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## SAYRE TELLS OF PACIFIST WITNESS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Discussing the pacifist's grave responsibility of carrying on the Christian task of reconciliation and the torch of love and the power of the spirit in a world overwhelmed by social and economic upheaval, John Nevin Sayre, national and international secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation spent part of a day with us recently. He is enroute to New York City after visiting C.P.S. camps and Japanese internment camps on the west coast.

Pointing out that pacifists are not isolated but are members of a growing world-wide fellowship, Sayre recited interesting accounts of prominent pacifist witnesses in occupied Europe whom he had visited, holding to their faith in face of bitter opposition.  
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## THE PRINCETON PLAN

Additional opportunities for organized study of post-war relief and reconstruction are opening up for CPS men and others interested in relief work.

Future relief workers need to know such things as the climate, natural resources, topography and social conditions in order to be of most service in solving the problems that will come up.

The proposed "Princeton Plan" if approved, will allow some 25 or 30 qualified C.P.S. men to be selected to do research work in the library of Princeton University. There they will prepare monographs covering foreign areas and this material will then be sent back to the C.P.S. camps and to a number of pacifist colleges for study groups.

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## THREE LEAVE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING AT AKRON

Albert Ewert, Arlo Sonnenberg and our educational director, Roy Weinger, have been selected by MCC to participate in a training course at Akron, Pennsylvania, and later at Washington, D. C. Together with eleven other young men from various Mennonite C.P.S. camps, they will study in preparation for positions as future educational directors, or possible positions in detached service.

They will remain at Akron from October 30th to November 8th when they will join the trainees from the Brethren and Friends camps for two weeks of study at the headquarters of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, Washington, D.C. The Mennonite young men will then report back to Akron for several days before returning to their respective camps.

These men will study and discuss the Mennonite peace position, camp administration, and relationship with the M.C.C. The leaders of this course are: Albert Gaeddert, M.C. Lehman, Orle Miller, H.A. Fast, H.S. Bender, Ernest Bennett, Josse Hoover and others.

## RUSTIN SPEAKS

Bayard Rustin, Youth Secretary for the Fellowship of Reconciliation and an authority on the racial problems of this and other countries, visited Colorado Springs and gave a stirring talk to the campers in an evening meeting. Mr. Rustin spoke on the racial problems facing the United States at the present time.

Mr. Rustin pointed out that the concentration of a hundred thousand American Japanese into camps and the inequality shown the Negro and other racial groups brings to us the fact  
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EDITORIAL

Somewhere in the roads of life men are ever searching for someone who is a man. A man who is of strong character, personality, and conviction with the stamina to back it up regardless of how high the tides of life may be against him. A man who is a real success!

Are you and I one of the number who are looking for just such a man? Are we looking past the life of a friend, a neighbor, to one far from us whom we may honor and give the rewards!

Success is not a secret, for were it thus, hidden in the dark obscurity of fate from the mass of human mind, then the lives of mankind would be the paths strewn with the wreckage and plunder of groping mortals.

Too many are prone to believe life is a gamble. We know better, for what our life is, that also is the result of what we wish to make it. Every normal man, woman or child achieves success in something. We cannot expect to reap the rich rewards of success if we cause another to fall from his life achievement. Let's be men wherever we go and whatever we do. Life is such a great game, filled with so many plays to make. A real honest game can be played by all!

Perseverance is man's greatest virtue for success. Put your faith and trust in something that causes you to look up. How enjoyable life is when we lay hold of the spiritual rounds of the ladder of Christianity. Why not pattern our life after a perfect example of real success, both as man looks at life, and in the sight of God.

Let us adopt the rules of life given to us by Christianity--achieve our success by using the golden opportunities as they are. Measure our success by the "Golden Rule". The race is long and hard. Let you and I be the "man" we are looking for in some far off distance. --DE

WELDING AND FRENCH COURSES BEGIN

The classes in Welding and French began their regular hours on Wednesday evening, October 21.

Welding will be taught three nights a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for which instruction around thirty men have signed up.

Since the government is unable to secure more than one set of oxygen and acetylene, only two men are able to practice during one evening. The men are assigned from an alphabetical list. These men practice until the instructors, Melvin Gaeddert and Clarence Joe Unruh, see that they can do a fair job of welding. After the first group has completed the course new men will be assigned.

The French group chose Monday and Saturday evenings right after supper as their time of meeting. Mrs. Emanuel

Hertzler the wife of the Acting Director, is the instructor.

Learning to speak the French language, will be the main objective of the course, although sufficient grammar will be taught in order to speak the language correctly.

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## SAYRE TELLS OF PACIFIST WITNESS COME

He traced the movement of pacifism in England, France, Germany (where it is a living flame), India, Japan and the United States. In the first world war there were 16,000 C.O.s in England; in this war 64,000 have applied for C.O. status, indicating the rising tide of conscience against war.

He emphasized the crucial importance of Gandhi in world history. Gandhi is applying the Sermon on the Mount, "the loftiest piece of moral teaching", to a mass movement. "To achieve moral aims and purposes, we must inflict suffering upon ourselves, not upon others. This Gandhi calls 'soul-force' or 'truth force'. We must not take the blood of others, but our own blood; so Christ did." Gandhi's campaign of non-violent resistance is revolutionary. This demonstration of pacifism on a world scale may be the turning point of history.

