

SWISS AUTHOR TO SPEAK HERE

Theologian's Address to Feature Conference on Church Unity.

Dr. Adolph Keller of Geneva, Switzerland, internationally known Christian leader, author and theologian, will be the principal speaker at the Interdenominational Church Unity Conference here Nov. 2 and 3.

The conference, which will include one of the largest processions of church people ever held in Indianapolis, will meet in Roberts Park Methodist Church, with the Ministerial Association and the Indianapolis Church Federation co-sponsoring.

Dr. Keller will speak Sunday afternoon for the world-wide act of worship. Dr. Paul R. Douglas of New York, official of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, will lead the Monday forums on church unity.

Greatest of Year

The meeting will be the greatest Indianapolis religious meeting of the year, according to Dr. Howard J. Baumgartel, executive secretary of the Church Federation.

Its purpose will be "to interest people in the oneness and fellowship which comes from having one Lord as the head of the church throughout the world."

While the political world is torn by strife and confusion, the Christian world is drawing closer together in fellowship, Dr. Baumgartel said.

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F. D. R. PROMISE IS GIVEN LANDIS

Security for Aged Won't Be Overlooked, He Writes Hoosier.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—President Roosevelt intends to broaden the Social Security program in time for his Congressmen to have something besides defense expenditures and high taxes to sell the home folks in the spring primaries, it was predicted here today.

At a recent press conference the Chief Executive expressed the view that the present coverage of 40,000,000 wage earners might be doubled, and today Rep. Gerald W. Landis (R. Ind.), member of the bipartisan House Committee for the Townsend Plan, made public a letter in which the President suggests that an expansion of social security is in the offing.

"I intend to give consideration to the question of Social Security as soon as other pressing matters will permit," the President wrote.

"You may be certain that the subject of security for the aged will not be overlooked as an essential part of the Social Security program."

Cites Speech of Year Ago

Rep. Landis had written the White House suggesting that the old-age assistance program be reopened and enlarged. He suggested direct pensions for all unemployed persons over 60, to be financed by the Townsend gross-income-tax plan.

Has the President forgotten the speech which he made before the teamsters' convention last October when he assured us that he would recommend a national pension system without a means test, and along broad humanitarian lines?" Rep. Landis inquired in his letter, and he concluded:

"Your speech, Mr. President, gave inspiration and hope to millions of needy Americans past the age of 60, and I am sure that it was not your purpose then, nor is it now, to relegate it to the category of mere campaign oratory."

McNutt Pledges Support

Federal Security Administrator Paul W. McNutt has said that he will support whatever program is sponsored by the Social Security Board and the President.

The SSB took the President's press-conference statement to mean that the 27,000,000 or so persons now gainfully employed but not covered by Social Security would be given coverage. This would include old-age and survivors' insurance.

The SSB estimates the classes to be covered as follows:

Agricultural workers, 3 1/2 to 4 million; farm operators, 6 to 7 million; domestics, 2 to 2 1/2 million; Government employees, 4 million; religious and educational employees of non-profit institutions, 1 million; and self-employed professionals and small business operators, 5 million.

WINNING COUNTY HUSKERS LISTED

15 to Compete With State Champion on Ft. Wayne Farm Tomorrow.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27 (U. P.)—Winners of 15 Indiana county corn husking contests who will compete with State Champion Odell Ivers of Knox County at the Indiana contest tomorrow have been announced.

Dave Thompson, associate editor of Prairie Farmer Magazine sponsor of the contest, said the 15 were chosen on basis of high scores among contestants in 46 counties. The State meet will be held on the Steve Taylor and son farm near Ft. Wayne.

Winner and runner-up in the State meet will enter the national husking contest Nov. 3 in La Salle County, Ill. County winners select their records.

H. W. Judge, Shelby, 43.66 bus.; Ralph F. Warren, 43.57; Cecilia Boscic, Parke, 42.9; Clarence Neal Boone, 42.87; Edgar Cox Wayne, 41.70; Emmanuel Dierckens, Union, 40.8; Arthur Huntington, Franklin, 38.66; Forest Noggle, Vermillion, 37.31; Leslie Lindsey, Marion, 37.18; Leonard Metzinger, Benton, 37.09; Miller Aut, Fulton, 37; Glen Fox, Starke, 36.88; Donald Hiday, Hamilton, 36.58; Chris Pfleiderer, Porter, 35.77; Harold Stiglitz, Allen, 34.69.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Koran Temple to Meet—Koran Temple, 30, Daughters of the Nile, will hold an all-day meeting tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Alice Martin, 4021 Central Ave. The members will serve at the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital. Assistant hostesses will be Mrs. Kathryn Higgins and Mrs. Louise Ward.

Old Settlers to Meet—Old Settlers Social and Civic Club will hold its 37th anniversary at the Northwest Community Center tomorrow night. Hobbies and antiques will be exhibited.

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O. E. S. to Confer Degrees—Beech Grove Chapter No. 465, O. E. S. will meet tomorrow night to confer degrees.

Halloween Party Planned—The Ways and Means Committee of Alfarato Council No. 5 will hold a Halloween party at 5:30 p. m. Friday at Fort Men's Hall, North St. and Capitol Ave. Mrs. Mary Healy will be in charge.

