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EDITORIAL

"On EARTH PEACE"

Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, President W.M.U.

THE HEAVENLY HOST hovering over the Judean Hills on the most notable night the world had known sang in triumphant notes of peace the hope of the world, the dream of war-harassed men and nations. The prophetic promise of their "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good-will toward men" is one to which Christians the world around cling in this day when of all times it seems to be a promise long deferred. The prophetic Heavenly chorus is like a great arch spanning the ages, its keystone the words "On earth peace" while its twin supporting columns point the way to that dream of all mankind—on the one side *glory to God*; on the other *good-will to men*. Only as men come to glorify God, only as they build good-will among men will there be fulfillment of the desire of all nations—*on earth peace*.

The world is learning from bitter experience that only as men and nations find the way to a just and durable peace can there be safety and security and happiness for any person or any nation. More than ever before diplomats and citizens are thinking in terms of good-will toward men as the firm basis of the peace for which a war-weary world longs. Jesus once said, "The Kingdom is like leaven"; and like leaven the ideals of Him who is the Prince of Peace are slowly permeating the social concepts of the peoples of the world. Slowly the words of Jesus, "All ye are brethren", are coming to fulfillment. The fruits of Christian missions are to be seen today in a world groping its way toward a just and durable peace.

It was Miss Annie Armstrong who said long ago: "America must belong to King Immanuel if we would have a base of operation broad enough to bring the world to Christ". Making America Christian is the home mission task. The southland of America, with Cuba and Panama and the Canal Zone, is a major responsibility of southern Baptists. A potent force in meeting this responsibility is the Week of Prayer in the first days of March each year with its attendant offering which carries so large a part of the work directed by the Home Mission Board. Through the years of grave difficulty it is credited with saving the mission work of the board. The generous offerings and the ascending prayers to the God of might and power have helped the missionaries to help save America. Through men He speaks to men bringing peace to troubled hearts, salvation to sinful souls and purpose to redeemed lives. The results of other years and the possibility of expansion which attends the lifting of heavy financial burdens call for wider and more faithful observance of the prayer week and careful gleaning for the largest possible offering. A most appealing phase of the offering objects is that of providing adequate buildings for Good Will Centers. These projects have been dear to the hearts of members of Woman's Missionary Union. Inadequate equipment has shortened the arms of devoted missionary directors. It is with a deep sense of joy that we bring offerings to meet this dire need. Study of the offering objects will bring a thrill to your heart as you realize you are sharing in such vital needs, far-reaching in their part in making America Christian. Encourage counselors of young people's organizations to make these causes live in the minds and hearts of the children and other young people.

The Heavenly host hovering over our world yearns with the Prince of Peace for the day when good-will among men and glory to God will bring peace. As Christian women, citizens of a powerfully influential nation, we have a definite responsibility to make our lives, our homes, our communities, our country be a glory to God and a mighty force in establishing good-will among men. The Prince of Peace is the only way; He is the truth, the life.

"THY PEOPLE ISRAEL"

SOUL HUNGRY for the BREAD of LIFE

Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, Ga.

I SHOULD like for the readers of *Royal Service* to visit the home of a Jewish Christain family where a luncheon was arranged in my honor by a group of Christian Jews. First, let me introduce to you my charming hostess, still a babe in Christ. Some time before she had related to me her Christian experiences; as I listened, I could hardly control my emotions; and every now and then I had to wipe a tear from my eye. What a price this dear one had to pay for her faith, and what a cross was hers to bear. But how joyfully she is bearing it. Truly, she knew the meaning of the Savior's words: "A man's foes shall be they of his own household... He, that loveth father or mother more than Me, is not worthy of Me; and he, that loveth son or daughter more than Me, is not worthy of Me; and he, that taketh not his cross and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me!" Space does not permit telling the whole story.

Within a few minutes after my arrival in the home, the other guests came and soon we were all seated around the table which was laden with many appetizing dishes. It was hard to realize that there was a shortage of food anywhere. As we sat around the table it was a taste of Heaven to look into the happy faces of these redeemed daughters of Israel and listen to their testimonies. What devotion, what sacrifice and what joy were theirs. One of them remarked that when the truth, as it is revealed in Christ, first dawned upon her, she wept for three days saying to herself: "Why hasn't someone told me before of the Savior's marvelous love?" Another one said: "When Christ first entered my heart, I wanted to spend the rest of my life reading my Bible and going to church". Still another said: "It is as though I had been under a cloud and suddenly come out into a great light".

Most gripping was the story related by another of these believers, of how God had answered her prayers on behalf of her two sisters. All three now believers in Christ, were seated at the table. Not least inspiring in the group was the red-haired nine year old son of the hostess who came in from school greeting each guest with "God bless you!" He had become a believer on his last birthday and his mother is now claiming the other members of the family for the Savior.

Among the invited guests were two gentile Christian friends who had joined these Jewish believers in Christ on many occasions for earnest prayer on behalf of suffering Israel. The impressions they received that day will not soon be forgotten. One of them writes: "I felt envious of their religious ardor and enthusiasm. I had a distinct feeling that Christianity should cost gentiles more so that we also might have this depth of appreciation for its worth. They love to tell of their experiences and it is an inspiration to all who hear".

But the tragedy of tragedies is that there are many others of Israel all around us who are soul/hungry for the Bread of Life and there are few to give it to them. For example, one of the women present in that home told of how in her search for the truth she had dabbled in the various "isms" and failing to find any peace there she one day wandered into a Baptist church; but instead of receiving a warm welcome, someone confronted her with: "What are you doing here, Mrs. Cohen, aren't you a Jewess? What are you selling?" It chilled her heart through and through. What an opportunity someone missed!

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life... I am the living bread which came down out of Heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; yea and the bread which I will give is My flesh, for the life of the world... My flesh is meat indeed".

MY ALABASTER BOX

(The following outlines are for use during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions—Feb. 28-March 3—the pages being detachable because perforated. All page references are to W.M.S. Folder of the Week of Prayer. Its Annie Armstrong Offering list and B.W.C. program were given in February issue of this magazine.)

PROGRAM for MONDAY—February 28

THEME for the WEEK:

The PRINCE of PEACE: The WAY—The TRUTH—The LIFE

SUBJECT for MONDAY:

PROCLAIMING the GOSPEL of PEACE

QUIET MUSIC—A Call to Prayer

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD (For suggestions, see pages 8-9.)

EXPLANATION of week's plans, giving theme, goals for youth and for society, time and place of each day's program etc. (See pages 3-5.)

PRAYER for the program that it may stir the hearts of members to deeper interest, fuller participation in and more sacrificial giving to the work of missions in the homeland

TALK—How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them That Publish Peace
Life Sketch of Miss Annie Armstrong (Page 9)

HYMN—"O Zion, Hasten"

DRAMATIZATION—"Publishing Glad Tidings" in the Homeland
A Brief Account of the Home Board's History and Achievements (Page 11)

SEASON of PRAYER for Home Mission Board and Workers

DISCUSSION—"Give of Thy Sons" —APPEAL—"Give of Thy Wealth"

Our Margaret Fund Students (Page 13) Message from Dr. Lawrence (Page 15)

SEASON of DIRECTED PRAYER (For suggestions see "Requests for Prayer", page 15.)

POEM—"Because of Thy Great Bounty" (See page 16.)

INGATHERING of the OFFERING as pianist plays softly "Give of Your Best to the Master"

PROGRAM for TUESDAY, February 29

THEME for WEEK:

The Prince of Peace: The Way—The Truth—The Life

SUBJECT for TUESDAY:

Where Cross the Crowded Ways

QUIET MUSIC—A Call to Prayer

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD (For suggestions, see page 17.)

