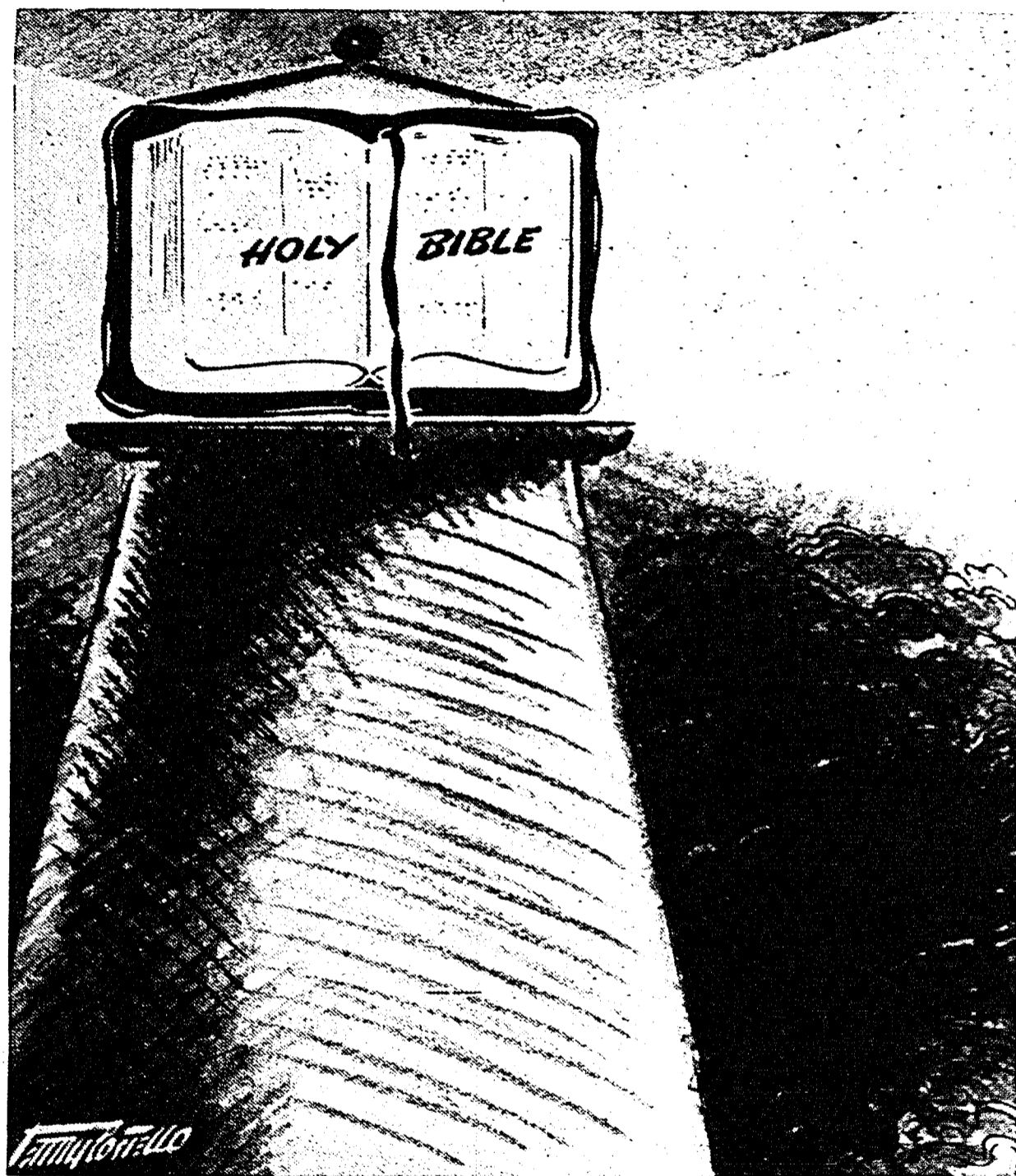


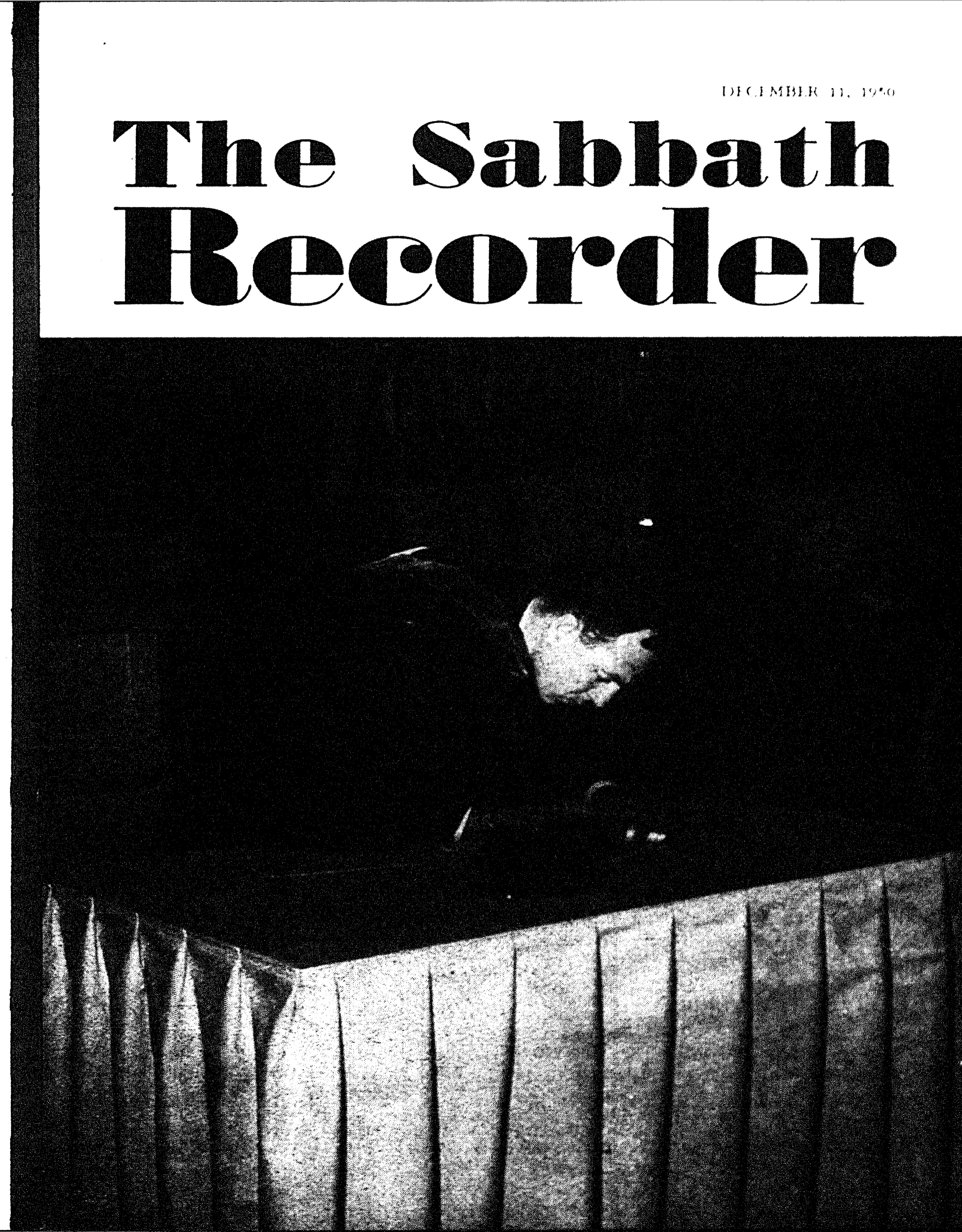
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THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

