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For the United Nations and World Peace

Almighty and ever-living God, our eternal Father, in whose will is our peace and strength: Teach thy warring children, we beseech thee, the way of understanding and peace.

Forgive us the national sin that so often besets us: the pride of wealth and power that leads us to take international action by ourselves alone, the selfishness that blinds us to the needs of other people, the suspicion and fear of the stranger within and outside our gates. In thy deep mercy, eternal God, grant that our beloved country may join with other nations in acts of compassion for a suffering humanity, in working together to reconcile differences between peoples, in seeking to establish a foundation of trust on which to build a more peaceful world.

Bless the United Nations, we pray thee, and all those international servants who work through it to save this and succeeding generations from the scourge of war. Do thou cause its work to prosper in many lands and among many peoples, that all thy children may be helped to find a finer and more abundant way of life.

Lead the entire world, our Father, to have a new birth of freedom and justice, of mercy and truth—to the glory of thy holy name.
AMEN.

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NEW IN SPIRIT

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SCHEDULE—Raymond I. Lindquist (right), pastor of the First church, Hollywood, Calif., checks the time schedule of two trains chartered for the first gospel train picnic held in that area. He was named honorary engineer of one of the two streamlined 16-car trains. With him are eight-year-old Johnny Blume and Conductor David Latham. More than 2,000 church members participated in the outing, going to Redlands for an all-day picnic. Dr. Lindquist named the outing, "Operation Chew Chew."—RNS Photo.

- Proposed in Mississippi: The bum's rush for "wrong" thinking.

Asked to Leave the County

Two men engaged in a missionary-type work in Mississippi have been asked by a mass meeting of 400 or more Holmes County citizens to pack up and leave.

The men are Dr. David R. Minter and A. E. Cox who serve on an isolated cooperative farm near Tchula.

Although they both emphatically denied charges that they advocate racial integration in Mississippi, all but a few were said to have joined in the vote at the high school auditorium demanding that they leave "for the best interests of the country."

The issue arose as a result of statements by four Negroes who were arrested a week earlier on a charge of "unlawful use of vulgar and obscene language" in the presence of a white high school girl. One of the boys, 19-year-old Curtis Freeman, pleaded guilty in a Tchula justice of peace court and was sentenced to six months on the county farm. The three others were dismissed.

Politicians to the Fore

The county's representative-elect in the state legislature, J. P. Love, acted as

JIUC Reconsideration

Consideration of the possible support of the International Christian University has been scheduled for the fall meeting of the Japan Mission, according to recent reports. At that time Secretaries C. Darby Fulton and S. Hugh Bradley of the Nashville Board are to be in attendance.

Reconsideration of the matter of supporting the JICU was ordered by the 1955 Presbyterian, U.S., General Assembly.

When the issue has been before the General Assembly in earlier years both Dr. Fulton and Dr. Bradley have spoken in vigorous opposition to participation in the enterprise.

spokesman for the citizens group. He told reporters that a tape recording, which was later played at the mass meeting, was made of the Negro boy's "confession." This was said to include something about "mixed swimming" on the co-op farm where Dr. Minter and Cox live.

Love also reported that the Negroes indicated that "a private school is operated out there where white children visited colored children for certain programs." He said the recording was made by County Attorney Pat Barrett.

When asked about it, Barrett said:

"This started as a routine investigation. Then we decided to get some witnesses so there'd be no question about coercion. Then some of those present, because of what the boys talked about, decided it would be a good idea to record it and call a meeting and let the people hear it and go into the matter further."

What happened to the tape was a matter of speculation. Barrett said it was not used in the trial "since the boy pleaded guilty. But that was the purpose of taking it."

Representative White of Lexington, explaining the activity of some of the officials, said:

"After all, it is the duty of law officers to know about what is going on to prevent trouble. So, when we have a situation like this they should let the people know about it."

When he was told that Dr. Minter and Cox denied that they had ever advocated mixing the races in Mississippi, White declared:

"We who have lived here for the past 20 years know what they are doing. We know the minds of these Negroes are being poisoned down there."

Would a group of citizens go to the

farm for an investigation as Dr. Minter and Cox requested?

"I don't know about that," White replied. "They were given the opportunity to explain about what they are doing the other night."

Asked what they are doing, White said, "Well, children of both races are swimming together. And every fourth Sunday they hold meetings and Cox speaks to them."

Told that both Minter and Cox deny this and that a number of Holmes County citizens said they had never talked to anyone who had actually seen mixed swimming there or attended one of the Sunday meetings, he said:

"Well, some people just believe what they want to believe. But what those Negro boys said was enough for us people who have suspected what was going on for 20 years. You have talked to the wrong people. I know all about how that works."

Presbyterian Family

Dr. Minter is a 42-year-old Texan. His brother, John P., is a former missionary to China, now a Sherman, Texas, Presbyterian pastor. A sister is a medical missionary in Africa.