HYMN—"Rescue the Perishing"

—PRAYER

TALK—Pioneering along the River

Story of Rachel Cabe Sims (Page 18)

TALK—Rachel Sims Mission—Twenty-five Years Later (Page 20)

TALK—"Where Sound the Cries of Race and Clan" (Page 23)

DISCUSSION—Roll Call of the Cities

City Mission Program and Superintendents (Pages 23-25)

DIRECTED PRAYER (For suggestions, see page 25.)

INGATHERING of OFFERING —ANNOUNCEMENT of the Week's Program

PROGRAM for WEDNESDAY, March 1

THEME for the WEEK:

The Prince of Peace: The Way—The Truth—The Life

SUBJECT for WEDNESDAY:

Where Barriers Are Broken Down

QUIET MUSIC—As a call to prayer the pianist may play a medley of worshipful hymns such as "Why Should He Love Me So?", "Open My Eyes That I May See", "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee".

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD (For suggestions, see page 27.)

—PAGEANT (Pages 28-31)

PROGRAM for THURSDAY, March 2

THEME for the WEEK:
The Prince of Peace: The Way—The Truth—The Life
SUBJECT for THURSDAY:
Where Peoples Wait the Light

QUIET MUSIC—A Call to Prayer

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD (For suggestions, see page 32.)

HYMN—"Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"

The story of why this song was written should be told before it is sung. (See page 33.)

TALKS—The Lights along the Shore (Pages 34-38)

1. The Country Churches
2. Light-keepers of Tomorrow
3. Christian Brotherhood

PRAYER (1) for wisdom and guidance in promotion of the new rural program, for our country churches and pastors; (2) for the young men and women of all races in training for Christian service; (3) for ourselves that we may be purged of selfishness and prejudice and see all men as brothers

PRAYER POEM by James Russell Lowell (Page 38)

TALKS—"Send a Gleam across the Way" (Pages 38-41)

- 1—The Light Shining in Cuba
- 2—Cuba Sends the Gleam
- 3—Panama, the Cross-roads of the World

SPECIAL MUSIC—"How Long Must We Wait?"

TALK—The Tempest Tossed Children of Israel (Page 42)

PRAYER (For suggestions, see page 43.)

INGATHERING of the OFFERING —ANNOUNCEMENT about Friday's Program

PROGRAM for FRIDAY, March 3

DAY of PRAYER and RECONSECRATION

THEME for the WEEK:

The Prince of Peace: The Way—The Truth—The Life
SUBJECT for FRIDAY:

Blessed are the peacemakers.

The MORNING PROGRAM

QUIET MUSIC—A Call to Prayer

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD (For suggestions, see page 44.)

PRAYER (See page 45 for suggestions.)

- For our nation and its leaders (Pledge to American Flag)
- For all our religious institutions (Pledge to Christian Flag)
- For Christians throughout the nation (Pledge to Bible)

TALKS—Messengers of Peace (Pages 46-48)

1. To Men at War
2. To the Prisoners of War in Our Midst

Prayer for peace, a righteous peace; for our men and women in service; for our chaplains

TALK—In a Japanese Relocation Center (Page 48)

PRAYER for the Home Mission Board, its workers and missionaries that they may have a powerful part in planting the kind of peace in the hearts of men and women of the south that shall cause our nation to become, in truth, a citadel of Christianity for a bleeding post-war world

PRAYER POEM—For Racial Reconciliation (Page 50)

The AFTERNOON PROGRAM

QUIET MUSIC—A Call to Prayer

READING—From God Prays by Angela Morgan (Secure poem from public or school library.)

PRAYER **TALK**—Marvelous Growth on Our Mexican Field (Page 50)

TALK—Southern Baptist Home Mission Work among the Negroes (Page 51)

PRAYER and MEDITATION (For suggestions, see page 52.)

TALK—Peacemakers among the Indians (Page 53)

INGATHERING of OFFERING

—SPECIAL MUSIC

—BENEDICTION

BIBLE STUDY

Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM—Daniel 2:27, 28, 31-44, 48

THE BOOK OF DANIEL shows the misery of dwelling under an autocracy. King Nebuchadnezzar's request for an interpretation of a dream was good news to the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and other "wise men"; that's what they were for! On learning they must first tell the dream itself, they protested but were helpless under the king's fury and faced destruction. Daniel and his three friends had been educated in "the learning and tongue of the Chaldeans", and the curriculum apparently included soothsaying, for they were sought for death when the decree went out to slay all the "wise men". But they knew God, they knew prayer, they knew reality. When Daniel told the dream and the interpretation he disclaimed any wisdom of his own but spoke as God's messenger. The delighted king prostrated himself before Daniel and ordered "an oblation and sweet odors" to be offered to him and declared that Daniel's God was "the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of secrets". Not yet the one God—it took another dream (ch. 4) and a more personal warning and seven years of tragic fulfillment to bring him to repentance and humility and to teach him that the Most High "ruleth in the kingdom of men and giveth it to whomsoever He will".

That image in the first dream—did the head of gold, which meant Nebuchadnezzar himself and his kingdom, please him so much that he ignored the stone cut out of the mountain which broke in pieces the whole image? Of course that would be far in the future, long after his own lifetime! And how about ourselves? We cheerfully recognize the silver of the Medo-Persian kingdom, the brass of Alexander's widespread dominion, the iron of the Roman Empire. It all seems very long ago. Do we see God preparing the world for the coming of His Son? And now we behold the weakness of kings and dictators and the endless jealousy between nations; and we rejoice in the superiority of our own free government. We even exert ourselves to spread democracy in the world, at terrific cost. This surely is in line with God's will. Yet even to us that "Kingdom which shall never be destroyed" is not the chief interest in life, as it should be. The long-expected Messiah did come to the Jews, but they were not ready for a spiritual king, and they rejected Him. We who have received Him as our Lord and Master—how much do we mean when we say: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven?"

The Kingdom of God took hold of Daniel and he had dreams and visions of his own. As to God's dealings with His chosen people he was clear-sighted, and God loved him for his devotion and intercession. But sometimes his visions overwhelmed him. Once he fasted and mourned three weeks, then had a message so direct and personal he fell into a deep trance and his celestial visitor had to strengthen him before he could even listen. He got glimpses of kings and wars to come, of ships and fortresses, of gods of gold and silver, of great treasures and wars, wars again.

But Daniel and his three friends were never confused in their living. Faithful to the law from their youth, they had courage for every test of their sincerity. They faced lions and fire and jealous enemies and kept "justice and mercy and faith". Their conduct glorified God. "They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever!"

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus! The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song:
To him, that overcometh, a crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory shall reign eternally!"



FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: The Kingdom of Righteousness for the Wreckage of Europe

Note: The references in italics are furnished by the "Committee on Improved Uniform Lessons of the International Sunday School Lessons". The references in heavy type are in keeping with the month's missionary topic and with the denomination's emphasis on soul-winning.

"Behold My Servant!"

1st Day—Isa. 42:1-9; *Matt. 24:45-51*
2nd Day—Isa. 42:10-17; *Luke 12:35-40*
3rd Day—Isa. 43:1-18; *I Thess. 5:1-11*
4th Day—Isa. 51:1-8; *II Tim. 4:1-8*
5th Day—Isa. 52:7-10; *I Pet. 5:6-11*
6th Day—Isa. 53:1-12;
Mark 14:10, 11, 17-18, 43-46
7th Day—Isa. 55:1-13; *Mark 14:22-26*

"Thou art My Son".

