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U.S. CHURCH REPORT ON VIETNAM VISIT "RISKS FOR PEACE" URGED

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The fundamental requirements in Vietnam are peace, social justice and order, and national freedom, a four-man delegation from the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A., reported on their return from South Viet Nam, Cambodia and Thailand this month.

No outside power, whether communist or free world, had brought these to Viet Nam and it was doubtful if they could, they said.

The group returned convinced that "an early, honourable negotiated peace is urgent". But neither sound, unilateral withdrawal of the U.S. pressures or escalation of the present military force was defensible, they stated.

They re-affirmed support for the proposal made by the N.C.C.'s General Board on June 1. This body had said the best way to start genuine negotiations was for the U.S. simultaneously to stop the bombing of North Viet Nam and submit the issues to the U.N. General Assembly for other international agency consistent with the charter of the U.N.

"As the most powerful nation directly engaged in the Viet Nam conflict, the U.S. has a position to take risks for peace. The alternative is a long war involving not only risks, but certain death, wounds, misery and ruin on an increasing scale," they said.

BISHOP GOES

The delegates were Dr Robert S. Bilheimer, director of the N.C.C.'s international affairs programme; the Bishop of Rochester, the Right Reverend G. W. Barrett; Dr Tracey K. Jones Jr, associate general secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions; and William P. Thompson, stated

clerk of the United Presbyterian Church.

When in South Viet Nam they interviewed Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky; General William G. Westmoreland, commander of U.S. military forces in Viet Nam; and U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Ellsworth Bunker, as well as Viet Nam's Chief of State, General Nguyen Van Thieu.

In addition, they talked with hamlet chiefs, refugees and prisoners of war from North Viet Nam.

OBSERVERS?

The group's purpose was twofold: to express a Christian concern for people caught in the suffering of war, and to study U.S. objectives in South East Asia.

The delegation was encouraged by the assurance given by Prime Minister Ky that his government would take all steps necessary to assure free and fair elections, and that the U.S. would like to invite observers from friendly nations and the United Nations.

In this connection the group men felt that the presence of observers on behalf of the Christian churches might also be helpful.

"While applauding the 'ability and dedication' many U.S. advisory personnel engaged in

the hamlet development programme, the churchmen questioned the short terms served by advisers (usually 18 months) and the general lack of effective dialogue of the Viet Namese language.

"It is not the U.S. capable of a more sophisticated effort of technical assistance" they asked in a statement distributed on their return to the U.S.

DETAILS FOR LAMBETH CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

Further details of the sub-committees and consultants for the Lambeth Conference of 1968 have now been announced.

Following tradition, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr A. M. Ramsey, will preach at the opening service in Canterbury Cathedral on July 25.

The preacher at Westminster Abbey on Sunday, July 28, will be the Archbishop of East Angles, the Right Reverend John India will preach at the service in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, August 5.

The sub-committees for the Section "The Renewal of the Church in Faith" are to be: The Nature of Theological Language; The Debate about God, the Finality of Christ, the Church, Faith and Society; Spirituality and Faith, Faith and Culture, Christian Appraisal of the Secular Society, International Morality Today, the Technological Society, Urbanisation and the Metropolis.

RENEWAL

Those in the Section "The Renewal of the Church in Ministry":

Laymen in Ministry. Laymen in the Church. The Priesthood, Voluntary and Pastoral Ministries, the Diaconate, Women and the Priesthood, the Nature of the Ministry, the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, the Ministry of Discipline.

Those in the Section "The Re-

newal of the Church in Unity": Christian Unity and Human Unity, Principles of Union, the Anglican Communion, Inter-Communion in a Divided Church, Current Relations, Relations with the Roman Catholic Church, Relations with the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Role of the Anglican Communion in the Families of Christendom, the Positive Idea of a Wider Episcopal Fellowship.

