

NEW METHODIST GROUP TO UNITE EIGHT MILLIONS

Landon, Delegate to Kansas City Parley, Says World Turns to Churches.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 25 (U.P.)—A new Methodist Church making up the largest Protestant denomination in the country will be formed at a uniting conference which begins here tomorrow.

Delegates to the historic conference were arriving in large numbers today to effectuate the union of the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal, South, and the Methodist Protestant Churches into one group of almost eight million members.

Alf M. Landon, 1936 Presidential nominee and a delegate-at-large to the conference, declared at a preliminary meeting last night that a world "sinking under a load of hate" was turning to its churches.

The membership of the three branches will be represented by 900 officials delegates, it was expected that more than 20,000 lay and clerical leaders will attend the conference during the session of three weeks or more.

Only Details Unsolved

The three church branches already have approved the general unification proposal, leaving to the forthcoming conference the task of working out details and consolidating boards of missions, religious education, pensions and hospitals.

Among the first church leaders arriving today were Bishop Raymond J. Wade of Stockholm, a Hosiery native, and Bishop John L. Nuelson of Geneva, Switzerland.

Gains Are Reported

Addressing a preconference meeting of the Board of Bishops and the World Service Commission today, Bishop Frederick T. Keeney of Chicago reported a gain of 30,000 in average attendance at Methodist Sunday Schools in the North.

Bishop Keeney said the Methodist Episcopal Church had added 186,953 members in the last year, a gain of 3.92 per cent; the Methodist Episcopal Church South added 116,476, an increase of 3.33 per cent and the Methodist Protestant Church added 12,224, a gain of 6.25 per cent.

Seek Welfare of All

At the centennial celebration of the Boston University School of Theology, Mr. Landon said:

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2 SEEK NEW TRIAL IN STORE HOLDUP

A motion seeking a new trial for Joseph Melvin and Walter Mengus, who are serving 10-to-25-year sentences on robbery charges, was on file in Criminal Court today.

The motion, filed by the youths at 1011 E. 11th, Edward McFetrich charged that the decision of Special Judge Floyd L. Mattice in convicting them in Criminal Court was contrary to law and based on insufficient evidence.

Melvin and Mengus were convicted of holding up the clerk in an East Side liquor store.

HEARING SET FOR 2 UNIONS AT KINGAN'S

A hearing will be held May 4 before a NLRB trial examiner to determine which of two unions represent Kingan & Co. employees.

Robert H. Cowdrill, NLRB regional director, said Local 117 of the United Meat Packing Workers, a C. I. O. affiliate, petitioned the board on March 3 for certification as representing a majority of the employees. Local 165 of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, an A. F. L. affiliate, is reported to have had a "closed shop" contract and claims to represent all employees.

VANDALS STONE CARS; YOUNG WOMAN HURT

Helen Mildred Tuttle, 18, of 232 N. Beville Ave., was in Methodist Hospital today with a head injury received when someone threw a stone through the window of the car in which she was riding last night at 23d and Rural Sts., police said.

William F. Bacon, 1419 W. 26th St., told police that while driving under a railroad elevation in the 300 block, W. Ray St., his car was stopped and a window broken.

AID 'OUT' HOME BURNS

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., April 25 (U.P.)—The Home of City Commissioner Royce Russell, within 100 feet of a fire station, was destroyed by flames yesterday. The two engines at the station were in a garage being repaired.

FACES FORGERY TRIAL

COLUMBUS, Ind., April 25 (U.P.)—Trial on a forgery charge today faced Joseph Richardson, 27, who was discovered in a Noblesville hospital Saturday after being sought for more than a year. He pleaded not guilty.

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The Gallup Poll



Above (right) Louis Greenfield, a New York man who chloroformed his son rather than see him suffer from what he believed to be an incurable disease. Should "mercy deaths" be made legal, under Government supervision?

Public Almost Evenly Divided on Question Of Mercy Deaths by Government.

By DR. GEORGE GALLUP
Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

NEW YORK, April 25.—When a retired Army major suggested recently that persons on the relief rolls who are over 70 or 75 years old should be subjected to "euthanasia"—or mercy death—he started an avalanche of protesting editorials and letters from the public.

While such a peculiar suggestion must be regarded merely as an eccentricity, and while there has been no backing for the major's idea, a nation-wide survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion indicates today that the country is almost evenly divided on the question of legalizing mercy deaths for hopeless sufferers, of whatever age or station in life, if the patient himself requests euthanasia and if carried out under the supervision of the courts.

The question of mercy deaths is not new. Every year the newspapers report instances where relatives or doctors have admitted taking the life of a suffering patient when there was no apparent medical remedy for his illness. Such "casual" mercy killings are not contemplated, however, by the Euthanasia Society of America, which has prepared a bill for introduction into the legislatures of various states.

To measure the support for legalized euthanasia the Institute asked a carefully selected cross-section of American men and women in all parts of the country:

Do you favor mercy deaths under Government supervision for hopeless invalids?