8th Day—Psa. 2:1-12; *Mark 14:32-42*
9th Day—Matt. 10:1-15; *Mark 14:60-64*
10th Day—Matt. 10:16-28; *Mark 14:66-72*
11th Day—Matt. 10:29-42; *Mark 15:12-20*
12th Day—Matt. 11:1-15; *Psa. 42:1-5*
13th Day—Matt. 11:16-30; *Mark 15:21-28*
14th Day—Matt. 12:1-14; *Mark 15:29-39*

"You hath He quickened".

15th Day—Eph. 2:1-10; *Mark 15:42-47*
16th Day—Eph. 2:11-21; *Rom. 5:1-8*
17th Day—Heb. 3:12-19; *Mark 16:1-8*
18th Day—Jas. 1:1-11; *II Cor. 5:14-21*
19th Day—Jas. 1:12-27; *I Cor. 1:17-25*
20th Day—Jas. 2:10-15; *Mark 1:28-39*
21st Day—Jas. 4:1-10; *Mark 5:6-15*

"Our Savior"

22nd Day—I Pet. 1:1-11; *Mark 6:30-34*
23rd Day—I Pet. 1:12-21; *Mark 7:24-30*
24th Day—Luke 19:1-10; *Mark 8:31-38*
25th Day—Jno. 12:44-50; *Mark 9:14-18, 28, 29*
26th Day—Acts 4:8-14; *Mark 16:9-16, 20*
27th Day—Matt. 13:1-17; *Acts 9:1-9*
28th Day—Matt. 13:18-30; *Acts 9:13-19*
29th Day—Matt. 13:31-44; *Acts 16:25-34*
30th Day—Matt. 13:45-58; *Jno. 3:1-8*
31st Day—II Pet. 3:18; *II Cor. 5:14-19*

"Pray Ye"

Thank God for Jesus Christ and that through Him "whosoever will" may have eternal life.

Ask God's guidance in national, state and local governments, praying for those who make and administer the laws, that righteousness may prevail.

Intercede for lost souls in the southland and for Christians who are seeking to win them to Christ.

Pray that the observance of the Week of Prayer, Feb. 28-March 3 inclusive, may greatly promote home missions, asking that each W.M.U. member and every society will give with unusual generosity toward the goal of \$200,000 for the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Intercede for the meeting in Atlanta in May of the Southern Baptist Convention, asking God's guidance for its president and program committee, for Atlanta pastors and committees in preparatory activities.

Plead for peace according to the will of God.

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Calendar of Prayer

March, 1944

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

EACH me, Father, bow to be kind and patient as a tree. Joyfully the crickets croon under the shady nook at noon; Beetle, on his mission bent, carries on that cooling tent. Let me also cheer a spot—hidden field or garden grove— Place where passing souls can rest on the way and be their best. —Edwin Markham

1—WEDNESDAY

(Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Dodder, Mrs. C. K. Dodder, educational-evangelistic work, Honolulu, T. H. They went out and preached that men should repent. —Mark 6:12

2—THURSDAY

Rev. B. F. Davidson, East St. Louis, Ill., Rev. F. D. Humphill, Durham, N. C., Rev. A. E. Pardue, Baton Rouge, La., special city mission work O Lord, Thou hast begun to show Thy servant Thy greatness and Thy mighty hand. —Deut. 3:24

3—FRIDAY

That the Day of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering shall greatly "lengthen the cords" and "strengthen the stakes" of soul-winning in the southland The people gladly received Him: for they were all waiting for Him. —Luke 8:40

4—SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Nichols, educational-evangelistic work, Kwelin, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Strother, evangelistic work, Chengchow, China; also Miriam Strother, Margaret Fund student Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in promise, doing wonders? —Ex. 15:11

5—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel, Dr. T. W. Ayers, emeritus missionaries from China To him, that serveth, righteousness shall be a sure reward. —Prov. 11:18

6—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Mixon, evangelistic work among Mexicans, Brownsville, Texas We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. —I Jno. 3:14

7—TUESDAY

State W.M.U. annual meeting, Charlotte, North Carolina, March 7-9 Thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord. —Deut. 6:18

8—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Bell, evangelistic work, Balboa, Canal Zone; also Esther Bell, Margaret Fund student When He the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth. —Jno. 16:13

9—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Green, medical-evangelistic work, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Pool, educational-evangelistic work, Oshoncho, Nigeria; also Charlotte Green, Margaret Fund student They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. —Matt. 9:12

10—FRIDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of Central China I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved. —II Thess. 5:13

11—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. O. Foolsom, Greenville, Miss. Mary Henden, Frankfurt, Rev. M. Fabian, Granite City, Ill., evangelistic work among many nationalities It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. —Phil. 2:13

12—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans, China, Miss Emma Leachman, Home Mission Board, emeritus missionaries My foot hath held His steps. His way have I kept and not declined. —Job 23:11

13—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Blair, Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Ashaw, evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina; also Judson and Martin Blair, Margaret Fund students That they may fear Thee, to walk in Thy ways —II Chron. 6:31

14—TUESDAY

State W.M.U. annual meetings—Birmingham, Alabama; Atlanta, Georgia—March 14-16 Let your hands be strengthened and be ye valiant. —Eph. 6:10

Calendar of Prayer for March

15—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Bequer, evangelistic work, Cienfuegos, (Mrs. Christine Garnett, educational-evangelistic work, Consolacion del Sur, Cuba; also Aida Bequer, Margaret Fund student)

Ever follow that which is good.

—1 Thes. 5:15

16—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Crouch, Rev. B. Foreman, educational-evangelistic work, Corrente, Brazil; also Margaret Crouch, Margaret Fund student

Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

—Phil. 3:14

17—FRIDAY

Rev. R. Falcon, evangelistic work, Sweetwater, Prof. F. E. Bouldin, educational-evangelistic work among Mexicans, Waco, Texas

This work was wrought of our God.

Neh. 6:16

18—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. C. McConnell, Santiago, (Mrs. Corneille Brower, Temuco, Chile, educational-evangelistic work)

Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

—Ps. 124

19—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. E. G. MacLean, Nigeria, Dr. G. B. Lacy, Mexico, emeritus missionaries

Be that dwellers in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

—Ps. 91:1

20—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Puciarrelli, (Mrs. Bertha Wallis, evangelistic work among Italians, Birmingham, Ala.; also Lucille Puciarrelli, Margaret Fund student)

Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in Thy truth.

—Ps. 86:11

21—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Haring, evangelistic work, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw, medical-evangelistic work, Kweilin, China; also Mary Helen and Dorothy Mewshaw, Margaret Fund students

Turn not aside from following the Lord but serve the Lord with all your heart.

—1 Sam. 12:20

22—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. Delgado, evangelistic work among Mexicans, Harlingen, Texas

Strengthen thou, O God, that which Thou hast wrought for us.

—Ps. 68:26

23—THURSDAY

Baptist believers in Spain

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade on thy right hand.

—Ps. 121:7

24—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Mein, Recife, Rev. and Mrs. A. I. Bagby, Porto Alegre, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work; also Margaret Mein, Margaret Fund student

That through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

—Rom. 11:21

25—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Calliero, Sagua la Grande, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Green, Arroyo Apelo, Cuba, evangelistic work; also Adam Calliero, Margaret Fund student

To God, only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever!

—Rom. 16:27

26—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. D. R. LaSueur, Mexico, Mrs. E. N. Waine, Japan, emeritus missionaries

Without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.