The President of the United States, on December 1, 1950, received a report on the military chaplaincy from the President's Committee on Religion and Welfare in the Armed Forces. The full text of the President's statement upon receipt of the report follows:

"It is gratifying to know that those who are serving the colors have readily available opportunities to receive spiritual advice and guidance as part of their military environment.

"On behalf of the American public, I want to congratulate our chaplains on the fine work they are doing and the service they are performing.

"Today, as our country has joined the other United Nations in a struggle which has given us the greatest chance for lasting peace this generation has had, United States military chaplains are performing their services at home, on foreign shores, ships at sea, and in the front lines of the Korean battleground.

"The military chaplain is a man who braves many dangers as he does his work serving God and the young men who are defending the Nation's spiritual traditions.

"I am confident that our religious leaders and our public will read this report of the President's Committee thoroughly and will support its recommendations for the strengthening of the chaplaincy.

"I pray with them for the safety and security of our young men and women in the Armed Forces, and ask that they support these men and women with all their resources and all their faith."

The members of the President's Committee are: Frank L. Weil, chairman; Miss Dorothy C. Enderis; Truman K. Gibson, Jr.; Francis Keppel; Lindsley F. Kimball; Mark A. McCloskey; Basil O'Connor; Dr. Daniel A. Poling; Mrs. Ferdinand Powell, Sr.; Mrs. George Hamlin Shaw; and Rev. Edmund A. Walsh. — Release.

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THE NEW NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The new National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America came into being officially on Wednesday morning, November 29, 1950, at the Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio. The twenty-nine constituting communions representing about 31,000,000 members, and the eight merging interdenominational agencies, accompanied by four agencies which subsequently decided to merge with the National Council, through their representatives signified their intention of working in and through the National Council.

In the judgment of many leading churchmen throughout the United States and in other countries, the constituting of the National Council was a most significant and far-reaching act by this section of non-Roman Christianity.

Preceding the actual signing of the official documents by denominational representatives, there was a colorful procession of the official delegates. When the representatives had reached their places on the platform the assembly joined in the singing of "The Church's One Foundation."

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride:
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forever more;
Till, with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, presided at the plenary business session of the General Assembly which brought the National Council into being.

Bishop John S. Stamm, Evangelical United Brethren Church, read selections from John 14, 15, 16, 1 Peter, and 2 Timothy. He declared that the last verse that he read was prophetic. It was "God did not give us a spirit of fearful ness, but of power and love and discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7.

Bishop Stamm then invited the assembly to unite in silent prayer. "A holy, hush, perfect stillness, truly silent prayer! So seldom have we sensed the impact of the Holy Spirit upon the spirit of a great congregation. The bishop continued the spirit of devotion by praying audibly for further divine guidance.

Dr. Hermann N. Moore, secretary and acting chairman of the Planning Committee gave a report of that committee in the absence of Dr. Luther A. Weible, chairman, who was recovering from a serious operation. This was followed by a reading of the call for the meeting.

That morning the newspapers reported the unprovoked attack of the Chinese Communists on the United Nations troops below the Manchurian border. Dr. Moore reminded us that in 1941 on the occasion of starting the work of formulating the National Council that a report was received at the meeting in Atlantic City on the disaster at Pearl Harbor. Slightly less than nine years later came the news of the Chinese Communist aggression. The General Assembly of the National Council met under a dark cloud, yet throughout the sessions, although the seriousness of the international situation was never disregarded, hope for the future was repeatedly expressed.

Continuing the formal constituting of the council, Chairman Fry called upon the denominational delegations to rise, of whom he asked the following question:

"Do you, as members of the constituting denominations, declare that your communions have approved the formation of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America

and have agreed to become members thereof, and do now authorize your representatives to sign the official documents?"

To this question the delegations responded, "We do," in unison. The denominational delegations were then seated and the chairman made a statement as follows:

"Consent having been given, and authority having been invested in twenty-nine denominational representatives to affix their names to the official documents, I now call upon each of these duly appointed representatives to come forward and sign such official documents as the name of his communion is announced."

All parts of the constituting ceremony were impressive in themselves, some being more colorful than others, yet there seemed to be an undercurrent of the seriousness of purpose which was not lost sight of even with all the pageantry. As the names of representatives were called, each one went forward to a table at the center of the platform in front of the altar.