Banquet to Honor Lodge Chiefs—A reception and banquet will be given in the Terre Haute Hotel, Terre Haute, for Mrs. Jennie Hart, Great Pocahontas of Great Council of Indiana, Degree of Pocahontas, and Mrs. Lizzie Gamblin, Great First Scout at 6 p. m. Saturday. Other guests will be Mrs. Fern Burd, Indianapolis, Great Minnehaha; Mrs. Dessa Klotz, Ft. Wayne, Great Prophetress; and Mrs. Leona Elsdeman, Anderson, Great Elsdeman.

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Just Trying to Tell the Truth



Popular Song Called 'Dead'

No Distinction in Music, Composer Says.

By DOUGLAS GILBERT Times Special Writer

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Roy Harris, a composer of serious music whose symphonies have often featured Carnegie Hall premieres, and will again this season (Slowkowski recently played the instrumental interludes of his folk-song symphony for chorus and orchestra), has signed a five-year contract with Mills Music, Inc., song publishers formerly identified with Tin Pan Alley.

Mr. Harris says the "formerly" is important. He says Tin Pan Alley is as the symbol of the popular song has bleated its last and Sunbonnet Sue is old hat.

"The popular song, as such, is practically dead," said Mr. Harris in an interview today at the Lotos Club in W. 57th St. "A great democratic wave has swept over our national music. Today there is virtually no distinction between music of one kind and music of another. Our jazz bands, led by superb musicians, have been an important factor in bringing this about.

Concerto for Jazz

"For example, Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey. They are magnificent instrumentalists. It is a privilege for any composer to write for these players. In fact, my next major work may be a double concerto for jazz band and symphonic strings."

Mr. Harris also has virtually completed a piano concerto for a symphonic band which his wife, Johanna, concert pianist, is to play with the University of Michigan symphony band April 6.

This is another development in our national music—the college symphony band—that is directly attributable to our jazz band leaders.

Mr. Harris is the jazz band leaders who have furnished the inspiration for the college kids," said Mr. Harris. "The symphony bands are especially pronounced throughout the Midwestern colleges and derive, I think, from the football bands."

Vitality for Music

"When the football season is over the best players re-form to make up the symphonic bands—and how they can play! Their interest in orchestral color combinations, and their development of the trumpet, obviously inspired by our fine jazz trumpet players, is supplying the vitality that is now suffusing American music."

"I went with Jack because I felt that under his highly specialized knowledge of distribution I could win a larger public. And I was right from the start. My first number for him was a band piece set to Walt Whitman's lines which we called Freedom, Toleration and it sold well. Five years ago this would have been impossible in the popular song publishing business."

Now surely you must have suspected that I was leading up to something—if only I would ever get there—and so here it is: "The Little Foxes" must be a noteworthy film. The consensus of critical opinion to date has been to that effect and so has public reaction.

This Way, Please

MAKE NO mistake, I don't wish to get myself in hot water, if already I haven't, by going on record as praising this film before ever seeing it. All I'm saying now is that I think it'll be good. [It comes to the Indiana Friday.]

The Granada is showing the picture in response to requests from various religious groups. The picture particularly is dedicated to the 50th anniversary of St. Mark's United Lutheran Church and is being presented by that church's Young People's Association.

The Granada to Show Religious Picture

A first Indianapolis showing of "The Great Commandment," Hollywood produced film drama of the ancient struggle of the Zealots against Roman rule, will be presented at the Granada Theater Thursday and Friday nights.

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The drama is reviewed around the activities of Joel, portrayed by Jon Beal, who is the leader of the youthful and fiery Zealots, sworn to wipe out Roman rule. But when Joel discovers the "new leader" his philosophy changes and he goes back to his people carrying the message of the "Great Commandment."

The cast includes Albert Dekker, Maurice Moscovitch, Lloyd Corrigan and Marjorie Cooley.

The film has been endorsed by many religious groups and leaders. Among them are the Rev. Griswold Macy, the joint executive committee of the American sections of the Life and Work and Faith and Order Movements, the Rev. Daniel A. McGregor, the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Christian Herald, Eta A. Baker, founder of the Town Club and the Rev. R. H. Bunting, pastor of St. Mark's.

On the same program will be the Weaver Brothers and Elvry with Roy Rogers in "The Arkansas Judge."

The aforementioned is followed by a Foxes 3-1 odds before it ever saw the light of a projection machine.

And in Addition

SUBSEQUENT criticism and reports have brought out still other factors in favor of the Foxes. Teresa Wright, a 20-year old lass with an aversion for sweater photographs, has made a hit as the daughter of the family. The same goes for Richard Carlson, her sweetheart. Both these roles, I believe, are Hollywood additions to the stage play.

Five of the original Broadway cast are in the picture, which could hardly help being a good move. They are Charles Dingle, Carl Reid, Dan Duryea, John Morland and Patricia Collinge.

Despite all that's been said about the difficulty of adapting stage techniques to the screen, hiring a play's original cast most often is a good move.

An example is Miss Collings. Sam Goldwyn gave her a chance 25 years ago to "take a turn at those new motion pictures," but she was doing too well as the original Pollyanna, the Glad Girl.

Mr. Goldwyn, however, didn't forget her and he gave her another chance, that of portraying her original "Little Foxes" role of Birdie Hubbard for the movies. She accepted, of course.

Miss Collings had considerable trouble adapting herself to Hollywood ways, but she is a hardy trouper and she kept trying until she had it.

She has become one of the alluring features of "The Little Foxes," the motion picture.

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