—Rom. 1:9

27—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, Salto, Uruguay, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles, Mendoza, Argentina, evangelistic work

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

—Luke 12:32

28—TUESDAY

State W.M.U. annual meetings—Nashville, Tenn.; Richmond, Virginia—March 28-30

Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His Name, make known His deeds among the people.

—1 Chron. 16:8

29—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Kelley, Alice, Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Valades, Brownwood, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans

Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel and afterward receive me to glory.

—Ps. 73:24

30—THURSDAY

State W.M.U. annual meeting, Harrisburg, Ill., March 30-31

We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

—Acts 4:10

31—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Gillespie, Mrs. Josephine Ward, educational-evangelistic work, Kaiteng, (Mrs. Addie Cox, evangelistic work, Wei Shih, China)

He giveth power to the feist and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.

—Isa. 40:29

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CIRCLE PLANS



EXPLANATORY NOTE: The following program is submitted for use by the circles this month. Its suggested articles will be found in the following monthly missionary magazines: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *The Commission*, 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta 3, Ga. Each one participating in the following program should have access at least to the magazine in which her article appears. (See also page 43 of 1944 W.M.U. Year Book and page 12 of this magazine.)

CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC:

The TASK on HOME MISSION FRONTIERS

Devotional Theme: "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest"—John 4:35b.

Home Mission Needs in New Mexico (See article in March issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

A Glimpse of Missionary Life (See March issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

Soul Hungry for the Bread of Life (See page 4 of this magazine.)

Mission Frontiers in Cuba (See March issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Current Missionary Events (See page 23 of this magazine.)

Discussion (Cull from March issue of *The Commission* facts that show dependence of foreign missions upon home base, noting such articles as: "But Faith in God"; "America's Chinese".

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Prepared by Miss Ella Sue Gravitt, N. C.
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POSTER: Cut from blue and white construction paper the Eastern and Western Hemispheres of the globe and paste in center near top of a large piece of cardboard for poster. Underneath print this question in large letters—"Do you want to help win the world to Christ?" Beneath this print from Psalm 22:28: "For the Kingdom is the Lord's; and He is the governor among the nations". Print underneath: "Europe needs your help. Come, learn how to help!" At bottom print name of organization, time, date and place of meeting.

INVITATIONS: On back of postal cards at center top sketch drawing of Eastern Hemisphere. Print underneath: "Europe is crying for your help! You want to help—but how? Come to B.W.C.—Time—Place—Date". At bottom in quotations type Psalm 96:3: "Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people".

AIM OF PROGRAM: To see more clearly the needs of troubled Europe and to find out specifically how each of us can help in the present crisis and to build a foundation for permanent peace (for program material see pages 14-21).

ROOM ARRANGEMENT: Have a large globe on table. Back of table have a picture of Christ with the words from Psalm 96:3 underneath. This may be done by pasting a picture of Christ on a poster cardboard or with a flannelgraph or with a framed picture of Christ on an easel with bright light thrown directly on the picture.

PROGRAMS: Make programs same size as regular church bulletins. Have four pages. On outside cover have cross at center top. Underneath type John 12:32: "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me". Then at bottom of page type this question: "What am I as a Christian doing to lift Christ up, thus helping a troubled world?" On first inside page have program plan for the evening. On second inside page have listed the answers to the question: "What can I do to help the Baptist work in Europe tomorrow?" Then on next page, which is the back of the program, type "Questions for Inventory" as follows: "(1) Am I helping to feed the hungry in Europe? (2) Am I sending Bibles to those who need them? (3) Am I giving money to send missionaries? (4) How much have I prayed today?" At bottom of page type this sentence as a prayer: "Lord forgive my negligence and help me to give regularly and to pray daily that I may not fail to do my part to bring the Kingdom of Righteousness to the world".

PRESENTATION: Give program to each member as she enters the room. Have semicircle arrangement of chairs around table and globe to be used in giving the program. As each speaker gives her part, have her point out on globe the different countries in Europe about which she is talking. Make no announcement of program but have each person follow it from program outline given them as they came in. As program suggests, list ways in which each member can help the Baptist work in Europe tomorrow and call attention to the last page of program in their hands, challenging them to participate as Christians in this great need facing the world today.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS: The program may be very effectively given in the first person—having members on program informally come out from the group and discuss their parts. For example, the person talking on "Europe Today" speak as if she herself is Europe; have her bring with her a map of Europe to hold in front of her as she speaks. Then for "Christianity in Europe Today", have the person speaking hold a Christian flag; for "Baptists in Europe Today", a map indicating fields of service in Europe; thus for entire program.

(For B.W.C. program of Week of Prayer for Home Missions see February issue of this magazine, which carries also the challenging Annie Armstrong Offering list. The outline program for the entire Week of Prayer is on pages 5, 6 of this issue.)

PROGRAM PLANS

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POSTER

On the left side of a white poster board, a little lower than middle-way down, draw a world globe which appears to have been dropped and broken just as a vase would be cracked and chipped after it had been dropped to the floor. The outline of Europe may be shown on the globe with a large crack across its face. Around the edges of the globe there may be large chipped places. In the upper right-hand corner of the poster draw a Cross and from the Cross let streams of light flow down over the broken Europe. At the bottom of the poster print these words: "The Kingdom of Righteousness for the Wreckage in Europe. Hear this discussed". (Give time, place and date.)

INVITATIONS

The same idea which was used for the poster may be used for the invitations. Draw or mimeograph on postal cards the cracked world globe and the Cross, showing streams of light going from the Cross to the wrecked world. Give the same information on the card as was given on the poster. These should be mailed several days in advance to each member.

PREPARATION

To lend atmosphere to the meeting place and for presentation of the program, have on the table in front of the room one or two books which have to do with the present conditions in Europe. Also have several magazines which contain articles about Christianity in Europe and the part Baptists are having now and plan to have after the war. Some suggestive books and magazines are: Potent, "Four Freedoms and God"; Willkie, "One World"; "Missions"; "Christian Century"; "The Commission". Any others you have may be used. On the table also have a world globe so the persons presenting the program may point out things of interest in connection with what they have to say. A large up-to-date map will be useful.

PROGRAM

The program could be presented in the form of a panel discussion. The purpose of the panel discussion is to present facts about different phases of the subject. The ones to have part in the discussion (two, three or four members) sit at the table facing the group. Each one is familiar with all the material to be presented but has been assigned a definite topic in advance. The leader introduces the program, tells just how it is to be presented and presents the introductory part of the program material about "Europe Today". She may use the map or the globe, give extra material she has heard over the radio or has read in any of the current magazines about how Europe is changing and the challenge it presents. She should close what she has to say with a question or statement that would lead up to the discussion of "Christianity in Europe Today". The next topic, "Baptists in Europe Today", then naturally follows. Within this section of material are several quotations from missionaries from Spain, Italy, Rumania, Yugoslavia and other countries. A summary of these quotations could be given by different people within the panel, one following the other. Keep the discussion moving, stimulating and interesting. Have someone who has done supplementary reading present the challenge of "Baptist Europe Tomorrow". In particular she may refer to the article in "Missions" (December, 1943) entitled "Freedom of Worship but Not Freedom of Religion". After this challenge has been presented, the discussion may be opened to the entire group for questions or for restatement of certain facts for emphasis. The questions at the end of the program material may be used in an effort to summarize the discussion.

This topic is so broad and the information is so challenging, that the program should be made worthwhile. For program material see pages 14-21.

AVOID CONFLICTS as to FEB. 28 - MARCH 3

Endeavor to have your church and your association keep these dates free for your observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. (See pages 1, 3-6, 22.)



