



AT HOME

“Christ for Everyone” campaign planned: Christ for America, Chicago, announced plans for a simultaneous evangelistic campaign to be conducted in thousands of churches in the United States and Canada in October. The theme of the campaign will be “Christ for Everyone.” Plans are to reach thousands of villages, towns and smaller cities, with local pastors appointing or acting as evangelists in their own churches. Dr. Charles E. Fuller, of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour radio broadcast, has been named honorary chairman for the campaign in the U.S.A. In Canada, Premier Ernest C. Manning, of Alberta, holds a similar job. Prayer groups are being formed in churches, homes and places of business, with Dr. Ernest Wadsworth, of the Great Commission Prayer League, acting as chairman of the National Prayer Committee.



EPA hears Armstrong: O. K. Armstrong, Missouri Congressman, told nearly 100 representatives from 50 evangelical publications that they must take the lead in a nationwide return to basic moral and spiritual principles. Speaking in Chicago at the fourth annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association, Armstrong also asked editors to urge individual Christians to take a more active part in affairs of government. Letters to Congressmen have more weight than many Christian people believe, he said. For instance, he told the EPA delegates that he believed Universal Military Training bill could be voted down if Christians flooded Washington with letters of protest. . . . EPA elected as president the Rev. Hart R. Armstrong, of Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.



Montreal stores violate “holy-day” law: Twenty stores paid \$40.00 and costs each for violating a bylaw requiring shops to close on Roman Catholic holy days in Montreal. The stores, 11 of which pleaded guilty, were among 597 against which Montreal police are preparing cases for remaining open on Immaculate Conception Day, December 8. Some charged include oil dealers who contend that it is essential to the public interest that they remain open on holy days.



Subway riders get Word in N. Y. Each month 65 million subway riders in New York City come face to face with

salvation texts in subway stations. Posted by the New York Bible Society and printed on a sheet six 30 x 46 inches in easy-to-read type, Scripture texts in recent months have included John 3:16, Romans 6:23, and Isaiah 55:7.

ABROAD

French Christians break with Roman Church: In October a priest, Abbé Massin, and some 40 members of the Roman Catholic parish of Saint-Severin, Paris, decided to leave the Church of Rome. They made a prolonged study of the Bible and decided to reject “any Church whatsoever claiming to be the exclusive dispenser of communications from God to man, and to define and censor man’s progress towards God.” Furthermore, the group said in a manifesto, “Because we believe that Jesus is God, we believe that all who live by Him through faith are one in His love. . . . We believe that He constitutes the one holy, universal and apostolic Church of God, which is the mystical Body of Christ.” . . . How did the Roman Church react toward this? The archiepiscopal authorities of Paris announced the excommunication of Abbé Massin as a “heretic and schismatic.”

PEOPLE SAY

The American Legion: “It is fitting that we of the American Legion who have fought together in three wars should pray together and that we should implore the people of our nation to join with us in an appeal for Divine guidance in one of the dark hours of our country’s history.” It was in National Commander Donald R. Wilson’s letter to Legion groups urging “a rededication to God.”



Senator Olin Johnson (D.-S. C.): “When nations become wealthy, like the rich man of the Bible proverb, they tend to forget God, and that is what is happening to us in America. We are relegating God to an inconsequential place in our lives.”

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Catholic convert drive moving ahead: A pioneer venture in convert-making has entered its fourth month in the San Diego, Calif., Roman Catholic diocese. Inaugurated last September, the “Crusade for Souls” is regarded as among the most far-reaching and carefully planned projects of its kind ever undertaken by an American Catholic diocese. Two hundred and fifty priests and an estimated 200,000 laymen and women are cooperating in the convert-winning campaign. Every man and woman is to try to win at least one convert a year to the Catholic faith. The Very Rev. John A. O’Brien, of Notre Dame University, nationally known for his techniques of convert-making, spent a month in San Diego and described the drive as “a pioneer venture worth every effort to insure success because its example will then be copied by virtually every diocese in the United States.”



WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU

By Dr. Joe M. Webber

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now en route to Indo-China via France*

HI, ALLIANCE FELLOWS AND GIRLS:

I'm sure that if your days at high school and college are anything like ours used to be, your advisers and teachers are urging you, or counselling you, or trying to guide you into a decision which will set you on your way for a life's work, trade, or profession. No young person ever reaches maturity without having made this decision.

But let me give you a few words from the lips of Christ, found in Matthew 10:39. "He that findeth his life shall LOSE it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall FIND it."

These words are being written from a stateroom of the RMS "Queen Elizabeth," as we are steaming toward France where the final phase of our preparation for work in Indo-China will be completed. It has taken God twenty-eight seemingly long years to fulfill His will in our lives, yet when I was just saved at the age of eighteen, I was sure that in a year or two God's will would be completely worked out in my life. God has shown us through these ten years that we have been His true children that we cannot rush Him; we cannot dictate to Him the various desires of our unwise hearts for ourselves and others alike. Through a miraculous and providential series of events, God has brought us to this marvelous place, but even now we cannot plan for the future, other than knowing that He goeth before us to prepare the way.

During the past five years we have worked with you AYFers at the various youth conferences in Nyack and Delta Lake. We have seen many go on to M. T. I. and then out into the vineyard of God. Truly it is thrilling to see the glorious working of God in the lives of you young people who are the C. & M. A. of tomorrow. There are still other teen-agers in the AYF across the United States, and when we have returned in five years we hope to find all of them in the center of God's will—at Bible school, Christian college, or maintaining a powerful lay-witness for Christ in your chosen profession or trade. Never be satisfied with less than God's best. Be sure that you have God's approval for EVERY date that you make. God's best is better than you could ever plan or imagine.

Losing your life in Him is finding the unspeakable, incomparable, immutable glories of the eternal Christ-life.

Both "Doc" and Mrs. Webber are ardent AYF backers. In 1949 they spent their honeymoon at Delta Lake Senior Youth Conference, and each vacation season since has been spent in youth conferences in the Northeastern District. In fact, we understand that Joe and Marion met at a youth conference. We are sure we express the feelings of many of their young friends when we wish them both Godspeed.—EDITOR.

I Don't Believe

By George A. Ostergren

"I don't believe in God or the devil, heaven or hell, and I don't want a Testament or a Bible. There is nothing in there but a collection of crazy stories."

These were the first words I heard when I went in for my initial interview with a newly come prisoner to the Virginia State Penitentiary, where I serve as chaplain.

Throughout the rest of the conversation the tense young man maintained a stubborn, sullen silence. But I did not; I went right on with my words of instruction and warning, with full knowledge of the chap's godless home and evil associates.

The lad left my office hurriedly, as if running for his life from something sinister and threatening.

After four weeks in a road camp he was returned to the prison for medical treatment. As soon as possible he secured a pass to see me again. This time he was a different man. He explained what had happened.

"Maybe you don't remember me," he said, "but I am the man who said that I did not want any Bible and I did not believe in anything. I'm back to tell you that what you told me bothered me night and day. I tried so hard to shake it off, but the harder I tried, the unhappier I became; so I took your advice and started praying. Another man had a New Testament, so I borrowed it and, as I read, light began to shine for me. I saw my sins, but I saw also the Saviour and His great forgiveness. A great joy came into my heart, and now I'm back here to tell you about it and to ask you if you will be so kind as to give me a Bible."

This man's story is the story of many others. When directed to the Book of God they meet their sins face to face and find, as nowhere else, the way, through God's mercy, where heart and conscience can be cleansed from guilt through the blood of Christ our Saviour.

(NOTE: Mr. Ostergren is a staff member of the Interdenominational Religious Work Foundation, which has charge of Christian work in State institutions and which receives large donations of Scriptures every year from the American Bible Society. Condensed from *Bible Society Record* in *The World Christian Digest*).

