

MISSISSIPPI DELTA PROJECT BACKED W.C.C. HISTORIC DECISION

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, May 25
In a history-making decision the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service has agreed to secure worldwide support for a project in the United States.

The project of aid and reconciliation, sponsored by the National Council of Churches (U.S.A.), is in the Mississippi Delta.

Meeting here the Division's Executive Committee voted to appeal to the World Council's 204 member Churches for personnel and 160,000 dollars, as a first contribution towards the long-range project.

The figure represents approximately 40 per cent of the cost of the total enterprise.

The remainder in funds, and also personnel, will be provided by the U.S. Churches.

Representatives of local Churches and their related bodies in the area will be included on a national committee being formed to marshal co-operation and resources (and give guidance to the work).

The General Board of the National Council in the United States voted in February to ask World Council assistance for its project: direct relief of the needy, literacy training, reconciliation between racial groups, and community development.

The project was initiated by the National Council's Commission on Religion and Race, which will be administered by its Division of Home Missions.

Never before has the W.C.C., Division of Inter-Church Aid, asked a project in the United States for international support.

The World Council's Division has channelled millions of dollars for projects, particularly in Europe and in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

NEW DEPARTE

The appeal for world support from the W.C.C. Division of Inter-Church Aid, represents a new and important departure in the role of the W.C.C. and other agencies.

"It is equally fitting, therefore, that the World Council should be involved in the meeting of the minds in the U.S.A.," the W.C.C. General Board declared in February.

Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the W.C.C., said the World Council's appeal "represents a new and important departure in the role of the W.C.C. and other agencies."

He added that it is "not because the U.S. Churches are financially unable to meet the material and spiritual needs of the Mississippi Delta" that aid is being asked.

Rather, he said, it is because they feel that they desire that their sister-Churches be involved in meeting this great need and wish to profit by the experience of other Christians who have ministered in areas of great tension.

He added: "The Mississippi Delta is a symbol of resistance to full racial equality, and the race problem is a world problem which the whole Christian world must help to solve."

"From the point of view of the ecumenical movement we are grateful for this action of the W.C.C.," he said.

FIFTY YEARS A READER

ANGLIAN NEWS SERVICE
London, May 25

Mr. H. B. Dudley, a member of the Readers' Board of the Diocese of Oxford, has completed 50 years' service as a Reader and is still active at the age of 82.

During the first world war he officiated as a Reader in Burnt and Siberia.

At present much of his help is given in the Parish of Church, where he recently took three services in one Sunday.

the Churches in the U.S.A., which have evidence of deep practical awareness of the problems encountered in the Delta is to be ready to receive as well as to give.

In New York, Dr. R. H. Edwin Evers, general secretary of the national Council of Churches, expressed gratitude for the participation of the W.C.C. He called it a "manifestation of the inter-dependence and common responsibility of Christians around the world."

Dr. J. L. Rieff, who is director of the N.C.C.'s Division of Home Missions, said that the Delta project will extend the division's presence in the area and extend the division's participation in a critical area of development (and give guidance to the work).

Visitors to the A.B.M. Children's Camp at Morphet, Sister Erlina and Sister K. Gubert's School, Waverley, admire a lei made by Michelle Oughton during hobby sessions at the camp. A.B.M. Youth Officer, the Reverend K. G. Brown, looks on.

WOMEN TOLD OF WORLD MISSION

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Canberra, April 20

"We must be educated to see the need for world mission: to share burdens with the whole of the world. We are to share life together under the fatherhood of God."

With these words the Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, the Reverend J. Clements, opened the biennial conference of the Anglican Church of Australia, which opened at the Anglican Church Hall, Canberra, on April 15.

The bishop was also the celebrant at the service of the Holy Eucharist, which was held in the hall, Canberra, on April 15.

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The meeting also decided to ask the executive to consider printing colored Christmas cards for the C.W.U. with a motif of unity recently presented to the cathedral. Goulburn profits to be given to children's homes in the diocese. The meeting addressed the spiritual needs of the women in the diocese.

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CHILDREN'S CAMP

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

ADELAIDE, MAY 25

On May 14, before a crowded congregation, the Reverend T. C. Drought was

admitted as priest-in-charge of the newly formed district of Lockleys and Kilburn Park. The Archbishop of Adelaide, the Venerable M. C. W. Gooden, acting as Commissioner for the Bishop of Adelaide, admitted Mr. Drought.

Evening Prayer was sung by the Organizing Chaplain of the Bishop's Home Mission Society, the Reverend L. E. W. Kenney, and the lessons were read by the Reverend R. M. Brannen and the Reverend R. J. Banks.

In his sermon Archbishop Gooden traced the history of the two districts which were now joined in one. Lockleys had a history going back forty years during which it was part of the Parish of Holy Trinity.

It has prospered well in recent years and is building up its own new church which is due to be opened by the bishop next month.

Kilburn Park is a new housing area of recent growth, with a mission hall, dedicated to St. Albanus, built by the Home Mission Society.

During the past seven years it has been cared for by the Rector of Holy Trinity, Adelaide, the Reverend L. R. Shilton, and his assistant curates.

A service of Holy Communion was held at which speeches were made by the new priest - in charge, and Mrs. Drought, and assuring them of support.

Supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. Drought, and amongst their new people.

Mr. Drought had been Rector of Burnt since 1959, and some of his former parishioners had made the hundred mile trip in order to be present.

The fellowship activities, sports and workshop experienced by children and leaders together showed something of the children's understanding of "My Part in God's Family."

ASSEMBLY AT PRAGUE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

PRAGUE, MAY 25

The Second All-Christian Peace Assembly will be held in Prague from June 28 to July 3. About 1,000 people from all over the world will attend.

The assembly will open with a service of Holy Communion and give the keynote address on the theme "My Conviction as to Life and Peace."

The assembly will open with an ecumenical service at the Bethlehem Church in Prague. The Martin Niemöller will preach the sermon.

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