The vote of the public is:

For Mercy Deaths 46%
Against Mercy Deaths 54%

The public took a similar position in another Institute survey two years ago, indicating opposition to the idea of legalized euthanasia by a small margin. A special survey of doctors in the earlier test revealed that 53 per cent favored mercy deaths, however—a contrast to the vote of the average man and woman.

In Great Britain, moreover, the principle of euthanasia is more familiar than it is in the United States and has more supporters. In a survey conducted by the British Institute of Public Opinion, overseas affiliate of the American Institute, 69 per cent—or more than two in three—said that they approved the proposal.

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MINTON VOTES TO OUST EAKIN

Move to Stop G. O. P. Park Chief's Pay Loses in Senate, 31-28.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Votes by members of the Indiana delegation in Congress on important questions decided by rollcall during the week ended April 21 are shown below.

IN THE SENATE

April 17—Committee amendment to provide that no part of an appropriation for Great Smoky Mountains National Park "shall be available for the payment of the salary of the present superintendent." The purpose of the amendment, strongly urged by Senator McKeever (D. Tenn.), was to terminate the service of J. Ross Eakin, Republican, superintendent of the park. Rejected, 31 nays to 28 yeas. Not voting, 36. Senator Minton voted for dismissal. Senator VanNugent did not vote.

The \$173,000,000 appropriation bill was subsequently passed without a rollcall.

IN THE HOUSE

April 18—Resolution to bring to the floor for consideration under a seven-hour limitation of debate, a bill to extend the President's emergency monetary powers and the Stabilization Fund for an additional two years. Adopted, 209 to 147. Not voting, 74. Reps. Larrabee and Ludlow voted for the measure.

April 21—Motion by Rep. Chauncy W. Reed (R. Ill.) to recommit the bill to the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures with instructions to strike out the section continuing for two years the President's power further to devalue the dollar. Rejected, 225 nays to 158 yeas. Not voting, 47. Reps. Larrabee and Ludlow voted against recommital.

The bill was subsequently passed without a rollcall. Its principal provisions continued for two additional years: (1) the emergency powers granted to the President in 1934 to alter the gold and silver content of the dollar and to provide for unlimited coinage of either metal; (2) the operation of the two-billion-dollar currency stabilization fund.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

(Based on 115 quorum calls and 20 rollcalls since Jan. 3, 1939.)

Senator Minton was present 121 times and absent 14. Senator VanNugent was present 93 times and absent 42.

Representatives

(Based on 23 quorum calls and 33 rollcalls since Jan. 3, 1939.)

Rep. Larrabee was present 53 times and absent 3; Rep. Ludlow was present all 56 times. The average Representative was present 48 times and absent 8.

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BEAUFORT, N. C., April 25 (U.P.)—Iredell Rose and Arthur Lewis rook to their sink met in the Cape Lookout area and found an apparently-dead 25-foot whale rolled up in it.

They tied a line around the whale and towed it half a mile when it came to life and began pulling them out to sea at tremendous speed. They had to cut the line to save themselves.

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PURDUE TO FETE VISITING PUPILS

300 From 30 High Schools Expected at May 5 Roundup.

Times Special

LAFAYETTE, April 25.—More than 300 pupils representing 25 to 30 high schools throughout Indiana are expected to attend the annual industrial, vocational and industrial arts roundup at Purdue University Friday, May 5.

The visiting pupils will exhibit handwork in drawing, printing, metal work and wood work.

While judges are selecting the winners, Purdue staff members will give demonstrations in wood shop, forge shop, foundry and machine shop practices.

There will be an open house program for the visitors, a special review by the Purdue R. O. T. C. and the first game of the Indiana-Purdue baseball series.

The 11th annual rural leadership school will be held at Purdue June 19-24. It was announced today by O. F. Hall.

There will be separate courses for mature leaders and those not so advanced. The 4-H Club Department of Purdue and the Department of Education of the Indiana Farm Bureau are co-operating in conducting the program.

Elliott Gets 'Spanked' on Garner Talk

FT. WORTH, Tex., April 25 (U.P.)—Elliott Roosevelt admitted last night that he had been "roundly spanked" by fellow commentators and intimated that he would turn from radio to writing a newspaper column.

In his semiweekly broadcast he said he had taken a "whuppin'" over his references to Vice President John N. Garner as leading Presidential choice of Democrats for 1940.

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LUTHERANS WILL BUILD

KENDALLVILLE, April 25 (U.P.)—A \$20,000 addition will be built on the Lutheran Old People's Home here, it was announced today by the Rev. Bruno Poch, secretary of the Home Board. The addition is expected to accommodate 26 more persons.

ACTION DELAYED ON WPA INQUIRY PLEA

Times Special

WASHINGTON, April 25.—No action on Indiana Republican Congressmen's request for an investigation of the WPA in the state will be taken before next week, it was announced by House investigators today.

Rep. Louis Ludlow (D. Ind.), member of the subcommittee charged with WPA investigations, explained that Rep. Clifton A. Woodrum (D. Va.), who is acting chairman, has been called home and no meetings are scheduled this week.

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