PROGRAM for MARCH



Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Make known His mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His Kingdom—Psa. 145:12.

TOPIC for MONTH: The Kingdom of Righteousness for the Wreckage in Europe

Hymn for Year:—The Morning Light Is Breaking

Watchword for Year:—That the generation to come might know—Psa. 78:6

Bible Study:—Nebuchadnezzar's Dream—Dan. 2:27, 28, 31-44, 48 (Page 7)

Prayer for the coming of the Kingdom of Righteousness on earth

Hymn:—The Kingdom Is Coming

Europe Today

—Christianity in Europe Today

Prayer that the Kingdom of Righteousness may spread in Europe

Hymn:—Lead On, O King Eternal

Baptists in Europe Today

Prayer that the Baptists in Europe may be true to their faith and may be sustained by the power of God through these dark days

Baptist Europe Tomorrow

Hymn:—Jesus Shall Reign

Prayer that the war may be won for the causes that are right and that Baptists may be alert to take advantage of every opportunity to build the Kingdom of Righteousness on the wreckage in Europe

EUROPE TODAY

Do discuss the Europe of today is a task too stupendous for one brief program. There is so much that we know about Europe, for every newspaper, every magazine, every day's radio broadcasts are bringing us fresh information about this continent in which so much of the world's interests focus today. But there is much more that we do not know about Europe. The political, social, economic and religious situation among the nations of Europe is such an intricate, complicated thing that we find ourselves baffled, wondering and asking a thousand questions for which there seems to be no satisfactory answer. However, there are a few things certain about Europe, and to these we turn our attention.

The Europe of today is *changing*. Geographically, politically, industrially, economically, socially and religiously Europe is changing. New national lines are being drawn across the map. Kings flee, kingdoms fall and new governments are set up overnight. People change their nationality without moving from their homes. The forced removal of great industries and the deportation of vast populations bring drastic changes in the economic and social life of the people. Even the landscape is changing. "Huge bomb craters, broken dams and bridges, changed water courses, uprooted forests, as well as demolished towns and cities form a scene of devastation, spreading from day to day." Yes, Europe is changing and the old Europe will never return.

The Europe of today is *calamitous*. Suffering—physical, mental and spiritual suffering—is probably more universal in Europe than anywhere else on earth. All of the nations of Europe except Spain, Portugal, Sweden and Switzerland are actually engaged in the war. All Europe outside of England and these four countries is one vast slaughter-house and internment camp. Millions of homes have been destroyed;

millions of people have been uprooted from dearly beloved spots, from cherished living conditions and customs and forced to move to other communities or lands or to trek from place to place, homeless and desolate. Millions live in lands occupied by enemy forces and are slaves to their conquerors. Millions are in concentration camps. Millions are separated from loved ones. Millions are starving to death.

From a letter, written by a secret organization of Greek women and addressed to the "Free Women of the World", we quote a few sentences to show the dire condition in Greece: "It is now almost two years since the day that our country fell under the most tyrannical yoke known to the ages. Would that all free people who have never lived under Axis occupation could grasp the picture of our martyrdom and believe that the barbarians of old have come to life again and with unquenchable thirst for destruction are killing and laying waste our country. Many of our towns which in the past throbbed with life are now sunk in ruin and destroyed. Hundreds of our beautiful villages have been wiped out. . . . Many of our houses were razed to the ground and are now but memories of the past. Thousands of our brothers and husbands have been victims of mass execution before our very eyes and have been made to dig their own graves. Tens of thousands of our men folk now rot in prisons and concentration camps. Now homeless, starving and unprotected, with babies in our arms we drag our weary footsteps up the seemingly endless road of our Calvary". This picture of suffering in one European country is true at least in part of every country ravaged by Germany.

Yes, Europe, the center of the world's greatest civilization; Europe with its music, its art, its literature; Europe, the home of Dante and Schiller, of Raphael and Michelangelo, of Rubinstein and Paderewski; Europe with its Rome, its Paris, its Berlin, its St. Petersburg, is a wreck—its culture wrecked, its governments wrecked, its ideals wrecked. Nations of kindred people are destroying each other. Europe has destroyed itself. This is the unspeakable calamity of Europe's suffering.

The Europe of today is *challenging*. A new Europe will arise out of today's wreckage. What kind of a Europe that shall be is challenging the thinking of the world's best minds. Diplomats, statesmen and military leaders are making post-war plans for building a safer and greater Europe. We who are Christian are seeing in the situation a challenge to a great missionary crusade. We know that the Gospel of the Prince of Peace is the only hope for permanent peace on the continent. We know the peaceful, prosperous Europe dreamed of by post-war planners must be built on Christian ideals. The wreckage of Europe must be replaced by the Kingdom of Righteousness. This is the challenge of the Europe today to the thinking Christians of today.

CHRISTIANITY in EUROPE TODAY

EUROPE has for many centuries been considered a Christian continent. There have been Christians in Europe ever since Paul, by a river-side in Philippi, won Lydia to Christ. The Biblical churches of Ephesus, Corinth, Athens and Rome were but a few of the thousands of churches that have existed through the centuries in European countries. In fact our own American Christianity is an extension of European Christianity. Why then is Europe a wreck today? Has European Christianity failed? The answer is yes, and the explanation is that Europe has had a perverted type of Christianity. If Europe had remained true to the Christian ideals taught by Paul she would not be the broken, blighted continent which she is today. But European Christianity became Catholicism—the Roman in the west and the Greek Orthodox in the east—great organized bodies with elaborate ceremonies, ecclesiastical orders and union of church and state, far from the simple, independent, spiritual churches established by the apostles.

The union of church and state has been the great curse of European Christianity and has had much to do with bringing the continent to its present state of collapse. Practically all European countries have state churches, either the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox or some protestant church. As Mrs. John A. Moore, our missionary in Jugoslavia, says: "Religion and state are so bound up with one another in the

countries of Europe that it is difficult for the people in the United States to even conceive of it. One's nationality is usually an indicator of one's religion. The two go together like Siamese twins".

This system of union of church and state has produced many evils. It has given the church political power but robbed it of its spiritual power. It has made the church rich in this world's goods but poor toward God. It has placed priests and kings, church leaders and national leaders in the same class as despotic overlords in enslaving and oppressing the masses of the people. And it has been the breeder of religious persecution. In every land where there is a state church there have been at times persecutions against those who have refused to conform to the state religion.

We remember that the Russian revolution was absolutely against Russian Christianity. The Soviet government proclaimed itself as against all religion and the Godless Union was formed to destroy all religion in Russia. This was really a rebellion against the Greek Orthodox church, which was the only form of Christianity that the Russians had known for centuries. The church had so long been associated with the Czarist regime that in the thought of the reformers it had to go. However, the godless movement in Russia has failed. The Soviet leaders acknowledge its failure. They have learned that God cannot be driven out of human hearts. It is claimed that sixty million Russian men and women have remained true to the Greek Orthodox faith; and besides these there are other groups strong in their Christian faith in spite of all efforts to destroy it. While it can hardly be claimed that Russia has absolute religious liberty, certain it is that the government has removed many restrictions on Christian groups and has ceased its effort to produce a godless nation. Quoting Dr. George W. Sadler: "The fires of war have burned much of the dross of godlessness out of the Soviet system; and literally millions of Russians are stretching forth their hands to God".