MOSTLY ENGLISH

For most of these sub-committees preparatory papers are being written, the writers being as follows:

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Canon David Jenkins, Professor Henry Chadwick, Canon Charles C. West, the Reverend David Edwards, the Reverend Owen Brandon, the Reverend Daifuku Akagawa, the Reverend F. W. Dilstone, D. L. Lumby Esq., Sir Kenneth Grubb, Canon R. S. O. Stevens, the Reverend Gibson Wither, Canon Douglas Webster, Dr Molly Batten, James Mark Esq., the Reverend Leslie Houlden, the Reverend Eric James, the Bishop of St Andrews, the Very Reverend Sir Richard,

Canon Paul Richard Hanson, Canon Bernard Pugh, Canon C. F. D. Moule, the Reverend John Macquarrie, the Reverend Gregory Baum, Professor Nisio, Dr D. T. Niles, Canon David Paton.

The conference will have the benefit of consultants who will assist the bishops in their deliberations and they include the following:

Canon David M. Paton, Canon Douglas Webster, Canon David Jenkins, Professor Henry Chadwick, the Reverend Donald Allchin, the Reverend Eugene Fairweather, the Reverend Harry Daniel, the Reverend William Fletcher, the Reverend Denis Nineham, the Reverend John Macquarrie, Dr Paul R. Anderson, the Reverend Cyril Powdrell, Dr Molly Batten, Canon R. S. O. Stevens, Michael Green, Canon John V. Hayler, Canon Basil S. Moss, the Reverend Howard E. Root.

The Episcopal Secretary of the conference is the Right Reverend Ralph S. Dean, Anglican Executive Officer, and Bishop of Barbados.

The first meeting of the conference on Friday, July 26, will take the form of a devotional session conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

"SONS OF ABRAHAM"

An organisation, "Sons of Abraham", has been formed in Sydney.

The first meeting was held on July 16 at the home of Mr Mark Brabant at Vaucluse.

The chairman was Fr Roger Pryke. People present included representatives of the Anglican Church, Jews and Muslims.

It was decided to prepare three papers, written by a Gvionian, Jew and Muslim, on what it meant to be a son of Abraham. It will then be discussed from an ethical, not religious, point of view.



Viet Namese children in the crèche at Phu My Hospital, Saigon, where Miss Rosemary Taylor from Adelaide is working. Her description of the hospital is on Page 7.

DEPUTATION POSTPONED

CANON MORRIS NOT ABLE TO COME

The extensive deputation tour arranged for Canon Alan Morris of St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, late this year has been postponed.

The Archbishop in Jerusalem, the Most Reverend A. G. MacInnes, has written to the Chairman of the Australian Board of Missions, Canon F. W. Coal-drake, that Canon Morris is urgently required to fill a vacancy in Beirut.

He is therefore not available to visit Australia this year. This rearrangement follows the disruption caused by the Middle East war.

The Archbishop has also sent A.B.M. details of how the war has affected the Church in general.

Standing Committee met at Stannmore last Tuesday afternoon and are expected to issue a statement about this soon.

St. George's Cathedral, despite conflicting reports, is apparently undamaged. One shell was fired through the north transept but did little harm.

LITURGIES TO BE BROADCAST

Two of the liturgies which will be broadcast again on the perimential use in Australia are to be re-broadcast by the A.B.C.

"A Modern Liturgy", recorded in St. James' Church, King Street, Sydney, will be broadcast again on the Second Network at 9.15 p.m. (South Australia 8.45 p.m.) on Sunday, July 23.

It is probable that the televised service, recorded in Clement's Church, Moomba, will be heard on all Second and Third Network stations at 11 a.m.

The radio programme will be heard from the Chapel of Trinity College, University of Melbourne, on Sunday, August 27, and will be sung by the choir of the Canterbury Fellowship.

It will be heard on all Second and Third Network stations at 11 a.m.

The television programme will come from St. Andrew's Church, South Brisbane, on Sunday, August 27.

It will be sung at 11 a.m. on July 30 (W.A.), August 13 (S.A.), August 20 (N.S.W., Victoria and A.C.T.) and September 3 (Tasmania).

ARCHBISHOP FOR SYDNEY PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The Archbishop of Perth, the Most Reverend George Appleton, will preach at the patronal festival of St. James' Church, King Street, Sydney, next week.

He will preach at all services on Sunday, July 23; and on Sunday, July 24, Tuesday, July 25, he will preach at Festival Evensong, which will be followed by the parish dinner in St. James' Hall.

Also speaking at this annual event will be Mr R. J. Cable of the Department of History, University of Sydney.