Rev. Elmo F. Randolph was the Seventh Day Baptist representative who signed the official documents for the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. The front cover of this issue of the Sabbath Recorder speaks eloquently of his part and the part of Seventh Day Baptists in this significant occasion. After the representatives had signed the documents, the chairman officially stated the "Act of Constitution" which follows.

"The representatives of the communions have now certified their official intent to be members of and to share in the work of the National Council. Therefore, as your presiding officer, I declare that the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America is officially constituted. Let us now dedicate it to the glory of God and to the service of mankind."

There followed an expression of dedication in unison by the people present.

The Dedication

And now, as a fellowship of Christian Churches,

In the communion of the saints,
In love and good will toward all,
In gratitude for the labors and sacrifices of our fathers,

In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course,
Acknowledging that without us their work is not made perfect,

We invoke the blessing of God upon this National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America
And dedicate the council to His glory and the service of mankind,
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

During the dedication the organ faded in and proceeded to a crescendo which led into the Doxology.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Following the singing of the Doxology the people were seated.

Then came the "Demonstration of New Allegiance by the Interdenominational Agencies." The chairman, having asked the representatives of these interdenominational agencies to stand, addressed them thus:

"As a demonstration of your relationship within this National Council of Churches, which has come into being as the result of your joint initiative, and as a visible sign of the delegation of your responsibilities to the newly formed organization, will you place in my hands official documents indicating that you are now united in this new organization of co-operative Christianity?"

The representatives of the agencies replied, "We will."

As further evidence of the pledge made, each representative of the agencies handed the chairman a document which he placed on the altar beside the other official documents. Then the representatives were seated.

Next, all representatives of the state, county, and city councils of Churches were asked to stand as an expression of their new relationship to this council, and of their devotion to the cause of Christian co-operation.

Dr. Hugh C. Burr of Rochester, N. Y., representative of the councils of Churches, led the assembly "in the prayer of consecration to new tasks."

The Prayer

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose wisdom is everlasting and whose patience is very great, we thank Thee for this hour of achievement and promise. As we bow before Thee, kindle our imagination that we may more clearly envision the possibilities which Thou hast set before us, and more quickly think Thy thoughts after Thee. Inspire us with a holy zeal for the new tasks, and a renewed determination to press on in our high calling in Christ Jesus.

As we go forward together, grant us, most loving Father, new insights into Thy truth and a deeper understanding of one another. Lead us into new experiences of unity, new paths of service, and new areas of victory. Mindful of Thy steadfastness beyond our weakness and Thy resources beyond our frailties, may we be strengthened to fulfill Thy expectations for us.

Accept from us, our gracious Father, unworthy though we be, all that we have and are as an offering upon Thine altar.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our living Saviour and Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost we give adoring praise, world without end. Amen.

The act of constituting the National Council closed with the singing of the hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory," with the people standing, led by Mrs. Rosa Page Welsh of Chicago, Ill., with Vincent Percy at the organ.

God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient Church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise:
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring nations
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our warring, selfish passions,
Rich in thought and poor in soul
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

*Set our feet on lofty places
Gird our loins that they may be
Armored with all Christlike graces
In the fight to set men free
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
That we fall not man's sinners' heel.

Beginning with the second stanza of the hymn the representatives on the platform formed a rectangular and proceeded to the rear of the auditorium. With the conclusion of the hymn all were seated for the further business of the General Assembly.

Thus the National Council came into being.

The separate interdenominational agencies no longer exist officially. In some cases, due to local aspects, certain agencies found that it is necessary to maintain an organization in name for a time at least.

As concerns the constituting communion, we should ever keep before us that the new organization is a council of Churches and not a Church. It is reported that at least one prominent leader stated that the National Council was but the next step toward Church union. However, let it be clearly understood that the leader is in the vast minority. For certainly in the framework of the National Council as now constituted there are denominations which would have nothing whatsoever to do with the council if such were the case. Without question the majority of the constituting communion would never stand for labeling the National Council a "Union Church" or "The Church." This organization will ever be a council of Churches, otherwise it would cease to exist.

Seventh Day Baptists in attendance at the Constituting Convention were Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, voting delegate and official representative of the General Con-

ference; George B. Utter, voting delegate and representative of the Missionary Society; Rev. Ronald I. Hargis, voting delegate and representative of the Board of Christian Education; Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, consultant, to which capacity he had been appointed by the International Council of Religious Education; Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Rev. David S. Clarke, and Rev. Hurley S. Warren, visiting delegates.

RADIO TALKS ON THE BIBLE

The Mutual Broadcasting Company has invited Dr. Francis Carr Stifler, secretary for Public Relations of the American Bible Society, for the fifth successive season to speak on the Bible over the facilities of its coast to coast network. In Mutual's popular program entitled "Faith In Our Time" heard every morning, Monday through Friday, at 10:15 to 10:30 E.S.T., Dr. Stifler will be heard on Tuesdays beginning December 5 through January 30. His themes will be:

- December 5—"Bibles for Korea"
- December 12—"Have You Thought of Giving a Bible?"
- December 19—"The Bible for Our Fighting Men"
- December 26—"After Christmas, What?"
- January 2—"The Bible Through the Centuries"
- January 9—"Reading the Bible"
- January 16—"Living the Bible"
- January 23—"Sharing the Bible"
- January 30—"The Bible in Communist China."

"Faith In Our Time," although heard on many of the stations of the network, is not heard on WOR, New York.

Dr. Stifler will be heard on WOR in New York on the four Sundays of January on a well-known morning program, "Radio Chapel," heard from 9:30 to 10 o'clock. His themes on this program will be:

- January 7—"The Bible—A World Institution"
 - January 14—"Making the Bible Your Own"
 - January 21—"Beginning Again in Korea"
 - January 28—"Blessed Book Agents."
- Release.

OUR SERVICEMEN Where They Are

(The Church should keep in touch with those who have entered the armed services and alternate services of our country. As an aid in carrying out this privilege, the Sabbath Recorder will publish from time to time the names and most recent addresses of our servicemen. Please keep us informed. Correct information is most essential.)

