedom."

"The buildup of world tensions is not decreasing, it is increasing. The very fact that the Soviet Union feels that it is free now to intervene directly into an African situation indicates that the world balance of power is shifting, and I think that 1976 will be a dangerous year."

He said he thought the United States "is weaker at this point than at any time since the Korean War." Speaking on the Middle East, Graham said he thinks "the situation between Egypt and Israel has been greatly improved, but that Israel's relations with Syria are still very serious, and, of course, the Lebanon situation has increased tensions in that part of the Middle East."

He added that relations between the United States and Egypt "are much easier than they've been in a long time. They're anxious to show their friendship to Americans, and I find on the streets that Americans are very well accepted and very popular in Egypt."

He revealed that he has been invited to hold a major crusade in Egypt next year, and that he is considering



BILLY GRAHAM

accepting the invitation.

When questioned as to whether, perhaps, some of the countries who were inviting him to hold crusades to quote "Be able to say if Dr. Graham comes here to hold a Crusade we can't be as bad as pictured," he replied "I will go anywhere, anytime to proclaim the message of salvation of Jesus Christ whether it be in Moscow, Israel, Poland, Communist, Moslem or Islam countries. I will tell it as clearly and completely as I am allowed, to whoever will listen."

Dr. Graham had the one millionth published copy of his book "Angels God's Secret Agents" which had been presented to him by Doubleday Publishing Co. The book was beautifully bound in brown leather with gold leaf lettering. He stated as far as he knew this was the first time that they had ever presented the specific millionth copy to an author. It has sold over a million copies since its release in September. He also revealed that more sold in that short a period than any other he published by Doubleday and Mrs. Graham

condition but will be going to Mayo Clinic soon for my yearly physical."

When asked why he came to Montreat Graham laughingly replied, "I come to see my wife and children." He then went on to relate the early reason for choosing Montreat was so his wife could be near her parents, the late Dr. and Mrs. L. Nelson Bell while he was traveling. He related how he and Ruth bought their first home, near his present office, for \$4,500. He also gave great credit to Dr. and Mrs. Bell for the way which his children had turned out. "They served as mother and father to them in my and sometimes Ruth's absence." The Grahams have made their home in Montreat for 30 years.

Dr. Graham says he plans to spend some time in the area this spring, summer and fall and will as usual be speaking at Montreat College for some events this year.

Now for our ladies (and the men who want to know but won't admit it) Dr. Graham wore a beautifully tailored navy blue and white tweed suit, he didn't appear to have a single ounce of excess weight. His once blonde mane of hair has darkened somewhat and is generously sprinkled with silver. His eyes are just as commanding up close as on TV and girls he's even handsomer.

This is a little different from the "big city stories" but this is our neighbor from up the way and we're glad to have a chance to let the home folks know him a little better.

Dr. T. W. Wilson, a member of his staff from Montreat, Mrs. Edna Edwards of WFGW and Don Bailey his public

present physical condition he stated "I'm in fine physical



DR. T. W. WILSON and Mrs. Edna Edwards manager of WFGW and WMIT local folks on the Graham Staff are shown with their beloved boss.

relations representative and former resident of Black Mountain were present and the gossip back and forth between those of the media who knew all of them was quite the most interesting part

of the conference. Dr. Graham plans three major Crusades in the United States in 1976; one in Seattle, Washington, one in San Diego, Calif., and one in Detroit.



DR. GRAHAM displays millionth printed copy of "Angels God's Secret Agents."



VALLEY NEIGHBORS Dr. Billy Graham and Uva Miracle chat for awhile at Tuesday's news conference.

Schools Must Offer Free And Reduced-Price Lunches

All public schools in North Carolina must offer free and reduced-price lunches to eligible school children under a recent law passed by Congress, according to Ralph W. Eaton, director of the State's School Food Services Program for the Department of Public Instruction.

Approximately 92 percent of North Carolina's schools are presently offering free and reduced-price meals, Eaton noted, but under the new law the service is mandatory. "The intent of the legislation," explained Eaton, "is to reach more eligible children. Children of unemployed parents," for example, "whose income level has fallen within the criteria set up for eligibility can now be included in the program."

Guidelines have also been revised to require that children from families with incomes between family size income level of the State's

standard for free meals and 195 percent of the Secretary of Agriculture's income poverty guidelines be served free and reduced-price meals. This is a technical change in eligibility, according to Eaton, that will have to be determined by local school officials.

Although changes in the law have broadened eligibility requirements, Congress has given school officials the right to verify income information they receive on applications for free and reduced-price meals if they have cause to believe it may be incorrect. During the time the information is being verified, however, the child must be served free and reduced-price meals based on the information on the application.