Having recently returned from overseas after submitting to have Mr Cable will talk about some modern discoveries he has made about St. James' early history.

MODERN DRAMA

On the Sunday within the octave, July 30, the preacher at St. James' Parish, Edinburgh will be the Right Reverend P. O. Hulme-Moir, Bishop Conductor of Sydney.

The Warden of St. Paul's College within the University of Sydney, the Reverend A. P. B. Bennie, will preach at 11 a.m. After Evensong the St. James Players will present "Station at the Cross", a play of secular destruction in which Francis Greenway's historic monument erected in the 1820s is to be removed to make way for a new subway.

BISHOP PREACHES AT EUCHARIST FOR THE KING OF TONGA'S CORONATION

The Bishop in Polynesia, the Right Reverend J. C. Vockler, preached on the symbolism of the anointing of the Sovereign with holy oil and the invocation of the Holy Spirit in the Coronation service, at a Thanksgiving Eucharist in St. Paul's Church, Nuku'alofa, Tonga, this month.

The King and Queen of Tonga, Ministers of the Crown, and Nobles and Chiefs of the Kingdom attended the service.

The Coronation service "with its roots deep in Jewish-Christian history has long been used for the dedication of prophets, priests and kings in their vocation," he said.

The Sovereign is called to be a dedicated Christian model of these tasks. It is his privilege

to lead his people in the priestly duty of worship and to exemplify the priestly duties of sacrifice and obedience.

NO SEPARATION

Bishop Vockler said there was a separation between the Church and State as separate thing and "concentrate danger only on the Church and leave to the government the task of growth and advance."

"Such an attitude is not Christian. The Church exists in the world to serve. Each of us has a part to play."

"If we truly truly celebrate His Majesty's coronation, then it is for all of us to dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of our country with discipline, hard work, honesty and purity, and with hearty and minds freely open to the future."

DEATH IS A DAY VISITOR

By ROSEMARY TAYLOR, in SAIGON

PHU MY Hospital, about one and a half miles from the centre of Saigon, is a hospital with a difference. There are no doctors here, for the 1,500 inmates of Phu My are mostly beyond the reach of available medical assistance. Here, in this asylum for all that is pitiful in the human condition, there is no sign of the miracle, the impossible cure. There is companionship and shelter and simple care, and the comfort of an undemanding routine, with its sameness day after day, with scarcely a ripple as death claims their annual 50 per cent. of the inmates.

The hospital is made up of large, hut-type buildings, sometimes housing up to 120 patients in a single room.

BOARD BEDS

The board beds are often no more than 12 inches apart, and the neat pile at the end of each may represent all the worldly goods of its occupant. Perhaps a small tin box, a few pencils and utensils, a fan, a grass mat.

Many patients never leave the hospital grounds of the beds, the totally paralysed, the helplessly spastic, the limbless. The problem is too vast and the means too limited for adequate treatment or therapy.

One 14 year old lad, paralysed from the waist down and unable to move for three years, was recognised by his companions in prayer with great cheerfulness and vitality as I walked through the hut. He recognised the "confessor" in Viet Namese... for whose sins this man had confessed his guilt?

Any hour of the day from the morning till the night, the chanting of community prayers may be heard drifting into the hot sodden stillness. Probably about half of the inmates would be Christian, a small percentage of Buddhist, and the rest would adhere vaguely to some form of ancestor worship.

The T.B. hut house some of the most seriously ill of Phu My inmates. An Australian Sister, a true "muller fortis" in the old Latin for 30 years, came after 170 months of patients, most of them in the last stages of the disease.

Death is a daily visitor. A T.B. sufferer will arrive at Phu My a few days or a few months from death.

Yesterday a lad of 22 died, and the same day a young 27 year old widower, with three children, was admitted with death already on him.

Daily there are new arrivals come only to die. I mention one who there are 250 others.

The daily "shots" (with what available drugs they have), are administered by a fellow T.B. patient, dressed in a white jacket (or added prestige as well as for reasons of hygiene).

Occasionally, the Viet Namese have enormous confidence in shots. Even for the simplest ulcers, they never prescribe orally what can be given intramuscularly, even in the matter of vitamins. They feel chaotic (the tablet form medication?)