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REPORT ON THE MILITARY CHAPLAINCY

The President,
The White House,
Washington 25, D. C.
Dear Mr. President:

Your committee has the honor of submitting its unanimous report on the chaplaincy program in the Armed Forces.

We believe the chaplaincy is functioning well. However, we believe that when the chaplaincy program in the Armed Forces is better understood and appreciated, it will function even better. It is the purpose of our report to present a study and appraisal which will provide the basis for such understanding and appreciation by our military authorities, civilian Church leaders, and the general public.

The chaplaincy has a rich historical tradition and a notable record of achievement. While our report has been prepared within the framework of this tradition and record, we have tried to offer for consideration a conception of the chaplaincy which we believe will result in an even more effective program and a greater contribution to the religious and general welfare of our military personnel.

Our study covered a period of months and involved visits to many military installations to discuss problems of the chaplaincy with commanders and with the chaplains themselves. We found that, in the main, the extent of religious opportunities offered to military personnel is reasonably adequate. We found, too, that the chaplains have ample opportunity to function effectively as clergymen within the military service. What is most important, we believe, we found that a career in the chaplaincy offers a unique and important mission to those clergymen who are intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually qualified to deal with such a great challenge.

As a consequence, our recommendations emphasize the importance of recognizing this special challenge of the chaplaincy. We have suggested to the military services that they encourage the denominations to take an even greater interest in the chaplaincy and increased responsibility for sup-

plying qualified candidates. We have suggested to the denominations that they accept this greater responsibility and take further steps to highlight the importance of the chaplaincy within their denominations. We have pointed out that the ministry in the Armed Forces should be at least on an equal footing with the ministry in civilian life.

The chaplains are a positive influence for good and they are serving effectively to promote the spiritual welfare of the Armed Forces in a manner calculated to enhance the best interests of the Nation. With pride and confidence we say to you that our Department of Defense is doing a highly commendable job in meeting the responsibilities of the military for the religious and spiritual welfare of the members of the Armed Forces and their families, and that the country cannot be proud of their chaplains in the Armed Services and should extend to chaplains their fullest understanding, appreciation, and support.

Respectfully yours,
Frank L. Wolf, Chairman
(For the Committee)
Washington 25, D. C.
November 28, 1950

Sabbath Recorder Subscriptions for Servicemen

We are happy to announce that the subscription price of the Sabbath Recorder to servicemen is being continued at \$1 per year. The Sabbath Recorder office considers it a privilege to make available to our servicemen our denominational paper at this rate.

Several subscriptions have been received from relatives and friends of our service personnel, for which we are grateful.

We know from experience that up-to-date addresses are absolutely necessary if servicemen are to receive copies of the Recorder promptly.

So, please keep the Sabbath Recorder office informed as to changes of address.

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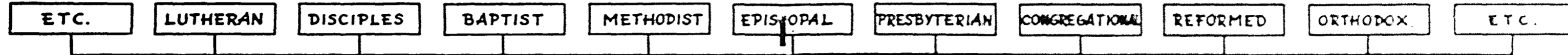
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Organization Chart of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America

The Council will start operations January 1, 1951, as the single instrument of the cooperative work of 29 major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations.

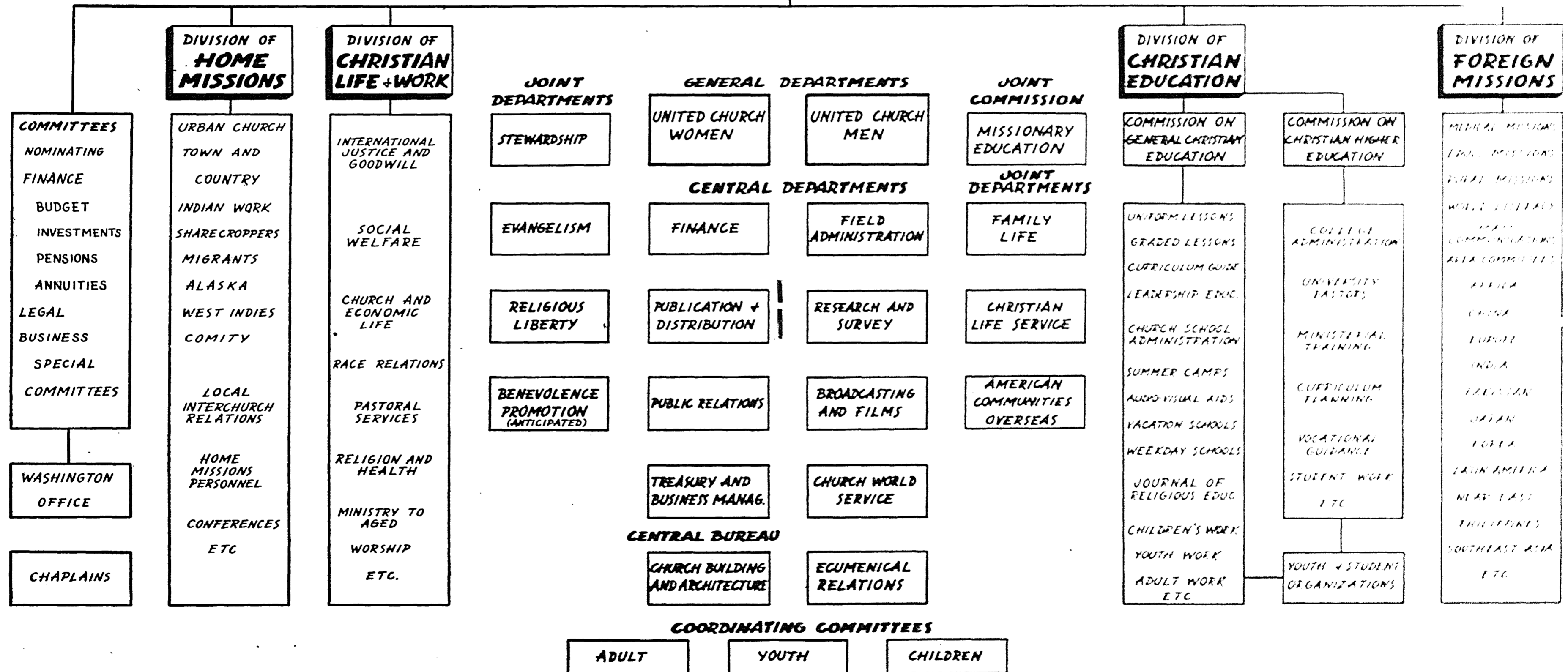
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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U. S. A.

