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EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS MEET

Educational directors of four Mennonite camps met here July 21 and 22 with Dean Harold Bender of the MCC to plan together the camp educational programs for the coming year.

Meeting with Harold Bender, Dean of Education of MCC-operated camps, were: William Ramseyer, Camino, Calif.; Al Bohrer, North Fork, Calif.; Emanuel Hertzler, Ft. Collins, Colo.; and Robert Kreider, Colorado Springs.

Special attention in the discussion was devoted to the Core Course, the all-camp survey course on the Mennonite heritage and the Christian peace position. Further discussion was related to the educational curriculum of the camps, the keeping of records, budget, library, recreation, use of outside speakers.

Dean Bender is making the rounds of MCC camps in the interests of the educational programs of the camps.

GEORGE YAMADA WELCOMED TO CAMP 5.

George Kiyosha Yamada, a CO of Japanese descent, is to be transferred from Camp Cascade Locks, Oregon, to Colorado Springs, according to word received early this week from Paul Comly French of the NSBRO.

Several weeks ago Selective Service had authorized the discharge of George Yamada from Cascade Locks for evacuation to a Japanese internment center under the War Relocation Authority. CPS campers and the several administrative agencies protested this evacuation order.

Following negotiations between the National Service Board and the War Relocation Authority, permission was granted to transfer George out of the West Coast military zone to an inland CPS camp.

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HAROLD BENDER AND P.C. HIEBERT ADDRESS CAMPERS ON MENNONITES & CPS

Dean Harold Bender and Dr. P.C. Hiebert, two vital leaders of the Mennonites, were guest speakers at Camp 5 on the evenings of July 21 and 22.

"The Mennonite Colonies of South America" was the subject of Dean H.S. Bender's address. In addition to relating the history of these Mennonites, Dean Bender showed pictures which he had taken when he visited the colonies in Paraguay and Brazil.

Dean Bender traced the history of the South American Mennonites back to their persecution in Communist Russia. In the 1920's the large Mennonite colonies in South Russia had to endure severe trials and persecutions because of their prosperous, Christian communities. Then he related the story of attempts to gain permission to leave Russia. After many refusals, disappointments, and hardships a meager 4000 were allowed to leave in 1929. The migration from Russia to Paraguay and Brazil was made possible through the efforts of the Mennonite Central Committee and the German counsel. The pictures shown by Bender depicted the nature of the colonies today and the economic and spiritual progress made by these Mennonites in the South American wilderness.

Wednesday evening Dr. P.C. Hiebert, Chairman of the MCC, brought an inspirational message concerning CPS attitudes and goals. First, Dr. Hiebert emphasized that Jesus Christ is the "Rock" to which we must all go for strength and guidance. Speaking directly about the CPS program, he stated that this set-up was not a random program but was well planned & carefully executed by men who had learned from experiences in World War I. CPS was designed to provide constructive service for those whose consciences did not permit them to take up arms.

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BEYOND FEAR

Man feels a vast superiority over the lower animals. Although man has open before him the way to spiritual heights denied other creatures, he can use all the opportunities that have been given to man alone or he can live a life of no greater virtue than that of the animals he scornfully regards as inferiors.

To man is given the capacity to discriminate. He may choose his course and may exercise reason. He may consciously pattern his future. What are the motivating factors in each man's choice of action and direction? With some it is fear and that alone. For them life is, in varying degrees, the narrow barren existence of the animal that is living with the single motive of preserving self. With others it is love, and for them life is an ever expanding experience---as they pour out to others from the bottomless cup that is theirs; as they come to know and have and share that love that Christ offers to all and commands that his followers manifest; as they live together and seek His Kingdom.

It is disheartening to observe how fear dominates the decisions of Christians even to the seats of leadership. Christ has revealed unto us His Way. In Christ's way there is little place for this base emotion of fear. It is only the physical and the material which can be harmed by others. Fear for the physical is that furtiveness or that desperate desire for self-preservation of the animal. Yet think of how many decisions are made by Christians out of the fear for the loss of a job, out of the fear of loss of self-respect, out of the fear of loss of material advantage. And yet none of these things for which we fear are virtues of Christ's way.