BLIND REFUGEES

Several more huts house the blind at Phu My - from a small abandoned child of three, to the stooped and wasted old folk whose age can only be guessed at.

Strangely enough, a large percentage of the blind are refugees from the north. Their infirmity seems more prevalent. In many instances, sight could have been restored were the specialists available.

It is touching to see the blind filing into the church at 5.30 each morning, shuffling unsteadily. The little groups and chains.

Some come in on crutches - some drag themselves along the ground with his arms. Only a couple of the paralysed have the luxury of a donated wheel chair.

One can only be grateful that some of these people at least have the belief in a better world beyond, to lighten the burden of existence.

There are the children, the crippled, the defective, the gray, the blind, the children unable to live in the creche section.

They are the little T.B. victims, who again cannot be kept in with the chronic adult sufferers.

There are the spastic children who need special attention, who must be fed and changed like babies and who roll helplessly on their bed in wooden beds all day, or perhaps lie on the ground outside, tied by a string around the foot to a verandah post, and at the mercy of the flies and other insects.

Each of these youngsters is given into the charge of another patient, who, for some small pocket money, feeds and looks after her charge to the extent of her very limited ability.

For each of the patients, the hospital government provides support to the extent of 18 p a day (12 ps buy a stick of bread).

Up till last year, the allowance had been 6 p. Of course, this allowance is totally inadequate, and the hospital relies almost entirely on donations and charitable aid.

They have no income to invest in equipment. Happily some water pumps have been given away by a few wealthy donors. However, the water pump serves a few small houses, a couple of outlets of vaguely potable water.

The other wells in the grounds of Phu My, yield a red-brown water, laden with iron. One hesitates to use even on the goats. This water is hand-drawn.

My daily quota is brought to me, and I take it to cover my simplified needs. I have a tin of condensed milk, 100 people a day by hand, on stone slabs, with bar soap and combs.

PLAYING "DOCTOR"

There are only 25 Sisters caring for the diverse needs of the hospital, playing "doctor" with a daring born of necessity and a competence ripened by experience.

Where possible, the inmates help with the daily chores of food preparation, water carrying, the cleaning up... but any regular job must be rewarded with a "monthly allowance".

Receiving no government help at all, the creche section has at the moment 130 children, from abandoned babies of a few weeks to older teenagers, who are taken care of by the Sisters.

These 130 children must be supported by donations. Seventy of them are children of leprous parents, but many of them have since been abandoned as they lie in the street or at the gates of Phu My.

For the past two months, while

awaiting the finalisation of the C.R.S. refugee programme, I have been working at Phu My, and occupied mainly in the creche section, looking after the children and the babies, dressing

wounds, giving medication and "shots" to the undernourished, and the sick, preparing formula, and all the other daily chores that can be associated with the care and recreation of 130 children, with the added complication of the chronic adult patients, dehydration and diarrhoea.

The leprous children in particular seem prone to outbreaks of gross "boutons". There is scarcely a child who does not sport somewhere on his anatomy, a bright red patch of micrococcus.

Incidentally, I seem to have acquired a reputation for nose-wiping, and even the little two year olds will amble up to my feet when they become aware of their need, and reach for a Kleenex (how precious these are!).

One very odd moment, I practise my Viet Namese, while Sr. Angela, the sister in charge of the creche, practises her English with an exasperating tenacity.

The children always in French, and as Sr. French would be no more degrees superior to my own understanding than the other friendly, despite our personal differences, and the inevitable, the and the subjective labours.

CONFUSION

However, trying to explain English grammatical intricacies in French is bound to be a strain on my limited talents.

At present, there is no-one on the grounds who speaks English, and as we frequently have dealings with non-French people, the confusion is inevitable. I am called upon to interpret.

Recently, without any previous briefing, I was transported to one of the U.S. civil air installations, and I gathered that my role was to act as interpreter for the new building the hospital was about to construct.

A couple of half-hour later I discovered I should have been asking for cement and steel, not money.

This building is the biggest on hand, a megalith taking the roof off the present building (housing 120 in its single room), and adding a second floor, so that the crippled children can move into half of the lower floor, and their present tiny building be enlarged to accommodate the babies from the creche.