GENERAL BOARD



TRIPLE ORDINATION SERVICE HELD AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

A most unusual service — and possibly the first such service in Seventh Day Baptist history — took place on November 11, when a triple ordination service for a pastor, deacon, and deaconess was held by the Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist Church at Washington, D. C. Rev. Lee Holloway, pastor of the Church, was ordained to the gospel ministry, and during the same service Grover S. Brissey was ordained a deacon, and Mrs. Lee Holloway, wife of the pastor, was ordained a deaconess.

Dr. A. J. C. Bond, dean of the School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., preached the ordination sermon before a congregation numbering approximately 90 persons, including many local and out-of-town visitors. Seventh Day Baptist Churches in several states were represented.

The invocation was given by Rev. Paul S. Burdick, Salemville, Pa. Rev. Lester G. Osborn, Shiloh, N. J., was elected president of the ordination council and he conducted the period in which each candidate gave a statement of personal belief and Christian experience, followed by questioning. Rev. Ralph H. Coon, Salem, W. Va., officiated in the ceremony of the ordination prayer and laying on of hands. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. Lester G. Osborn; to the deacon, by Deacon Harley Bond, Salem, W. Va.; and to the deaconess; by Mrs. Bert Sheppard, deaconess of the Shiloh, N. J., Church. Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, Lost Creek, W. Va., gave the charge to the Church. During the singing of "Blest Be the Tie," the right hand of greeting and fellowship was given by the congregation to those newly ordained. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Luther W. Crichlow, pastor of the People's Seventh Day Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

At the close of the ordination service, a fine period of fellowship was enjoyed during a picnic style luncheon served in the dining room of the building.

Rev. Mr. Holloway, a native of St. Louis, Mo., was called to the pastorate

of the Church in October, 1950. He is a graduate of Washington Missionary College, and has done extensive graduate work at both George Washington University and American University. Mr. and Mrs. Holloway live at 16 Allegheny Avenue, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Brissey is principal of the Highland Elementary School, Highland, Md., and lives at Laurel, Md. He formerly lived in Salem, W. Va., and was an active member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church there.

— Contributed.

REPORT ON FLOOD FUNDS

Since the flood disaster of June 25th, which affected two Seventh Day Baptist Church communities, Berea and Middle Island, W. Va., generous funds have come to my hand from Seventh Day Baptist individuals, Churches, and organizations to help in the time of need. Some of these were designated for definite purposes, some were left to my discretion. While each contribution has been acknowledged individually, an over-all summary of distribution may also be in order. This follows:

To repair and redecoration of Middle Island Church	\$512.56
To Berea victim fund, general	125.00
To victims, members of Berea Church	50.00
For seven blankets	25.58
For one pair child's shoes	5.00
To footbridge fund, Berea	22.42

Total received and distributed\$740.56

A large quantity of used clothing also has been received and distributed.

Repairs and reconstruction are progressing slowly. The funds, clothing, and words of sympathy received are gratefully acknowledged.

John F. Randolph.

Berea, W. Va.,
November 21, 1950.

How a Soul Lives

The ordinary deeds of an ordinary day
Done in an honest and an ordinary way

By an ordinary man

That follows God's plan,

These deeds keep his soul alive.

H. F. Hummel.

BRITISH GUIANA'S DOORS ARE OPEN

By Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph

About the Colony

When the Missionary Society asked me to go to British Guiana. I began to learn what I could about British Guiana. I looked up its location on the map, and was surprised to learn that it is as far from Jamaica to British Guiana as it is from Jamaica to New York. I also found that it was impossible to get a ship going to Georgetown, so I made my plans to go by plane.

My plane left Kingston at 9 a.m. and reached Port of Spain in Trinidad at 5 p.m. We spent the night there, and went on by plane to Georgetown the following day, making a brief stop of thirty minutes in Venezuela. We reached Georgetown at 4 p.m. The last two hours' flight was over the tropical jungles of British Guiana. We flew low enough to observe some of the details of the forests below. The tops of the trees were a solid mass of green, with here and there a clump of trees considerably taller than the others, and having a reddish hue. These, I was given to understand, were mahogany trees. Nowhere was there any opening in the jungle, excepting where the rivers flowed. These rivers were often very wide. Others were so narrow that the branches of the trees so overhung the water as to nearly obscure the river flowing beneath. Nowhere were there any open or cultivated fields or any sign of human habitation.

As we approached Georgetown and the Demerara River, the land became more open, with farms along the river banks.

We landed at the airport thirty miles up the river from Georgetown. Then came the hardest part of all, the trip — the ride in the old Plymouth over the thirty miles of dirt road to Georgetown.

Georgetown I found to be a pretty little city with well laid out streets and nicely painted wooden buildings, two and three stories high. I received a hearty welcome from Rev. B. O. Berry and his family. Our little chapel was too small to accommodate the people expected to attend a meeting, so Brother Berry obtained the use of a near-by Church. Here

I received a right royal welcome, not only from the Seventh Day Baptists in Georgetown, but from many friends and well-wishers of our people there. In fact, wherever I went in British Guiana there was a welcome service and a later farewell service. At one place, I received a welcome and farewell service at the same time.

The Deacon's Prophecy

My first work was at Georgetown. Here I found a little group of Sabbathkeepers with benches made from lumber taken from a mango chipping case. There was a nice pulpit with a lovely altar cloth used by the old Georgetown Seventh Day Baptist Church, which existed in the time of Rev. Royal R. Thompate, thirty years ago.