Nazism is definitely and actively non-Christian. The German national church is forced upon the people by the Nazi party. *Mein Kampf* is substituted for the Bible and Hitler for Christ. Such a stand against Christianity has not been readily accepted by the nation of people that produced Martin Luther and John Oncken. Some have tried to adjust their creeds to the "New Order", attempting to be true to Christ and still loyal to the state. Others have openly resisted the Nazi effort to destroy Christianity and have found themselves either in concentration camps or before the firing squad.

In the conquered nations the Nazis have not failed to pursue their policy of destroying the power of the churches. It is said that in Poland 800 priests have been executed by the Gestapo, murdered without trial or tortured to death. Some of them were buried while they still gave signs of life. More than 3,000 priests are in concentration camps.

So we see that the Christianity of Europe today is rather mixed up. The Catholics and others who have been oppressors are now the oppressed. Russia, the nation declared to be godless, is allied in the present war with Christian nations and is repudiating her position against Christianity. Germany is finding it more and more difficult to turn her people from a faith which has burned in their hearts for centuries. From one viewpoint the Christian situation in Europe is discouraging for certainly it has failed to produce peace and good-will among the nations. But it is encouraging to know that the powers of godlessness have found themselves unable to stamp out all Christianity. The fact that thousands of Christians have been loyal to their faith in spite of persecution, the fact that any Christianity is left after the strenuous efforts to destroy it, the fact that during this time of crisis people are turning to Christ as their only hope, all prove that Christianity has not totally failed and they therefore throw out to evangelistic Christianity the challenge to include in post-war plans the Christian evangelization of Europe.

BAPTISTS IN EUROPE TODAY

HERE are Baptists in Europe today. When the last statistics were gathered they numbered almost 700,000, about half of them in Great Britain and Ireland and the other half scattered throughout twenty-two countries on the con-

inent. This did not include the Baptists of Russia, for there was no way to know about them. The largest group, over 72,000, were in Germany and the next largest group, around 65,000, in Rumania. So we see that these two largest groups of European Baptists are in nations which are now numbered among our enemies. Most of the others are in nations now at war, either against us or with us.

As we think of these European Baptists of like faith with us and loving the Lord even as we do, we wonder how they are taking the tribulations which war has brought upon them. Have those German Baptists bowed the knee to Hitler? Have those Rumanian Baptists remained true to their faith? Have those other groups kept the light of their love for Christ burning through this period of darkness? We cannot answer these questions. However, we may be sure that European Baptists are suffering. They are sharing the tribulations of their countrymen. And from our knowledge of the sincere faith and loyal spirit of these Baptists we can be reasonably sure that a large per cent of them are keeping the light of their Christian faith burning brightly and that they will come out of this dark experience stronger and better Christians because of their suffering.

We remember that ever since soon after World War I southern Baptists have had missionary work in five European countries—Italy, Spain, Rumania, Hungary and Yugoslavia. All of our missionaries to Europe except one are now on forced furlough and of course are able to receive very little news from the Baptist friends on their fields. However, they have very graciously given us some facts of which they are reasonably certain and have expressed some opinions built on the experiences of their years of missionary work. These we pass on as we call the roll of our southern Baptist mission fields in Europe.

Italy—Italy is southern Baptists' oldest mission field in Europe. At the time of the last report there were forty-two churches and over 4,000 Baptists in this country. Dr. and Mrs. Dewey Moore are our missionaries to Italy. Mrs. Moore writes: "Both my husband and I had full confidence that our Italian Baptists would remain true as they had promised just before we left: 'We will keep the faith at whatever cost and, even though it mean we must crawl into a hole in the wall, we shall keep on serving'". The latest information about our Italian work comes from a letter written on September 7, 1943, by one of our loyal Italian Baptists and sent to a Swedish Baptist friend, Rev. K. A. Moden, and relayed by him through Dr. J. E. Rushbrooke, the president of the Baptist World Alliance, to the Moores. We glean from this letter the following encouraging facts: "In spite of the abnormal condition of these days and the financial difficulties, the work of our churches—through God's help—goes on encouragingly. Because of the financial difficulties we have to apply very strict economies; but we have succeeded in not reducing the activities of our work. Not even one field has been abandoned; our monthly magazine is still being published. Our orphanage is open. Because of the bombing of our cities many of our churches have seen their members scattered in every direction. But it is pleasing for me to tell you that these churches even in the forced dispersion are living and their members realize their unity in Christ as never before. The pastors take care of them especially by means of letters, circulars, pastoral visits, group meetings etc. We are certain that after the present trial our churches will be as flourishing as before and even more".

Spain—Our only European missionary still on the field is Mrs. N. J. Bengtson, of Barcelona, who has been allowed to remain because of her Swedish background and because Spain has remained among the supposedly neutral nations. In Spain are nineteen Baptist churches with a membership of a little over 1,000. Dr. George W. Sadler—our Foreign Board secretary for Europe, Africa and the Near East—recently received a letter from a Spanish Baptist leader, Rev. Samuel Villa, in which he said: "You will be glad to know that Brother Fernandez from Madrid continues writing of his chapel, crowded every Sunday in such a way that they were obliged (in spite of the circumstances and the high price of materials) to build twelve new benches to sit down part of the people who usually attend the services, keeping standing during two long hours. They had 12 people baptized the 2nd August. We had

altogether: 15 people from Tarrasa, 9 from Sabadell and 6 from Barcelona baptized during the present month. This is only a part of the blessing that God is granting to us during the present year".

Rumania—In Rumania has been the greatest persecution of Baptists but also the greatest Baptist growth. Dr. Sadler expresses the opinion that our Baptist friends in Rumania have less freedom now than they have ever enjoyed and that some of the brethren have paid the supreme price of remaining loyal to their convictions. Dr. and Mrs. Walter Craighead were our missionaries in Bessarabia, that part of Rumania which was really Russian, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Starmer were in charge of our Seminary and Training School at Bucharest.

From these missionaries we get a sad picture of the plight of Baptists in Rumania. Mrs. Starmer says that it is impossible to carry on Baptist work in Rumania now. To the persecution perpetrated on Baptists ever since the beginning of their work in Rumania is added the terror of Nazi occupation and the sufferings produced by the war. Baptist men and pastors are accused of trying to evade military service, of being traitors and spies and are punished accordingly. There has been active effort to force the Baptists to join the Greek Orthodox church. Mrs. Starmer further says: "In spite of the dangers faced in serving Christ in Rumania I have never heard of a single incident in which a Baptist has turned his back upon Christ because of persecutions, even unto death". Since December, 1942, all Baptist churches have been closed and all property, including our Seminary and Training School buildings at Bucharest, is in the hands of the government. Mrs. Starmer expresses her faith in the loyalty of the Baptists, saying: "The spirit of a group such as our Rumanian Baptists cannot be broken by a government decree. They are held by the greatest of bonds—Jesus Christ". Mrs. Earl Hester Trutza writes as follows about the Rumanian people: "Mr. Trutza and I are very full of emotions about our people—hunger, fear, war, disease, undernourished children, war orphans, churches closed! Now, if Rumania is unable to pull away from the Nazis, it means the bombing of the cities and the humiliation of defeat and discriminations when relief is administered. But out of it all I know God will bring some glorious things, for out of the last war many new movements emerged".

Hungary—Very little news comes to us from Hungary. Miss Ruby Daniel, our missionary in charge of the Training School at Budapest, is in this country. A little over a year ago she received a Red Cross message from Dr. and Mrs. Bela Udvarnoki, who were left in charge of the Hungarian work, saying that the Seminary was going fine. In the opinion of Dr. Sadler both the Seminary and the Training School are probably still functioning.