In closing Sayre said, "In a dark room one must turn on light, the light of loving kindness."

## LONGER DAYS ON BEETS

A new and longer daily work schedule has been started for crews working in the sugar beet harvest. The work day for "beet toppers" has been lengthened 45 minutes, but the work week has been reduced from five and a half days to five days. This was done to speed up the harvest which is a race against the killing frosts.

Not without some compensation was this plan invoked however, for now the campees who wish to work on Saturdays, can do so on their own free time receiving the pay for that day. Or if they so wish, they can have the day for themselves. This change in schedule applies only to the beet crews (which total around sixty men) and will remain in effect for the duration of this season's beet harvest.

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"World conditions are secondary in importance to the disastrous decay of religion. Over sixty million of our fellow citizens profess no religion, many of them have no belief in God. This is America's greatest peril."

--J. Edgar Hoover

## MORNING WORSHIP

The Sunday morning services for October 25 were held as usual in the camp's assembly hall. The speaker of the morning was Rev. Edward Nervig from one of the Lutheran churches in Colorado Springs.

He gave the camp a very challenging message, stressing especially the Church's duty in answering the world's questions as to what part the Church will have in the post-war world of tomorrow. He brought out the fact that each one must definitely experience personal salvation and then, and only then can the organized Church find its place.

## QUARTET SINGS IN DENVER

Sunday, October 25, a camp quartet motored to the Denver Mennonite Mission Church. The boys left early in the morning and returned the same day after the evening service. Rev. Yost of Greensburg, Kansas, who had conducted a series of evangelistic meetings, was the speaker of the day while the quartet furnished music for three services.

The quartet consisted of Wesley Bartel, Phil Stucky, Elmer Quiring and Pete Ens, with Bill Zimmerman as their driver. The group reported a nice chicken dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Friesen.

## CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER

A four and a half pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hjelmstad on Harold's birthday which was Thursday, October 22. The new arrival came as Harold was rushing to the La Junta hospital.

Arlo Sonnenberg claimed Miss Betty Bragg of Colorado Springs as his wife on October 23. Though the camp was expecting the marriage, the time remained a secret until after the event. Mrs. Sonnenberg is employed by the local telephone company while Arlo is at present taking the training for educational and assistant directors at Akron, Pennsylvania.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hjelmstad and Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenberg go the camp's heartiest congratulations.

## VI. MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

## Mennonites to South America

In the last article just half of the story was told concerning the Russian Mennonites and their migration of 1929. However, the chapter dealing with their trek to South America is one of the most interesting.

The year 1929 saw 6,000 Russian emigrants, 3885 of which were Mennonites, succeeding in their attempt to obtain passports, while 9,000 were rudely turned down by the Russian officials and were sorely mistreated instead. The six thousand fortunate people ran into further difficulties in finding a country which would take them in.

Germany, under President von Hindenburg allowed the entire group to cross its borders and settle there temporarily until they could find another country to go to. The government however, not knowing exactly how to care for these refugees, asked Benjamin Unruh representing the MCC, if the Mennonites would want to help out. Upon his faith in the Mennonites, Unruh signed a written statement assuming for the MCC, the entire financial obligation for these people. At first this bill amounted to two million dollars but later on the German government cancelled three-fourths of this sum. Two hundred thousand dollars was contributed by the American Mennonites and the remainder was raised through other channels.

These Mennonite refugees could not stay in Germany long however, and one thousand who were financially able, moved to Canada. The remainder looked to South America as a possible location for settlement. H. S. Bender was then sent by the Mennonite Central Committee to handle their affairs and direct their moving to South America. Before complete arrangements could be made, the German government forced 1,200 of the emigrants to move to southern Brazil. This was an unsatisfactory arrangement because here they were not granted full freedom of conscience in regard to military service and in time, caused them to lose their positive peace testimony.

The remaining 1600 to 1700 Mennonites in Germany through the encouragement and planning of the M.C.C., decided to make Paraguay their future home. The Gran Chaco of Paraguay being largely a prairie country, appealed to the refugees. Then too, the government of Paraguay offered them exemption from military service, the right to conduct their own schools, and promised them full religious freedom. The Mennonites accepted this liberal offer and arrangements were made by the M.C.C. for the purchase of land and equipment.

The first group arrived on April 11, 1930 and through the help of the M.C.C. and of certain Mennonites who had previously moved to the Chaco from Canada, eleven villages were occupied before the end of that year. The provisions and promises made to these Russian Mennonites by Paraguay have been kept up to the present time and the colonies of Menno, Fernheim and Friesland have grown till they now cover a territory of 330,000 acres.