There is an interesting history connected with the altar cloth and with the collection bags that are also being used. When the old Georgetown Church was discontinued, one of the deacons took the altar cloth and collection bags home with him and told his wife to take good care of them, for there would some day be a need for them in a revived Seventh Day Baptist Church in Georgetown.

The years passed, and instead of them, the old deacon died without seeing the fulfillment of his prophecy. But when Rev. Benjamin Berry returned to British Guiana from school at Alfred, and began to establish a work in Georgetown, the dear old woman, who had cared so many years for the Church altar cloth and collection bags, brought them and presented them to Brother Berry. Now they are joyfully seeing them used in the worship of God in the new Church, which will one day spread far afield in British Guiana, the light of the Bible Sabbath.

Parika's New Growth

I think, perhaps, that I spent more time with the people of Parika than with any other Church. I visited there more than once. I helped them in building an addition to their Church, which doubled its seating capacity. I attended the work of prayer and annual Communion services, which was held at Parika that year. This service is held at Easter time and is a gathering of the Churches as a sort of conference. It has been known as the

"Passover Week," but for very definite reasons it was decided not to continue that name and to call it the "Annual Communion and Week of Prayer." This meeting brought a definite spiritual uplift, and the result was baptism and the addition of ten persons to the Church.

I spent a good weekend at Wakenaam where the oldest Church is at the present time, in British Guiana. Here Rev. Alexander B. Trotman is pastor, and I spent a very pleasant time in his home. I also visited Seventh Day Baptists at Uitvlugt, Charity, Queenstown, Dartmouth, and Pomeroun, holding night meetings along the way, often in the open air.

Prospect Bright

We were received with respect, and given a fair hearing wherever we held open-air meetings. The people were glad to listen to the gospel message, and we received many assurances that our cause would receive substantial support when we were ready to do intensive evangelistic and organizational work along the Essequibo Coast.

I visited, during my six weeks' stay, every Seventh Day Baptist group in British Guiana and many lone Sabbathkeepers. I found them faithful, trying to the best of their ability to live up to the teachings of Jesus Christ. They are enthusiastic workers and always eager to advance the work of Seventh Day Baptists. I found that most Guianese are sincere, God-fearing people, who, if they are shown the truth, will feel the necessity of accepting it. I believe that this quality, which is found not only in the Guianese but also in the Jamaicans, makes it easier to do successful evangelistic work than in more sophisticated countries where the people are not so God-fearing.

Christian Help Needed

These people not only need to be taught the will of God, but they need help in many other ways, for they are very poor. The Churches need help in their building programs. There is not at the present time a single Church which is not in need of repairs or under construction. This is work that the Churches themselves can and should do if they are properly encouraged. This encouragement should reach

them in various forms. Their leaders need financial help which should go through the Missionary Society.

The British Guiana field needs supervision. This, also, the Missionary Society can provide, if we all do our part. Our local Churches and organizations in the Church can help. Georgetown needs an organ, Parika needs paint for their Church. This is the Church that I did carpenter work on when I was there. Bibles and good books are needed, and there is always need for clothing and shoes.

I quote from a letter I received recently, "Now, Pastor, I'm asking you if it is at all possible for you to get some second-hand clothes for men and children to help some who cannot come to Church through lack of clothing. Other Churches are distributing clothing from America, so quite a few people like to follow for the 'bread and fish' as of old. It really encourages some who through economic conditions cannot do better. Now please help me see what can be done."

We have a very promising field in British Guiana. We have competent leaders in British Guiana. These leaders are energetic and capable. Let us in America give wholehearted support to this work, and to our consecrated leaders who are working to rebuild Seventh Day Baptist mission work in British Guiana.

"Mill Yard" Church Services

The "Mill Yard" Seventh Day Baptist Church meets every Sabbath at 3 p.m. in Upper Holloway Baptist Church Hall. — The Sabbath Observer, London, Eng.

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UNLOCKING THE BIBLE CAN YOU READ?

Eight times in the Gospels Jesus asked, "Have you never read?"

He was grieved with men that life-giving truth was at their hand and they had not used it. To such a question you and I could answer: "Yes, we have read God's promises in His Holy Word." For us the wisdom of the ages has lived again by means of the printed page. Our daily lives are filled with blessings that come to us through our ability to read.

But we do not stop to consider that millions do not have these blessings. For centuries, in many lands, it has been taken for granted that reading was for the privileged few. We in America owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to God that we are privileged to live in a land where the founding fathers safeguarded our democracy by seeing to it that religion and education went hand in hand, that schools and Christian literature were available to all. In Christian America where the Bible has always been an open book, we accept our heritage of literacy too complacently.

Millions Cannot Read

It is a tragic fact that in this twentieth century, about three out of five of the human race cannot read or write. With vivid words Dr. Frank C. Laubach, the world's foremost promoter of literacy advance, describes their plight:

You think it is a pity they cannot read, but the real tragedy is that they have no voice in public affairs, they never vote, they are never represented in any conference, they are the silent victims, the forgotten men, driven like animals mutely submitting in every age since the pyramids were built.

To these unfortunates the Bible is a closed book, chained and locked because of their illiteracy. For them it is not enough that the Word of God is translated and printed in the language they speak.

Millions Are Learning

But a new day is dawning. Everywhere there is a new interest in literacy advance. Not a government in the world is any longer opposed to it. Two hundred million more adults are reading today than

were able to read twenty-five years ago. In China, Turkey, Mexico, Egypt, Ethiopia, and in the British sections of Africa, the governments are cooperating in determined efforts to free the people from ignorance. The Soviet Government claims for its literacy campaign that now over 90 per cent of the people can read.

But What Will They Read?

Dr. John R. Mott years ago said that the alphabet was the most dangerous tool in the world to put in a man's hand. What he meant was that if the emerging literate gets hold of the subversive literature of the slave state or the salaried propagandist of gilded capitalism, his new release from the dungeon of illiteracy may only destroy his spirit and make him a menace to the world's progress.