He went to Mississippi in 1938 after six years at the University of Texas and two years in the University of Pennsylvania medical school. He seemed to be upset about the mass meeting. He said:

"I think the reason for the hostile attitude toward us is that we are isolated. People apparently don't understand why we want to live out here instead of in Tchula."

He said the citizens meeting was orderly and that he hadn't received any threatening calls or letters and that he didn't expect any.

Asked about his own beliefs about segregation, he said:

"Personally, I believe integration will eventually come, but it will not come to Holmes County for many, many years and I wouldn't presume that it would be good for Holmes County or Mississippi. As far as I know, I have never said or done anything to bring this on. I keep my opinions to myself and believe in the will of the majority."

TCU Graduate

Mr. Cox is also a native Texan. Now 50 years old, he went to Mississippi in 1936. He is a graduate of Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth.

Cox said he told the people at the Tchula meeting "when they pinned me down" that he thinks "segregation is un-Christian."

"But I challenged anyone to say that I have ever encouraged integration in any way. I am a Southerner and have lived in the South all my life. I know the established customs and laws, and I abide by them."

The men and their families live in a small settlement about ten miles northeast of Tchula on a 2700-acre place called

Providence Farm.

A small grocery store is operated by Cox and a remarkable medical clinic is operated by Dr. Minter, his wife, and Mrs. Cox, who is a registered nurse. Both families live in modest but comfortable homes. One other white family and three Negro families live on the farm.

The Minter and the Coxes have three young children each. The other families have no children.

The small swimming pool is located in front of the store and a community house is behind the store. Sunday services and summer classes are held in the community house.

Religious services held there, according to both men, include "an invocation, some songs, a religious movie and a benediction. No one preaches a sermon."

"Sometimes our children go down to see the movies," said Dr. Minter, "but they do not attend as a rule. I sometimes miss as long as two months in a row because of my medical practice."

He said the only time he can recall "mixed swimming" in the pool was "several years ago when our children were very small. We had a Negro baby sitter to watch them at the pool. The water was over the children's heads so my wife got the baby sitter a bathing suit so she could let them play in the water."

"Wrong Thinking"

Mr. Love, who presided at the mass meeting, expressed his regrets about Dr. Minter:

"I wish he weren't inclined as some think he is. He is well liked personally in the community and a real fine doctor. We have used him in my family many times."

Providence Farm is regarded as a mysterious enterprise in Holmes County and the suspicion directed toward it for 17 years is thought to be now coming into the open.

Love said he had heard it was financed by "a rich philanthropist named Sherwood Eddy in New York."

"People don't know anything about it and wonder how they make a living out there since they don't seem to raise any crops," Love said. "The citizens thought it only fair that they should know what the establishment was and what it stood for."

Role of Eddy

According to Dr. Minter and Cox, the idea of Providence Farm was born during the Depression when many small farmers were losing their places. It was to be a site for these displaced farmers. Sherwood Eddy, they explain, is not wealthy. He is a world-famous Christian leader, long famous in YMCA and student work, and widely known as a writer and speaker. He is now 84.

Dr. Eddy and a Presbyterian minister, Sam H. Franklin, Jr., now in Japan, first sponsored the cooperative farm. Money was collected from churches in Illinois. The first farm purchased was in Bolivar County in 1936. The Holmes County farm was bought two years later. In 1942 the one in Bolivar was sold. The co-op is incorporated under a charter.

Since the war only the five families remain on the place, with the original purpose of the establishment largely in the background. Now, they explain, educational, religious and medical work have replaced the former program. (See also "Request," page 16.—Eds.)

We Shall Do Right

By ROBERT E. SPEER

The church needs today all that women can bring into it. If there are women who, as elders, evangelists, or as ordained ministers, can serve the church better than the men to whom otherwise the church would be confined, the church ought to be free to command their service. There will be such women. Probably there will not be as many as the church needs. The fear that if the whole work of the church is opened to women they will crowd out men so that men will withdraw from the work and leave it to women, is a groundless fear. The diaconate has long been open to women, and there are useful women deacons, but they are too few. It is to be feared that the women

will be too few in other positions. But even so, there will be a great gain in making men and women equal. The door will be fully open to all that women can give and do. And the reproach of the past, that the church alone denies to women the principle of Christianity which has gone out from the church over all the rest of life, will be once-and-for-all removed. We shall have done right, and that is all that we need to do.

But some still say that it is inexpedient or premature. It is not inexpedient to do what is right. And it is scarcely premature to do late what through the influence of Christ has been already done in realm after realm of life, and what only now we are coming so tardily to do in Christ's own Body, the church.—In *Some Living Issues*, published by Fleming H. Revell Co.

UNTIL his death a few years ago Dr. Speer was one of the best known among world Christians, serving long as the chief executive of Presbyterian, USA, foreign missions.

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