

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.

All M. Landon, 1938 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 official delegates, but 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 Hoosier native, and Bishop John L. Nielsen 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 186,933 members in the last year, a gain of 3.32 per cent; the Methodist Episcopal Church South added 114,476, 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:

"The world is hungry for the example which we will set here in the next few weeks.

"We seek not the welfare of Methodism alone, but the welfare of all churches and all peoples, and by our success here let us hope to encourage other movements of this kind.

"It almost seems as if we were watching monstrous and horrible phantoms, mad with desire for power, filling the universe with hate and fear, while they poise for the next threatening blow.

"The world, sinking under this load of hate—weak and in despair—is turning as always to the devoted hands of its churches. Their ways are different, but their ideals are alike.

"From this base . . . must come those Christian principles which . . . in the end must reclaim the world for democracy and Christianity."

2 SEEK NEW TRIAL IN STORE HOLDUP

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

The motion, filed by the youths' attorney, Edward McElfresh, charged that the decision of Special Judge Floyd I. Mattice in convicting them in Criminal Court was contrary to law and based on insufficient evidence.

Melvin and Menges 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. Cowdell, NLRB regional director, said Local 117 of the United Meat Packers 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. of L. affiliate, is reported to have had a "voluntary" 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 232 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 stoned and a window broken.

AID 'OUT; HOME BURNS

BROWNVILLE, 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—more than two in three—said that they approved the proposal.

As envisaged by euthanasia advocates in this country, the plan would call for the concurrence of both the patient and the doctor and a petition for euthanasia would have to be made in the regular courts.

Today's survey shows that men are more inclined to favor the idea than women, and that younger persons are more favorable than their elders. The votes of these groups are:

MERCY DEATHS
For Against
Men 49% 51%
Women 42 58
Persons Under 30 . . . 52 48
Persons 30 to 49 . . . 44 56
Persons 50 and over . . 41 59

'TIN-CAN MATINEES' AID CITY CLEANUP

BLOOMINGTON, April 25.—"Tin-can morning matinees" are to be shown free to boys and girls at the theaters here Saturday.

Local theater managers have agreed to admit children who bring 10 or more tin cans to the theaters as a climax to the two-week "Clean Up—Fix Up—Paint Up" campaign. Mayor Jack Bruner announced that city trucks would pick up the cans and haul them to the city dump.

SNARE 'DEAD' WHALE BUT IT COMES TO LIFE

BEAUFORT, N. C., April 25 (U. P.).—Iredell Rose and Arthur Lewis rowed 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 had 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 handiwork 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 Future 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, director.

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 intimates that he would turn from radiocasts to writing a newspaper column.

In his semi-weekly 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.

The President's second son quoted severe criticisms of himself and his opinions by columnists and said:

"I might sometime join their ranks—at which time, if such occurs, we will all be in the same boat on an equal footing to give and take jibes as the occasion demands."

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

WASHINGTON, April 25.—No action on Indiana Republican Congressman'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.

So far, committeemen have not seen any evidence in support of the Indiana charges, he said, except the letter signed by the seven Congressmen asking that the investigation be made. Meanwhile, hundreds of protests growing out of WPA dismissals in the state are pouring into Congressmen's offices.

RE-WEAVE That Moth Hole

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MARTHA RAYE'S KIN LOSES \$2500 SUIT

LOS ANGELES, April 25 (U. P.).—Judge Henry M. Willis today had ordered Peter Balma to pay Nancy Dixon, 21-year-old St. Louis girl, \$2500 damages for breach of promise. Balma is stepfather to Martha Raye, film actress.

The Court's order was based on testimony that Balma had promised to marry Miss Dixon in January, 1938, but had broken his promise in the following month after Miss Dixon had arrived here from St. Louis for the ceremony. Balma married Mrs. Peg Reed, mother of Martha Raye.

NICKELS OUT IN ITALY

ROME, April 25 (U. P.).—Italians began handling new two-lire and one-lire and 50 and 20-centesimal pieces today made of an alloy called "acomital." The former denominations made of nickel will be withdrawn and not minted in future in line with the autarchy policy of making Italy independent of imports of that metal. Experiments are going on with a coin alloy made of nonoxidizable steel.

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