The Best Book of All

Much to encourage us has already been done. Today the Bible is the most widely circulated book in the world. But until the fifteenth century it was published only in manuscript form, copies being comparatively few in number. Few also were those who could read them. In those days the Bible was available in perhaps thirty languages.

New parts of the Bible have been translated into more than eleven hundred tongues, and since the beginning of the nineteenth century a definite effort is proceeding to provide such translations in all languages. Translations of the Bible or part of it have now been made for 90 per cent of the world's population. In many primitive tribes the gospel translated by the missionary has been the first textbook for young and old alike.

It Becomes Clear

What could be plainer, then, than the ever increasing responsibility now laid upon the Christian people of America that they make the Bible in simple, usable form available in ample quantities to those who are conducting literacy campaigns in the awakening countries of the six continents.

You Can Help Unlock the Bible

The American Bible Society is rapidly prepared to get copies of the Scriptures into the hands of new literates as fast as they are needed, if funds were available

Children's Page

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My name is Pamela Dawson. I live in Akron, Ohio. I am in the fourth grade and I go to the Portage Path school. I have never written to you before. You know my granddaddy, Rev. E. F. Loofboro.

I have a sister whose name is Judy. She is thirteen years old. My brother Billy is eight years old. We have a canary and a fish.

I take piano lessons and so does Billy. I am a Brownie Scout.

I am very happy to write to you, and I am going to become one of your Recorder children.

Lovingly yours,
Pamela Dawson.

993 W. Exchange Street,
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Pamela:

Good girl! I was pleased to receive your letter and gladly welcome you as one of my dear Recorder children. Here's hoping I'll hear from you very, very often. Please see if you can coax Judy and Billy to write regularly also.

Yes indeed I have known your granddaddy ever since we were young people, and all his family as they began to grow up. Your Aunt Janette and family are the only ones however that I see nowadays. As you know, they live quite near me as there are only about nine miles between Andover and Alfred Station.

for this purpose. Printing presses stand ready and plates for the imprinting of the pages are, in many cases, on hand. All that is needed is funds to pay for labor, materials, and transportation of the completed books to the point of need.

A few hundred thousand dollars would meet the requirements for one year's supply of this need. This is a relatively small amount of money when one considers the strategic nature of the service that may be rendered by it to an awakening world.

— Courtesy of the American Bible Society.

The Brownie Scouts are quite active here in Andover and we are proud of them. They look very trim in their pretty brown suits. So, you see, I can tell how you look in yours. Gretchen, my ten-year-old granddaughter in Wellsville, is also a Brownie Scout.

Winter really seems to be in Andover. The snow is about ten inches deep, and still coming down heavily. The boys and girls enjoy the sight for it promises coasting for them soon. I noticed last week that there were sleds of all sizes in several stores, ready for Merry Christmas coasting.

Yours with love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Johnny's Temptation

Little Johnny Preston was eagerly counting the days until Christmas. Several times each day he stood in front of a near-by toyshop, looking at the many attractive toys inside. Especially, he watched a toy electric train, with its beautiful engine, its sturdy cars, and long shining track with its many sections.

"Oh!" he thought longingly, "If I could only buy the engine, maybe two cars, and a few sections of the track! But I haven't money enough for even that much."

One day when he was on his way home from the toyshop at the noon hour, he was surprised to see a five-dollar bill lying at the edge of the sidewalk. He quickly picked it up and put it in his pocket saying to himself, "That would be enough to buy just what I want: the engine, two cars, and part of the track. The money is mine because I found it."

But he went home not feeling just right about spending the money he had found. He knew it was not really his but belonged to the one who had lost it. He tried to quiet his conscience by saying over to himself, "Finders, keepers!"

Again that night after school he stood in front of the toyshop window and fingered the five-dollar bill in his pocket. He kept saying against his conscience, "It will be all right for me to spend this money. Isn't it mine because I found it?"

But he couldn't quite bring himself to take the money out of his pocket and spend it, for he still felt guilty. As he

started on his way home, whom should he meet but his own dear mother. She was walking slowly and looking carefully at every inch of the sidewalk.

"Why, mother, are you looking for something you have lost?" asked the little boy.

"Oh," said his mother, "I'm looking for a five-dollar bill which our neighbor, Mrs. Jones, has lost. She was going to spend it for medicine for her sick baby. I know you will help me look for it. She must have lost it somewhere along here."

Quickly Johnny reached in his pocket and took out the five-dollar bill, feeling happy and no longer guilty. "Here it is, Mother," he cried. "I found it but didn't know who had lost it. I wanted to spend it at first, but I know that would have been wrong."

"Yes," said his mother with a tender smile. "I'm happy that my little boy listened to his conscience. That was God speaking to you."

Mizpah S. Greene.

CHURCH NEWS

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist Church is most fortunate in that arrangements have been made to meet in a small, but beautifully appointed, auditorium seating approximately 100 persons, in one of the better residential sections of Washington, on 16th Street, NW. The ordination service was the third service held at the new location. Members and friends of the Church are much encouraged and pleased that the Church is now able to meet in a place which has an atmosphere of quietude and dignity suitable for worship services. Seventh Day Baptists and visitors who may be in the Washington area are cordially invited to meet with the Church whenever they are in the vicinity.

The clerk of the Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist Church has been called to active duty in the Army. 1st Lt. Madge Bennett Conyers, a member of the Women's Army Corps, has been assigned to the Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence, at the Pentagon. Lieutenant Conyers, who returned to duty in the

Army on November 10, is the daughter of Colonel J. B. Conyers, who was retired by the Army in August, and is moderator of the Church. Correspondent.

Marriages

Loofboro - Loofboro. Wesley W. Loofboro of Milton Junction, Wis., and Clara Deaf, born of New Auburn, Wis., were united in marriage by Rev. E. F. Loofboro in his home, Westley, Pa., on Wednesday, October 25, 1950. They will reside in Milton Junction, Wis.

Obituaries

Fitz Randolph. — Cecelia Arnette, daughter of Dr. John L. and Arnette Martin Fitz Randolph, was born October 24, 1872, at Salem, W. Va., and died October 24, 1950, at the Oakley Nursing Home in Harrisville, W. Va.