The building is simple in the extreme, with note of luxury or the unusual. It is made of brick walls, open windows and wooden shutters, a tiled roof and a brick floor. Yet this installation is costing the incredible sum of \$85,000, a sum that is occasionally high as the cost of living in Viet Nam in recent times.

The labour of course all

manual... there are no machines involved. About one-third of this money has yet to be found. The rest has been donated by foreign charitable organisations.

Although the standard of living is only at Asian subsistence level, the Institute could not survive without this outside help. Every odd piece of wood, every tin can has value.

Troops will sometimes come in with a load of V.C. captured rice, or a load of empty gas or ammunition cans, or timber from broken crates... a use is found for everything.

Even a load of empty beer bottles was received with gratitude and sold to earn a few more piastres.

EVERYTHING USED

What I would have classed as the biggest white elephant of all was the supply of tape we were given... many tin chests filled with mile on mile of "pyjama cord" tape.

There were very odd startling scenes when about 100 of the very old and very young were bunched in a mass of tangled tape, untangling it and winding into balls.

The next stage (and here my curiosity was kindled) was to see the cotton being knitted into articles of clothing. The surprising genius is born from real need.

Some children and the adults at Phu My readily accept my presence and are almost very friendly. Now that some of the older folk have discovered my "niche" in the wall, they make it their quest to see me in whenever I am "at home" and to teach me a few words of Viet Namese, which I dutifully repeat, painstakingly, with not much notion of what I am saying.

They seem to reap great satisfaction from the fact that I am learning. I have taken to wearing the long black Viet Namese jacket and carrying a cane, and for comfort and protection against mosquitoes and flies, and the reason for all this gratifying!

Everyone is in a transport of delight, grinning from ear to ear.

The women stop wheeling their barrows, or pushing their cartload of bricks... even the little spastic children have their heads turned in my direction, with uncomprehending instructions to complement with a de quia (very pretty) which of course I accept, and the right spirit with a can on, and a return grin.

CHILDREN SING
When I appeared in the creche for the first time in native garb, the children were transfixed in a state between awe and hilarity. They burst into song, and I was surrounded me from all sides. I rewarded them with the only song we all know. "We shall overcome"... and they joined in.

Now that my guitar has finally arrived, after straying for three months with a shipment of apples (turned to cider en route), I am able to play. I am almost non-existent.

My attitude of enlightenment is almost non-existent. I am almost non-existent. I am almost non-existent. I am almost non-existent.

One would not have far to go along the highways and the byways, looking for the wedding guests of the parable... they are of S.W.A.M. and Mr King will continue as secretary.

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BIG DECLINE IN MEMBERSHIP POSITION WILL GET WORSE, CONFERENCE TOLD

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, July 17

Faced again with a declining membership, the closure of 224 places of worship, and a shortage in the number of ministers, the General Conference, meeting at Widdowshurst on July 10, Dr Leslie Davison, of the Home Mission Department, said that things would get worse.

The decrease in membership of 11,581 during 1966 had brought down the regular Methodist worshipping community to 678,766.

Dr Davison said the decline in membership and ministry was accelerating.

At a time when the population was increasing at the rate of 500,000 a year, they had lost in the past year more members than there were in the whole of the Cardale district (11,344).

It was no comfort that other denominations were in the same boat.

All the signs suggest that this miserable attrition will continue for some years yet.

"Things will get worse, much worse, before they get better, and the effects will soon begin to bite deep."

In times of acute ministerial shortage, the immediate temptation is to refuse more requests for additional ministers.

We believe that such a reaction could be a disaster.

Imaginative redeployment was needed.

THE ROLE OF WOMEN

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, July 17

A working party on women's ministry has been set up with Bishop A. M. Hollis, formerly Moderator of the Church of South India, as chairman.

It is a joint project of the Ministry Committee of the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry and the Council for the Ministry of the Church of South India.

The working party will consider "what is the proper role of women within the Church's ministry of the Church in parishes and elsewhere."

Specific problems to be examined include whether deacons and commissioned lay workers can be said to be within the accredited ministry, and how far it is satisfactory for men and women to take part in the accredited ministry without being ordained priests.

DECISIONS FOR DOCTORS NOT ALONE, SAYS BISHOP

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, July 17

Society had no right to expect doctors to answer alone questions about abortion, euthanasia or contraception, the Bishop of Bristol, the Right Reverend Oliver Tomkins, said on July 9.