Man has only the capacity to be greater than the creatures of the animal kingdom. To man is given the choice between the easier animalistic pattern of behavior, which is self-centered and is manifested in fear, hatred, anger, greed, and the more difficult way of love revealed only to man. How long will it be till man will turn from his animalistic nature to know and love God and live in intimate comradeship with Him, not knowing fear but directing his life with a love for all mankind?--RH

C.P.S. EXCHANGE

Action on the Fire-line

One of the toughest jobs in existence is that of forest fire fighting. Four California CPS camps and one camp in Colorado have had the opportunity during June and July, to display their loyalty to their country by rendering this exhausting and dangerous service.

The largest fire burned 50,000 acres of forest land and the newly arrived CPS men at Camp 35, North Fork, Calif. saw a number of days of intense action there. The next fire occurred in the Los Padres National Forest which destroyed close to 4000 acres of manzanita and pine, and which lasted for three days and nights. Half of the fire fighters were men from CPS Camp #36, located in the center of the forest near Santa Barbara, California.

A 3500 acre fire also burned continuously for three days in the Angeles National Forest of Southern California and three suppression crews from the San Dimas camp joined the already large fire-fighting force in subduing

the inferno. A small fire in the Eldorado National Forest was put out by the fellows from Camp #31, Camino, Calif. In Colorado, Camp #33 of Fort Collins was called upon to extinguish two forest fires, one of which required an all-night vigil before it was checked.

To these men go our congratulations for their good work!

Puerto Rico Unit

Due to a last-minute order, the unit bound for sanitation and health work in Puerto Rico was forced to postpone their sailing for an indefinite period of time. This is the second big disappointment to come to this unit; the first being the denial of their wish to render relief service in the war zone of China. The members of this group are now with our sanitation and health unit at Crestview, Florida.

Pike View Peace News

Published bi-weekly by the men in Civilian Public Service Camp No. 5.

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ASSIGNEE RELEASED FROM ARMY TO CPS

THOSE WE HAVE MET

On Nov. 7, 1941, William E. Zimmerman, an (Old) Mennonite of Kansas City, Kansas, was inducted into the army at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, due to difficulties which deprived him of classification as a CO. Through the efforts of Bro. Harry Diener of Hutchinson, Kansas, and member of our camp advisory board, Bill was given further consideration and was finally reclassified IV-E.

This week William came to make his home at CPS camp # 5. Although the camp is still very new to him, he is finding it to his liking & he expects that very soon he will be taking his full share in the many & varied tasks and privileges that are ours in CPS.

George Yamada to Camp 5....(cont.)

Colorado Springs campers sent the following telegram this week to Yamada:

"Received word of your transfer to Camp Colorado Springs. We welcome you to our camp fellowship and trust you will enjoy your new camp home."

Signed--Campers of CPS # 5

In the Cascade Locks paper recently appeared the following note about this young Japanese, who has been "loved and appreciated by all": "Yamada was a student of journalism at San Francisco State College before assignment to Camp 21 December 5. He has been a cook during his entire stay and voluntarily restricted himself to camp premises to prevent fomentation of any anti-pacifist sentiment on racial grounds."

Bender and Hiebert Speak....(cont.)

Dr. Hiebert then presented the challenge to all men in CPS camps that they are to be the banner-bearers of the peace churches. "We are looking to you to hold the banner of peace high. Things may get worse but stand firm; we depend on you."

New Forestry Camps Established

Three new forestry spike camps were established this week for extensive road work in mountain areas so far away as to make daily transportation to the projects from Colorado Springs impractical. Three men are camping up on the Rampart Range road; three on the Gold Camp road; and five are located at Glen Cove on the Pikes Peak highway. These men live up in the mountains all week but come back to Colorado Springs for the weekends.

Otto Thomas, Marion, South Dakota

Erect posture....good overseer.... came from farm....kitchen and laundry are camp duties...has driven mule team out in field....makes rugs....plays on saxophone...reads magazines...ambition to be stock farmer..Evan. Menn. Breth.

Menno Martens, Buhler, Kansas

Practical joker....in process of establishing own farming unit...worked in filling station and on tank truck a while.....truck driver since being drafted 13 months ago....writes fewer letters since being married--the reason?...no, not disloyalty, she is working in the Springs...Gen. Conf. Menn.