She was baptized and united with the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church at the age of thirteen. She was a member of the Marlboro, N. J., Church of the same faith at the time of her death.

Forty-three years of her life were spent with Mrs. H. C. Green, "Aunt Mary," at Alfred, N. Y., and Ashaway, R. I., caring for her till her death. Later, she lived for a time in the home of Joseph Evans in Marlboro, N. J., then, in the home of her brother, Rev. G. H. Fitz Randolph near Federalburg, Md., then, in the home of her nephew, Rev. John Fitz Randolph at Berea, W. Va. Later, poor health called for the care of the nursing home. An unusual long life of helpfulness was hers, and she enjoyed reading the Bible to the last.

From a large family of brothers and sisters, she is survived by a half sister, Mrs. Ruth Hunt of Warren, Ohio. She is also survived by many nephews and nieces of three generations.

Farewell services, in charge of Rev. John Fitz Randolph, were conducted at the Oakley Funeral Home in Harrisville, W. Va., and at Pine Grove Cemetery where interment was made. J. F. R.

Davis. — Sally Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kenneth Davis of New Market, N. J., was born February 4, 1950, and died as the result of an accident at her home on November 17, 1950.

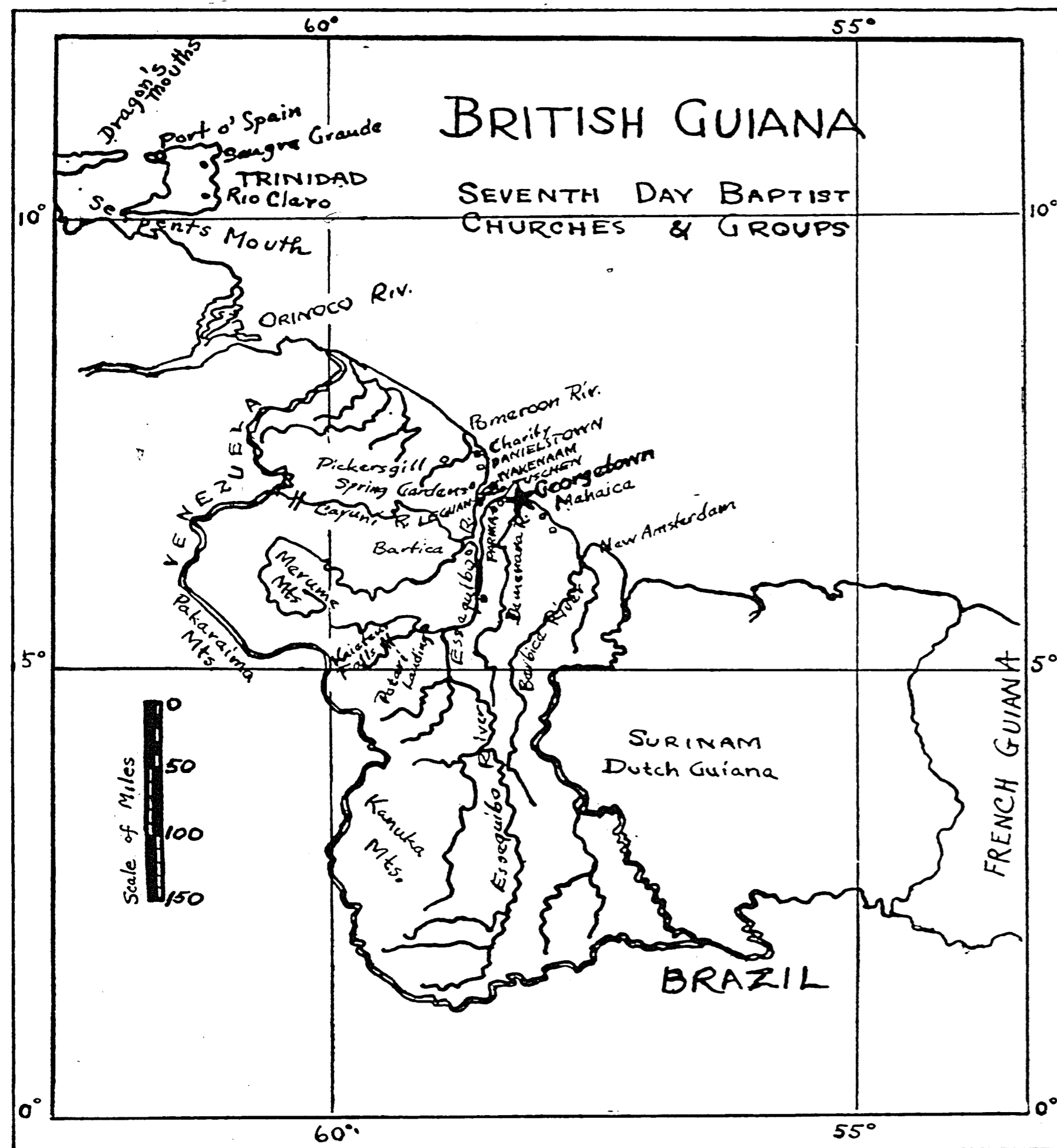
She is survived by her parents and one sister, Susan Davis.

Private services were conducted by Rev. J. Wendell Stephens. Interment was in Woodland Cemetery, Newark, N. J.

"He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom." Isaiah 40: 11.

E. W. S.

The Sabbath Recorder



There are six communities in British Guiana where Seventh Day Baptists are serving. Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph, now in this country on furlough, is superintendent of the British Guiana Mission.

The six communities are as follows: Wakenaam, Pastor—Rev. A. B. Trotman; Uitvlugt (Eye-flukt), Pastor—Rev. A. B. Trotman; Parika, Pastor—Rev. Benjamin O. Berry; Workers—Deacon and Mrs. Joseph A. Tyrrell; Georgetown, Pastor—Rev. C. C. Belgrave; Tuschen, Pastor—Rev. Benjamin O. Berry; Bona Ventura (on Pomeroon River), Worker—Deacon Louis M. Garraway.