He was speaking at a Bristol Conference in connection with the annual meeting of the British Medical Association.

The Bishop posed several questions in his sermon. They included:

Should contraceptive advice be freely available to ensure that as far as possible only wanted babies were born.

Should the efficiency of modern contraceptives have any bearing on the traditional Christian injunction that sexual intercourse was in its proper place only within marriage.

"Society has no right to expect doctors to answer alone so far as about abortion, euthanasia or contraception, in which parents, relatives, sociologists, teachers, theologians and others all have their allotted part to play," he said.

How were the rights of an embryo to be weighed against those of the mother?

Would it be true to say that

Every aspect of the Church's structure was under scrutiny. They must combine sound planning with realistic and decisive action.

PRIORITIES

Faced with the alternative of letting the old people continue to run things, even though meant the slow death of the Church, it is time to look after in spite of them, Dr Davison said they must seek the lost and help them to look after themselves.

They might lose some, but he believed they would gain more than they lost.

CHURCH ASKED TO SAY THAT "RA ISM IS A SIN"

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, July 17

Mr Whitney Young, one of the top leaders of the U.S. civil rights movement, has challenged the World Council of Churches to initiate a "preaching crusade" to emphasize that racism is a sin.

Mr Young is executive director of the National Urban League in the U.S.A., an organization that has pioneered in obtaining jobs for Negroes.

Stopping in Geneva on his way to the World Council of Churches, Mr Young conferred with the Rev. Dr. J. H. Jones, general secretary, and American members of the council on July 2.

Mr Young explained his visit in these words: "America is at the crossroads. Laws granting equal rights to Negroes are on the books. Negroes hold cabinet posts, but the relative position of the Negro has not improved. Important as laws are, they do not change conditions by themselves. The problem is no longer black people but black hearts."

The civil rights movement is a new phase, Mr Young said. "We're no longer fighting to remove what is a sin, but to change hearts." He mentioned that the difficulties Negroes encounter in getting housing in areas immediately outside the city.

"We had thought it was a problem of Negroes and Negroes, but now we know from surveys that even a Negro with a Ph.D. and a Nobel Prize could not buy a house in Chicago, Illinois, even though the gangster Al Capone could live there. He was white. This means it is a matter of attitudes that must be changed. If the churches can't do something to help us here, I don't know where else to turn," Mr Young said.

"The Church must speak their members' language. It must not be enough. Instead of saying: 'Love your neighbor, if I must say: Let me be your neighbour'."

"The churches must let their members know that racism is a sin. A Roman Catholic knows that racism is a sin, but he practices abhorrent attitudes that he has sinned. A Protestant knows that adultery is a sin, but neither church has ever said that adultery is a sin."

Mr Young said he was asking leaders of the Roman Catholic Church to speak to the World Council of Churches to issue a proclamation on racism, a statement making this quite clear to all Christians.

HYPOCRISY

"Any church does not accept that racism, its credibility with young people will be shattered. Young people are already aware that many adults don't practice what they preach. This contempt of all authority, this hypocrisy on the basis of numerous recent college visits."

Dr Blake said in response: "Anything we can do to help the world to make a commitment to support Western churches that they have committed and secure their support for the future. The power of the Western nations to implement policies that are not satisfactory to

JOINT SCHOOLS FOR WALES?

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

London, July 17

Establishment of two 'comprehensive schools' for Anglicans and Roman Catholics is being considered by Welsh educational authorities following a proposal by Bishop Langford of Merioneth (Roman Catholic).

If approved, the plan would result in the first inter-denominational school project of its kind in Britain.

Bishop Ego mentioned two schools in outlining his proposal: one at Llanelly, in Carmarthenshire, and at Haverfordwest, in adjoining Pembrokeshire.

The Merioneth diocese would administer the proposed school at Llanelly, and the (Anglican) Church in Wales would take the responsibility for the one at Haverfordwest.

The Bishop of St David's, whose headquarters are in Pembrokeshire, welcomed Bishop Ego's idea and had given full powers to his diocesan director of education to explore the proposal.

The proposal has also been put to the government's Department of Education and Science and thirty talks are now planned with local authorities.