Jugoslavia—Our work in Jugoslavia was making a good beginning when the war compelled our missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Moore, to leave the country. They went first to Hungary and then after a few months came home. Mrs. Moore writes as follows of the little group of Baptists left to carry on the work: "Of the five pastors partially supported by our Board, one was left in charge of the Belgrade property, one remained with the church in Zagreb and the members were paying his salary from a church building fund, a third had to go to Germany to work as he has a very large family and no way to support them with our money withdrawn. Of the other two we have heard nothing. Of our six Seminary students, one came to join us in Hungary and decided to become a citizen there in order to obtain permission to remain and enter the Seminary in Budapest. One went to Germany to work, three we have not heard from, and the other returned to his home church to serve as pastor. He rallied the members around him and at last account had thirty-five new professed Christians awaiting baptism". Of the effects of the war on the Baptists of Jugoslavia, Mrs. Moore writes: "We know of at least five results of the war on the Baptists of Jugoslavia. First, the Bible School or Seminary, newly opened, was necessarily closed with the departure of the missionaries. Second, publication of the only literature, a mimeographed paper for the women and a similar one of progress for the young people, ceased. Third, in Croatia a law had been brought before governing body to close all churches except Roman Catholic and Mohammedan.

many places our Baptists were having to meet a few together in homes. In Belgrade, the capital and largest city of Jugoslavia, there was no longer a church service. The members had all had to move away because of a ruling greatly affecting the life of the city. Fourth, the Germans, recognizing the troublesome character of the Jugoslavs and believing the trouble centered in Belgrade, had passed a law that no food should be brought into the city from without its limits. This, in a city that depended on the products brought daily to the market by the peasants, was equivalent to signing the death warrant of the city, a death by starvation. To save their lives our members had to move away to the villages. Last of all, we see the result of the partitioning of Jugoslavia by Germany. Some of Jugoslavia was given to Bulgaria, some to Hungary. Part was passed over to Italy. Croatia was left an independent state. German troops occupied other sections. There could no longer be any communication between the people of these divisions nor much traveling from one to another. The people were now considered citizens of different countries. There was no Jugoslavia, and that meant of course there could no longer be a Yugoslav Baptist Union".

Russia—Southern Baptists have never had missionaries in Russia but we look on the land as a potential mission field, and certainly we are interested in the progress of Baptists there. For long it was impossible to know the number of Baptists in Russia. Of course there is no certainty about the number now, but the encouraging word comes to us that the Baptists of Russia number between four and five million. These are of two groups, one calling themselves Baptists and the other Evangelical Christians; but both groups seem to hold to the same doctrines which are partially identical with the faith of our southern Baptist churches. Certainly it is heartening to know that there is so large a group of Baptists in a nation which has been for centuries under Greek Orthodox control and which has for almost a decade been looked upon as godless. We believe that this fact promises well for future Baptist development in Russia and in all Europe.

BAPTIST EUROPE TOMORROW

HERE is much surmising today about the Europe tomorrow. What will be the national line-up? What will be the territorial divisions? What will be the international relationships? What will be the chance of permanent peace? These and many other questions engage the thoughts of military and national leaders who are trying to foresee the Europe that will emerge from the wreckage of war.

As Baptists we are thinking of Baptist Europe tomorrow, wondering what will be left of our Baptist work when the war is over and what will be the chance for Baptist growth in all of Europe's nations. Our missionary thinkers are agreed in believing that post-war Europe will offer unsurpassed missionary opportunities for Baptists. Our missionaries are dreaming of great things which may be accomplished after the war.

Mrs. Dewey Moore sees the possibility of trouble ahead for the Baptists of Italy. She says: "As for the post-war plans for Italy, everything depends of course on what part the Vatican plays at the peace table and how large a part. It is generally conceded by every authority now that what the Vatican desires is freedom of worship first for the Roman Catholic church and then as limited a freedom or none at all for the minor religions of Europe. Perhaps you noticed that, when the plans for Italy were discussed by Russia, America and Britain the 'freedom of religion' part was changed to 'freedom of worship'. These two terms are not the same by any means. We have had freedom of worship in Italy since fascism but that sort of freedom stops on the front steps of the church and prohibits propaganda of any sort 'outside the church building'. We cannot give out tracts, Testaments or even testify or invite folks to our services outside of the church under that sort of freedom. Whenever anyone mentions post-war planning this matter of real freedom of religion for Italy is uppermost in my mind. We shall surely be greatly limited if the pope has his way".

Mrs. Trutza says: "Religious freedom must be won for Rumania, our property recovered and churches and schools reopened. Mr. Trutza is especially interested in an orphanage and help for our young people so they may continue their education under Christian influence".

Mrs. John A. Moore says that post-war plans for the work in Jugoslavia will depend upon whether the nation will include the same territory, the type of government and its attitude toward religious freedom and the size of the contributions made by southern Baptists to the work there. She is dreaming dreams for a great work. Read what she says: "Our vision is large. It includes a couple for work exclusively among the million and a half Mohammedans, for whom we have never had any work; another couple to assist in the Bible School, as there are no trained natives capable of assisting in this as on other European fields. We desire land on the edge of the city amounting to from fifty to a hundred acres, where the boys can produce food-stuffs for the school and learn scientific farming. This they can later put into practice as a means of self-support while serving as pastors, for thus far no Baptist church in Jugoslavia supports its pastor. The pastor's farm will serve as a model for the community, thus teaching the predominantly agricultural people of this underprivileged country how to raise its productivity and, incidentally, making possible self-supporting churches. We look forward to a building being erected as soon as possible to house the school, boys in one wing, girls in another, apartments for the missionary couples. To this school we want to bring our Baptist boys and girls from the villages, where no education is offered above the fourth grade, that there may be educated Baptists to carry on the future work of evangelization. Ideally, our Baptist school would have its own faculty but, if there is a lack of funds, the young people could be sent to the city high school for the regular academic course and taught Bible by the missionaries. From several years' contact with the students living in the dormitory it could be ascertained which would be consecrated and capable enough to take the theological training for full-time Christian service. There is one more part of the vision—that dealing with the publication work. Our work for Europe is educational and publicational, and yet we have no printed literature in Jugoslavia. There were no Sunday-school lessons and only makeshift helps for the women's and young people's work. Baptists have published only two books. We want to help these people to help themselves by providing adequate literature".

Our post-war plans for European work certainly include Russia, for we are hoping to be able to enter that land with a worthy missionary effort. Already our Foreign Board is searching for "the kind of young persons who will be worthy of associating themselves with Russian and British and northern Baptists in a program of conquering this great land with and for Christ". One couple has already been appointed for this work.

Surely southern Baptists must join other Baptists of the world in a great missionary program for all of Europe. We must plan to build on the wreckage of war the Kingdom of Righteousness. By so doing we can help the diplomats, statesmen and generals realize their post-war goals and can aid in making the dream of permanent peace for Europe and the world come true.

What can we do today to help the Baptist work in Europe tomorrow?

We can feed the hungry—through our Foreign Mission Board relief we can send food to Europe's starving millions.

We can send Bibles—that the starving souls of Europe's people may feed on the Word of God.

We can give—that there may be money to send missionaries to Europe when the war is over.

We can pray—that the war may be won for the causes that are right, that the right kind of peace may be won and that on the wreckage of Europe the Kingdom of Righteousness may be built.

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

1. How is Europe changing today?

2. Tell something of the suffering of European people.
3. Discuss the effect of the union of church and state on the European nations.
4. How has the Soviet government changed its attitude toward Christianity?
5. Discuss the Nazi attitude toward Christianity.
6. How many Baptists in Europe today?
7. Tell what is known of the Baptists in our European mission fields today.
8. Name our missionaries to Europe.
9. How many Baptists in Russia today?
10. Tell something of plans for future Baptist work in Europe.
11. What can we do to help the future Baptist work in Europe?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The following list of reference material is the chief source used in the preparation of foregoing program, and credit is hereby given for facts and suggestions derived therefrom as well as for material quoted in whole or in part. Further interesting help may be found in this listed material and in leaflets as suggested below.

The Window of Y. W. A.	—World Comrades
State Denominational Papers	—The Commission
Last Report of the Foreign Mission Board	Adolph Keller
Christian Europe Today	Everett Gill
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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



Miss Juliette Mather, W.M.U. Young People's Secretary

MARCH HOLDS MANY THINGS

MARCH brings the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, emphasis on mission study, first quarterly reports for 1944, early planning for summer. How shall we accomplish these in all W.M.U. young people's organizations while carrying along the vital missionary programs outlined in *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.*?

Material for the Week of Prayer was distributed according to the plan of your state and should have reached you in ample time for following its suggestions, coupled with those in February issues of *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* Have you made proper and adequate preparation for this important week? Our world condition keeps pointing the finger at America, demanding that she become Christian; our home mission enterprise is geared to help lift her to Christ; so we must give enthusiastic attention to home missions. Buying bonds is scarcely more important than "buying" bonds of friendship by helping others in the south to know Christ, as the Annie Armstrong Offering does; so our young people should be eager to give more than ever to the offering goal of \$200,000.

There are new mission study books on the Indian promised by the Home Mission Board, ready for study now. It will be profitable for your W.M.S. to buy copies of the entire graded series for each leader to use with the *Resource Book* in her preparation of the book she will teach. The stories for the children will illuminate the adult books; the facts for adults will be necessary background of information for the teacher in her presentation to children. The *Resource Book* is for all teachers of these books and should not be overlooked. Use the suggestions; do not be content with one book and only the storytelling or lecture method; integrate handwork and dramatics, posters and pictures; really learn to know America's Indians, their life and contributions to American life and their need of the Gospel. They fight for freedom; we must assure their freedom in Christ Jesus.

The quarterly reports will be gladly made in the realization that this is the only way Woman's Missionary Union has of knowing how missionary education organizations are working together and of developing *esprit de corps* which encourages and stimulates. Mark up your Standard of Excellence; use the delightful new G. A. and R. A. wall charts, as well as the chosen Sunbeam one.

Summer days will soon be here with camps and houseparties; your organization should give publicity so that G.A.'s and R.A.'s may attend state camps; Y.W.A.'s will be ready for Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, June 15-23; older R.A.'s and young men will be going to the new Young Men's Mission Conference there August 9-16. Gathering with other young people, with missionaries and leaders is more important and meaningful to boys and girls and young men and women in these difficult days of tension and frustration, than it has ever been. Vacation for its own sake is too selfish for these days but joyous vacation with a valuable purpose is more than justified and desirable. Begin to get young people ready for summer camps as one phase of March activities.

Word comes from Edinburg, Scotland, that numbers of men in the fighting forces in the midst of war experiences are feeling themselves called to the ministry. Arrangements are now being made for receiving and studying such applications for training for the ministry of the Scottish Church and we are told that in England already over 2,000 such applications have been made to the Church of England.



CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS



Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

The members of the State Church of Norway (Lutheran) form nearly ninety-seven per cent of the population, the remaining three per cent consisting of members of other denominations. Until recently the Lutheran Church in Norway has been more closely related to the state than the Church of England. Now according to a statement in an article in the January *Commission* by Dr. W. O. Lewis, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, this church has renounced state support in its efforts to escape the clutches of the nazis. Dr. Lewis also tells us that Baptists and all the other free churches in Norway have stood solidly with the Lutherans in resisting the efforts of the Quisling regime to use the churches for political purposes. Look up your *Commission* and read Dr. Lewis' article, "Baptist World Outlook", in connection with your program in this issue of *Royal Service*.

Haakon VII, king of Norway in exile, is assisting in the support of 653 war-stranded missionaries in many parts of the world through the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America. King Haakon and his government have made three annual grants of about \$500,000 each to be distributed among missionaries who are Norwegian subjects cut off from their usual source of support.

In an article in the *News Review* the writer suggests that "Stalin bids farewell to anti-Christ" in permitting the reestablishment of the Supreme Church (The Holy Synod-Eastern Orthodox Church) and the election of a new Patriarch of all Russia. The Archbishop of York (Church of England) after attending a large gathering in connection with the installation of the new Patriarch remarked in an interview with Dr. Poling of the *Christian Herald*, "Russia is now a great open door". Dr. Poling in commenting says he remembered that elsewhere it is written, "Behold I set before you an open door"; he adds, "God grant that the archbishop is right" in which I am sure Baptists will concur.

Paul A. Anderson, international Y.M.C.A. official and authority on Russia, is quoted as having said in a speech before the Board of Missions and Extension that carrying on missionary work in Russia after the war would be most difficult, if not impossible, because of legal obstacles such as the following: "Religious societies cannot establish mutual aid funds, cannot use property other than religious purposes, cannot have special meetings for prayers, cannot have classes, cannot have playgrounds, libraries, reading rooms, woman's organizations, Sunday-school, medical aid, mutual help organizations or cooperatives".

It is interesting to note that a Baptist, Dr. M. E. Aubrey, who is general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, has been appointed chairman of a great interdenominational committee "whose task is to give leadership in the rehabilitation of the Christian institutions of Europe".

The editor of the *Watchman-Examiner* calls attention to some interesting developments in various prisoner-of-war camps. Says he: "We hear of a miniature theological seminary being set up in such a camp in Italy. Twenty men are enrolled in the school; the staff of lecturers includes a scholar from Christ Church, Oxford, and one from Corpus Christi, Oxford. Of the twenty men eleven intend to enter the ministry. . . . We have heard of similar activities in other camps. They are usually the result of some earnest Christian man who as a soldier has been taken prisoner. Large forces are resting on their arms in the Near East. It has been suggested that a ministerial training college be started there or in Jerusalem. If so, such a school would be the forerunner of a greater one after the war".

Victory Again for Royal Service Annual Goal

IT IS herewith most gratefully announced that a star by eighteen states indicates victory for each of them in 1943. Other stars stand for similar achievements in preceding successive years. Thus it is noted with thanks that Alabama, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Missouri and Tennessee have each a three-fold victory while Illinois and North Carolina are each four-star "generals". The state that did not reach its goal lacked only 22 and thus was far ahead of its 1942 record.

Each of the twenty states is asked to accept as its 1944 goal a 5% increase over its past year's record, these goals for the calendar year of 1944 being set forth in the following table. Please do your very best to have your state reach its goal.

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Arizona	231*	250
Arkansas	3,395*	3,565
California	232	250
District of Columbia	261***	275
Florida	4,864**	5,115
Georgia	12,896*	13,540
Illinois	2,239****	2,350
Kentucky	8,328	8,745
Louisiana	5,780***	6,050
Maryland	825*	875
Mississippi	6,931*	7,275
Missouri	7,569***	7,950
New Mexico	679**	725
North Carolina	15,468****	16,210
Oklahoma	4,827*	5,065
South Carolina	9,609**	10,085
Tennessee	9,590***	10,075
Texas	13,256*	13,925
Virginia	12,535*	13,150
Miscellaneous	721	
TOTALS	129,397**	135,100

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