Income level charts and guidelines for the free and reduced-price lunch program are available from school lunchroom managers in Buncombe County Schools.

New City Manager Arrives



JON EUGENE CREIGHTON, assumed his duties as City Manager of Black Mountain this past Friday. He is a graduate of Appalachian State University and is now completing his MA degree in Political Science with concentration in City Government. He was formerly employed by the City of Canton. Twenty-three year old Creighton was born and reared in Asheville where he now resides. He is also a very eligible bachelor. On behalf of the community the News welcomes our new City Manager to Clack Mountain.

Two Arrested In Theft Of Autos, Tools

An Asheville man and a Swannanoa man were arrested in Waynesville early last Thursday morning in connection with the theft of three cars and an assortment of mechanical tools from National Frame and Body Shop, 283 Burton Ave. in West Asheville, police said.

Two of the cars were found wrecked following two separate hit-and-run accidents, police said, and the third was recovered in Haywood County.

Harold Silver told police the break-in apparently occurred some time December 24, with the intruders gaining entry by breaking the lock from a basement door.

Taken in the larceny, he said, was a blue metal tool box containing \$600 worth of mechanical tools, and three cars valued at \$1,500, \$550 and \$550.

Police said one of the stolen cars was involved in a hit-and-

run accident at 11:45 p.m. December 24, damaging a car parked in front of 52 Florida Ave. belonging to Glenn Anders of that address. Damage to Anders' car was estimated at \$600.

Another of the stolen cars was involved in a similar hit-and-run accident 25 minutes earlier, police said, doing \$100 damage to a car parked in front of 139 Brucemont Circle. The parked car belonged to Betty Edwards of that address, police said. They said the stolen car was found abandoned a short distance away on Florida Avenue.

Arrested by Haywood County authorities were Teddy Gene Hunter, 21, of 550 Poplar Hill Road in Swannanoa and Bill M. Jaramille, 17, of 30 Majestic Ave., police said. Each was charged with breaking and entering and larceny, they said, and bond was set at \$500 each.

(Taken From Asheville Times)

New Office and Retail Spaces To Be Built

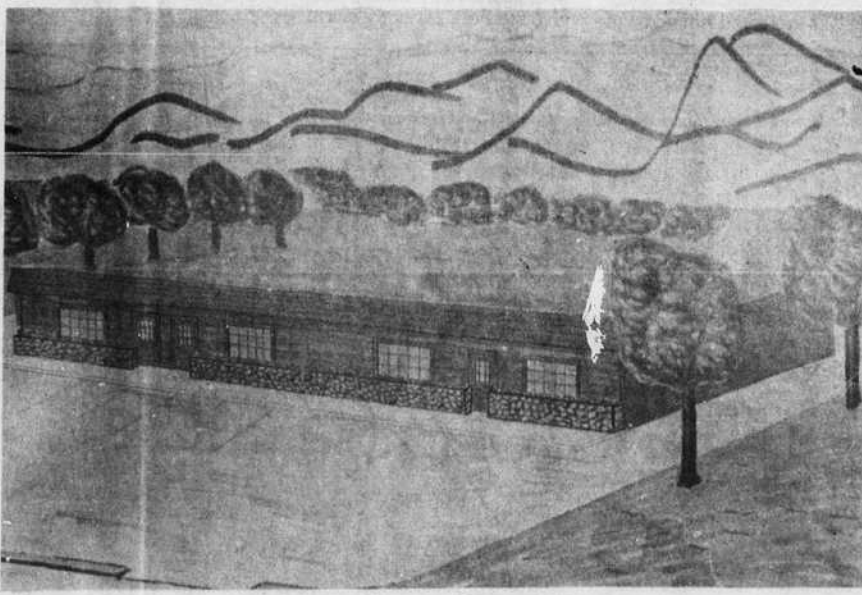
Arnold Jones, President of Arnold Jones and Son, Inc. recently announced that his company will begin construction of a retail and office building on US 70 West near the Blue Ridge Road intersection. "The building will be basically one of our Kirby Pre-engineered Steel Buildings

with a rustic stone and wood front elevation. We chose this type building because of the speed of construction and its low maintenance," he stated.

The structure will consist of 4500 square feet of floor space and will house the offices of Arnold Jones and Son, Inc.,

Construction and Realty; Grey Eagle, Inc., Land Developers and Syndicators and M & D Designers and Engineers. The two retail spaces will consist of 10000 square feet each.

Opening date for the new facility is mid-March.



ARTISTS SKETCH of New Office and retail spaces planned by Arnold Jones and Son, Inc., to be built on Highway 70 West near the Blue Ridge Road intersection.

**City Council
To Meet
January 12 7:30 P.M.
at City Hall**