REFUGEES REHOUSED IN ISTANBUL PROJECT

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, July 17

A \$600,000 project to rehouse 300 refugees and their families in Istanbul, Turkey, was formally opened on June 27 by Prince Salruddin Ali Khan, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The World Council of Churches' Refugee Programme has supervised the construction of this six-story building, comprising 115 apartments, and through its agencies has contributed to the cost.

The office of the United Nations' High Commissioner has given \$403,000 towards the building expenses and has made the project part of the United Nations' Programme for Refugees.

The apartments, known as Dostluk Evi, mentioned in the opening ceremony, are reserved for refugees and their families who come under the mandate of the UNHCR. The refugees, who have been granted asylum by Turkey, are from Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Albania, Romania, and other countries.

At the opening ceremony the Reverend Michael Samuel, brought a special message from Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, W.C.C. general secretary. The message expressed the hope that Dostluk Evi would long stand as a symbol of the brotherhood of men and women from many countries, and of many faiths joined together in the solidarity of human compassion.

WITHOUT ASYLUM

Prince Salruddin Ali Khan said that if there was one thing worse than being a refugee it was being without an asylum, and added: "I thank Turkey for giving me an asylum without which my office could not have contributed to this building."

"The refugees who live in Dostluk Evi are to be integrated into a fully functioning young and old, and I hope that all who grow up in this fine building

COPTIC CHURCH WANTS A MIDDLE EAST MEETING

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, July 17

On behalf of the Coptic Orthodox Church, Bishop Samuel paid a visit to the Ecumenical Centre here this month to ask the W.C.C. to call a special conference of representatives of the Middle East churches and the Western churches to hear the views of the Middle East churches on the crisis in the Middle East.

Bishop Samuel is head of public, ecumenical and social services of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the Middle East in Cairo.

In talking with W.C.C. staff members, Bishop Samuel said that the churches could have a role at a reconciling agency, but reconciliation must be based on justice.

"The churches in the Middle East, having experienced the injustice of injustice in the life and feelings of the whole Arab world, appeal to the Christian churches to support Western churches that they exert all efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East," he said.

Bishop Samuel felt the Middle East problem was primarily the outcome of European anti-Semitism, and that the feelings of the contemporary European could be feelings of the Jews. This led to the persecution of the Jews at the expense of the Arab people.

"The West cannot expect the Arab people to be satisfied with such a result. They feel the current crisis in the Middle East has been a continuation of the dissatisfaction and the fears for the future. The power of the Western nations to implement policies that are not satisfactory to

will prove themselves to be useful for the children."

Besides the apartments, there are residential quarters for the building manager, administrative offices, a basement laundry for the residents, a hall for use as a social centre, and a playground for the children.

Dostluk Evi has central heating, built-in fire-fighting apparatus and garbage disposal chutes. Each apartment has its own balcony, kitchen, bathroom and toilet, and built-in cupboards. In the collocation from June 11 to develop Old Peoples' and Teenagers' clubs.

DIFFERENCES ON EMPHASIS

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

New York, July 17

Leaders of the National Faith and Order Colloquium organized by the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A., will meet here this afternoon to discuss the differences in emphasis between the third round of theological dialogue in 1968 and 1969.

This seemed to be a consensus of opinion among the Catholic and Orthodox theologians who took part in the second colloquium from June 11 to 16 at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

From 29 countries were present to debate "Evangelism in a Pluralistic Society."

The participants divided sharply into two groups, one favoring "personal conviction" and "social concern" in the church's mission, the other favoring "evangelism" as the primary emphasis in preaching. (2) strong emphasis on preaching, (3) strong emphasis on social concern, and (4) a mediating position.

Although more "liberal" theologians were predominant, Dr David Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, who described himself as a "conservative evangelist," gave a major address.

NO ROOM FOR NEAR-BOOM

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, July 17

The Minister of Technology, Mr Wedgwood Benn, has given an undertaking that none of the current Government's boom will take place over York Minster.

An agreement from the Minister's authorities reached him last week, expressing his mind the danger of the collapse of the 97-foot central tower.

Mr Benn, it has been disclosed, gave his pledge immediately. The tests will be confined to the central tower.

York Minster is said to be in "grave danger of collapse" because of its age. A \$2 million effort to help save it was launched in April.

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