Though self-supporting in most living essentials, these Mennonites of the Chaco are still being sent clothing, medical aid and leadership by the Mennonite Central Committee. --IR

(This is the sixth article in the series on the MCC)

REPORT OF MEN IN CAMP AS OF OCTOBER 9, 1942

I.	No. of	No. of
A. Number of Camps in Operation	<u>Camps</u>	<u>Campees</u>
Mennonite . . . . .	15	1951
Friends . . . . .	16	1216
Brethern . . . . .	11	1103
Catholic . . . . .	2	71
Cooperative . . . . .	<u>2</u>	<u>75</u>
Totals	<u>46</u>	4416

B. Detached Service

Number on Farm Service		
New York . . . . .	9	
Wisconsin . . . . .	20	
Connecticut . . . . .	9	38
Number on Administrative Duties . . . . . 20		
Others on Detached Service . . . . . 26		
Total		<u>34</u>

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOYS IN CIVILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE 4500

Number in Hospital Service . . . . . 97

II. Statistics on Mennonite Boys

Mennonites in MCC Camps . . . . .	1701
Mennonites on Detached Service . . . . .	21
Mennonites in BSC Camps . . . . .	8
Mennonites in AFSC Camps . . . . .	10
Mennonites in Cooperative Camps . . . . .	<u>26</u>
TOTAL MENNONITES IN CIVILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE . . . . .	<u>1766</u>

Non-Mennonites in MCC Camps . . . . .	250
Non-Mennonites on Detached Service under MCC . . . . .	<u>5</u>
Total Non-Mennonites under MCC Administration	255

III. MCC-Administered Camps

	<u>Menn.</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Total#</u>	<u>DS</u>
#4 Grattoes, Virginia . . . . .	105	5	110	
#5 Colorado Springs, Colorado . . . . .	128	26	154	
#8 Marietta, Ohio . . . . .	26	40	66	2
#18 Denison, Iowa . . . . .	141	11	152	22
#20 (Sideling Hill) Wells Tannery, Penna. . . . .	132	3	125	
#22 Henry, Illinois . . . . .	122	11	133	2
#24 Hagerstown, Maryland . . . . .	99	33@	132	
#25 Weeping Water, Nebraska . . . . .	137	17	154	
#28 Modaryville, Indiana . . . . .	156	4	160	
#31 (Placerville) Camino, California . . . . .	98	60	158	
#33 Fort Collins, Colorado . . . . .	135	19	154	
#35 North Fork, California . . . . .	134	7	141	
#40 Howard, Pennsylvania . . . . .	55	0	55	
#44 Staunton, Virginia . . . . .	19	0	19	
#45 Luray, Virginia . . . . .	102	9	111	
#55 Belton, Montana . . . . .	<u>122</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>127</u>	
TOTALS	1701	250	1951#	26

#This total does not include men on detached service  
 @Men in Brethern Unit

## THE PRINCETON PLAN CONTINUED

Similar courses may also be started by the University of Wisconsin and the University of Chicago which will be open to additional C.O.s.

Twenty men are already enrolled in Columbia University studying in preparation for future relief work.

## RUSTIN SPEAKS CONTINUED

racial groups brings to us the fact that the racial problem in our country is a present reality and not a thing of the past. Color is the basis upon which decisions are made here as well as in other parts of the world and makes itself felt in church, job, school, social activities, etc.

To effectively overcome this problem of race, Mr. Rustin stated that we must have a creative dynamic, using creative means to overcome evil. He then gave four rules of conduct to be followed: (1) turn fear into courage; (2) always be responsible for admitting one's own guilt; (3) constantly speak the truth; and (4) raise all problems from a violent basis to a moral plane.

## MAN POWER BILL

(from MCC Newsletter)

At present an over-all conscription bill is being worked on by Congressmen. It will be submitted to Congress after the November elections, according to reports. On the basis of this bill, women will be conscripted into war work. It is understood that those drafting the bill will include provisions for women who are C.O.s.

The Council on Civilian Service, a subcommittee of National Service Board

If a man say, I love God,  
and hateth his brother, he is a liar;  
For he that loveth not his brother  
whom he hath seen,  
How can he love God  
whom he hath not seen?

--I John 4:20

made the following recommendations about this bill at its September 24th meeting: (a) absolute exemption for women conscientiously opposed to war work. (b) if 'a' is not possible, allow women to choose the field of service. (c) if 'a' and 'b' are not possible, specify fields (social service, religious education, health services, agriculture and rehabilitation) among which the government should locate women opposed to work directly related to the war effort.

## C.P.S. EXCHANGE

San Dimas, California

San Dimas men have answered several calls for rescue from outsiders which have involved the use of first aid. A couple of bad falls and a number of auto accidents were the causes for the emergencies.

Grottoes, Virginia

Delvin Kirchofer, educational and assistant director at Grottoes will soon be leaving for Switzerland to establish a M.C.C. central relief station to administer aid to the needy areas of war-impooverished Europe.

Marietta, Ohio

A fund of \$242.15 for European relief has been raised in six months by the campers here. This sum was acquired by having a "frugal meal" each Saturday noon and giving the savings accruing from such meals to the Mennonite Central Committee.

Hill City, South Dakota

The new CPS camp is located about 15 miles west of the town in the Black Forest. The camp is almost new and in excellent condition. The project is that of building a reservoir to hold some 15,000 acre feet of water to be used for Rapid City.

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