Leslie Harms, Bakersfield, California

Short and sweet...gets what he goes after....Kansas farm before camp.... draft interrupted business college after half year....first secretary to camp director, cook ever since...baritone in former camp quartet...future undecided...Mennonite Brethren.

Elmer Quiring, Weatherford, Oklahoma

Frank and firm....college education at Southwestern, Weatherford, Okla.... farmed as a side line....tractor work here...likes carpentry too....much interested in tennis and music...recently married..back to farm after release ...General Conference Mennonite.

Elmer Flickinger, Pretty Prairie, Kans.

Conscientious and quiet....service station operator before drafted....now with SCS warehouse and office....reads books...plays tennis and soft ball.... undecided future...Gen. Conf. Mennonite

Clarence Kliever, Balko, Oklahoma

Good sport and joker...education at Bethany high school...hired laborer on the farm....kitchen staff now....reads and writes letters...plays soft ball.. Mennonite Brethren.

Henry Loopp, Inman, Kansas

Determined...worked as mechanic in Ford garage before he came to camp.... works as equipment operator....writes letters...plays horseshoe...after camp will be either a farmer or a mechanic. ...Krimmer Mennonite Brethren.

"There has never been a time in my life when I felt that I could take a gun and shoot down a fellow-being. In this respect I am a Quaker."

D. L. Moody in 1863

GAEDDERT ATTENDS CHICAGO CONFERENCE

Albert Gaeddert goes to Chicago next Tuesday, July 28, to confer with Paul C. French of the NSBRO and Robert Zigler of the Brethren Service Committee on matters relating to the CPS program. Albert is the Assistant General Director of MCC camps for the West.

July 10th Albert was in Chicago for a meeting with Dr. Fast, Dean Harold Bender and Dr. M. C. Lehman to discuss the future of the CPS educational program and to plan the itinerary and purpose of Dean Bender's three-week circuit of MCC camps.

The Executive Committee of the MCC met July 11. Reports were made on the progress of the CPS program and the relief program. Dr. M. C. Lehman related his experiences in relief work in Europe since March 1941. Plans are being arranged whereby the MCC will extend its relief services to Greece and India.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Six members of the deputation group of the Lisle Fellowship are with us for several days to share in the camp work and the corporate experience of camp living. The Lisle Fellowship is holding a six-week conference at Golden, Colo. Young men and women of varied denominational and racial backgrounds attend the conference for Christian fellowship and study. One of the features of the Lisle program is that of sending forth deputations to meet with and serve varied groups in the area. Our Lisle guests are the following: DeWitt Baldwin, Jesse Burke, Willa Black, Letha Curtis, Sophie G. Wakim, and Connie Spears.

A grass collection, including 53 species of grass, has been assembled

by David Pauls and Soil Conservationist James Thomas. They are continuing their search for new species of grass. All grass specimens are attractively mounted on a folding panel.

Elmer E. Schrock, (Old) Mennonite of Kenedy, Texas, arrived in camp July 22. Elmer had been proprietor of a retail grocery store before the draft.

Four campers spoke at the Church of God camp meeting south of Colorado Springs Thursday evening. Speakers were Richard Hunter, Jerald Swoveland, Robert Kreider, and Reuben Friesen.

Brother J. W. Shank, (Old) Mennonite missionary to Argentina for the past 25 years, spoke at the morning devotional service last week.

The kitchen crew has been working overtime this past week canning 188 qt. of cherries and 400 qt. of beans. Ray Schlichting, Ed J. Schmidt, and Russel Detwiler traveled to Canyon City, Colo. to pick the cherries and beans. An estimated saving of \$86.59 was made by doing the canning in camp rather than purchasing commercial goods. At the time of writing an additional 663 pounds of cherries are being canned for the coming winter months.

Bishop D.A. Yoder, President of the (Old) Mennonite Board of Education, spoke at the morning service and again in the evening on Sunday, July 19. Particularly appreciated was his evening talk with its inspirational note, its words of encouragement to make of camp the richest and most ennobling experience.

On order of Selective Service all private automobiles used by campers are to be taken home. Several cars are permitted on the camp grounds for general camp use. This ruling applies to all forty of the CPS camps.

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It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who, in the midst of the crowd, keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson