

OUT YOUR WAY

Europe, We're Here!

Undoubtedly the high spot in many months of lightning-like progress of Youth for Christ took place on March 18, 1946, when Torrey M. Johnson, Billy Graham, Chuck Templeton, Stratton Shufelt and William Hoover stepped aboard a giant trans-Atlantic airplane at the Chicago airport and started a historic one-day flight to Europe to bring aid to Youth for Christ leaders and answer the invitations for help which have been coming for at least two years.

Farewell meetings were held in Charlotte, N. C., for the group on March 2 and 3, in Toronto, Canada, on March 8-10, in Detroit's famed Olympia Stadium on March 16 and in Moody Memorial church on Sunday evening, March 17.

Definite itineraries in Europe were to be made on arrival in London. Countries to be visited include England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Germany and Russia. Hoover, a German Baptist pastor in Detroit, was scheduled to go to Germany.

PRAY for the fellows over there. They are expected back in early May.

Marion, Ohio, YFC Celebrates First Birthday with Outstanding Program

MARION, OHIO—Aided by outstanding musical and preaching talent, Marion Youth for Christ celebrated its first anniversary on January 26, and included in it a half hour radio program which told that area of Youth for Christ. The program is heard regularly over WMRN in Marion from 8:30 to 9 p.m.

Wilbur Fish, bell ringer from Columbus, topped the musical program and Rev. O. G. Lewis, a gospel artist, brought the message of the evening. The services now are held in the Masonic Temple after the Harding Hotel became too small. Dr. C. E. Hershey and Rev. Marvin Lewis direct the movement here.

Valley Forge YFC Forges Ahead

BRIDGEPORT, PA.—YOUTH FOR CHRIST is now operating near historic Valley Forge. Rev. J. Elwood Bauers, pastor of the Bridgeport Baptist church, directs the meetings held the second Saturday of each month. Recent attractions have been Percy Crawford, Phil Saint, the Eppley Gospel Singers, George Palmer and Homer Ham-montree.

East Bay YFC (Calif.) Reorganizes

OAKLAND, CALIF.—East Bay YFC has reorganized under director G. Archer Weniger. Roger Goodman now is in charge of personal work, Jack Ludlam ushering, John Nastari, orchestra, Wes Gustafson, prayer service, Johnnie Lavender, music, George Hughes, piano, Ed Johnson, testimonies, Roy Peterson, quizzes, Curis Nims, radio, and Nels Nelson, Harold Chrisman and Arnold Grunigen, Jr., advisors.

Since the rallies started on Easter Sunday, 1945, only a few have gone by without souls being saved. More than 50,000 have gathered during that time, and the speakers have been among the nation's best. Percy Crawford and his entire radio crew were slated for the Feb. 16 rally. The rally is aired over KWERB from 9:30 to 10 each Saturday night.

Two GI's Getting Discharges in Manila to Continue Work with YFC There!

MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—"Youth for Christ among the Filipinos as well the one held by the G. I.'s is on the march! Regardless of the opposition and lack of interest on the part of many church leaders here, the Lord is answering prayer in bringing the young people to Himself.

"Our meetings are reaching the stage where they will advertise themselves. Only

Second Annual Convention

The second annual convention of Youth for Christ International convenes July 22-27 at Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

It is necessary to limit registrations to Bible teachers, missionaries, ministers and those actively engaged as rally directors, sponsors, and advisors. Returned chaplains will be entertained free-of-charge.

one paper in town would give us any kind of a writeup. In order to avoid criticism we do not take offerings but the Lord has raised up a few interested friends. Our biggest problem is finding a suitable meeting place.

"The committee for the Filipino Youth for Christ has been much in prayer for a merger of the meeting with the G.I. Youth for Christ. We want to avoid any feelings of prejudice which the native people might have.

"Our music director, Bob Iverson, and myself are expecting our discharges in April and are planning to apply for it here in Manila and try to put Filipino Youth for Christ in here solidly before we leave. We'll put full time to the work. In the summer of 1946 we plan to begin our proposed trip to Australia to conduct Youth for Christ rallies there. From there we plan to tour Japan, China, Russia and through Europe to my home in Ireland and then on to the states and Canada."—Cpl. Ed Todd.

A Chaplain Writes from Kyushu, Japan

FUKUOKA, KYUSHU, JAPAN—"Our Youth for Christ program was held last Saturday night. It was a very wet, stormy night, but the attendance was around 400. At least half of the young people were Japanese. The attendance is steadily growing each Saturday night. I learned indirectly that Youth for Christ rallies are being held in Sasebo, Kyushu, about 80 miles south of here."—Chaplain Robert C. Hayes in Y.P.M.S. News (Free Methodist).

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Peking, China, Reports 34 Saved at One 120 Conversions at First Shanghai Meeting

TIETSIN, CHINA—"For five weeks no the auditorium has been packed to the rafters here in Tientsin YFC as 1,300 Chinese and marines have filled the place. Each week there have been between 25 and receiving Christ... The Lord provided the way for me to go to Peking and speak Youth for Christ rallies there. One was made up of all high school and college young people. Thirty-four came forward to receive Christ as their Saviour. Then the Lord opened the way for me to fly to Shanghai and upon the first Youth for Christ rally in that city. There were 20 young people saved that meeting. Yes, God is wonderfully blessing out here, and all the praise goes to Him.—Lt. (jg) R. L. Byron, Jr. (an M.D. from Oakland and Berkeley, Calif.)

Tientsin, China, Feels Power of Prayer

TIENTSIN, CHINA—"Our Tientsin Youth for Christ meetings are moving ahead although we are experiencing a great need of musicians and speakers... Here are a few details on how we work here. We place our ads in the newspapers and recently have placed attractive posters in prominent places, with wording in both Chinese and English. The preaching etc., is by the marine with the interpreting into Chinese. We have a special prayer meeting an hour before the service. He has special music, mostly vocal, and sometimes a choir... The Lord has provided us a Chinese pianist and a beautiful baritone soloist—both are consecrated young men and we praise God for them..."

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Reporting

Youth For Christ

Across the World

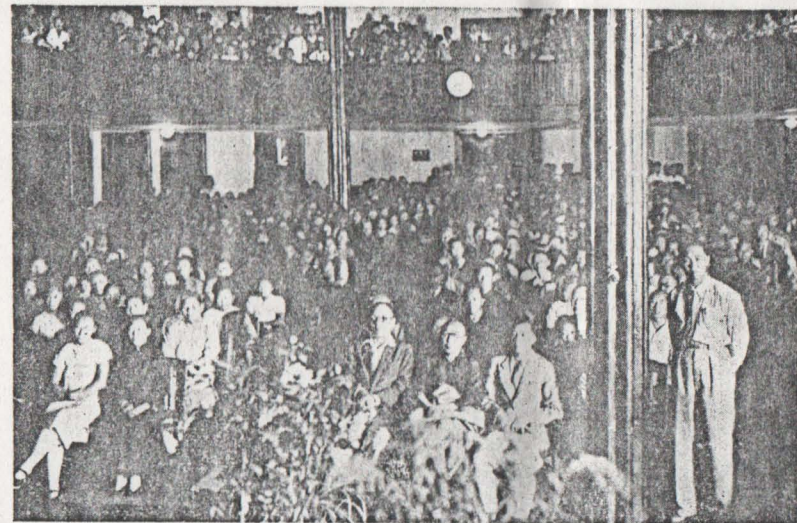
I Saw GOD Work in CHINA

By Theodore Choy

B. J. HOLMQUIST
WAS BEST MAN
AT HIS WEDDING

I HAVE just returned from China, where it was my privilege to serve as an interpreter for the United States Marines and, at the same time, to witness first-hand the appeal of Youth for Christ to the young people of my native land. It would be putting it mildly to say that I am thrilled. Literally hundreds of Chinese young people have found Christ through Youth for Christ in China. I do feel, however, that some American Christians may have a warped idea of what the Movement is doing in the Orient. I trust this report will provide much needed information, and I earnestly pray that it will challenge young people everywhere to rise to the appalling need of my people.

JANUARY, 1947



Here's a shot of the center section, one-third of the crowd, at a typical Tientsin rally.

A year ago this fall, I landed in Tientsin, China. In October of that year, Youth for Christ in Tientsin got under way.

The original program was inaugurated by a few Marines, a chaplain, and a native doctor. They started out on the right foot by plugging the meeting with a solid guard of good advertising. Over a thousand young people—and I mean young people!—jammed Wesley Methodist Church, the city's largest, for that

initial rally. The attendance ran about half Marines, half Chinese.

The program committee presented bang-up program. But it was all English, and so many of the Chinese got up and left.

So they called on me to serve in the capacity of interpreter. The prospect thrilled me, for my heart overflowed with compassion for the youth of China.

The plan worked out pleasingly well. Since I have had considerable experience

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ience as a song leader, I was also assigned that position. Before long, we had the Chinese young people singing English and the Marines singing Chinese. We had a great time! The "Hallelu" chorus went over about as well as any. "Hallelujah" is the same in Chinese and English, so the Chinese version went, "Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah—chan mei Shanchu." The Marines caught on to that without any trouble.

Fortunately, Tientsin has many fine alert native Christians. Many doctors, teachers, and aggressive business men there have found Christ. So it was decided that, since the Marines were



Timothy Chao, Chinese youth evangelist, preaches, while a missionary interprets for Marines and other non-Chinese in the audience.

never sure of how long they could remain at a base, to organize a committee of both Chinese and Marines.

One school teacher, Mrs. Lee, played a strategic role on this committee. If she were a man, I would say, "She's the George Wilson of China!" She gave our promotional program a number of fine shots in the arm.

As a school project, her students made attractive posters to be placed in Tientsin stores, as well as in churches

and other places. Then, too, we had a huge sign hung across the street in front of the church.

Best of all, harvest time in every rally saw many finding Christ. At each of the last two meetings, just before I left, over one hundred responded for salvation.

A great problem there, as here, is follow-up work. Here again Mrs. Lee came up with an ingenious idea. Students in her high school are particularly interested in learning English. So, to give added attraction for young converts, she has announced that all the Bible classes will be conducted in English. The young people literally throng to these classes. Churches, too, are cooperating in the follow-up work.

But there are problems in the promoting of Youth for Christ in China.

First of all, internal conditions make it very difficult to promote such a program. It was not uncommon in Tientsin, for example, to hear the gunfire of the Communist forces rumbling off in the distance.

Then, too, Tientsin was placed under strict martial law.

As a result, one elderly gentleman who came to our rally almost got himself into trouble. He lived quite some distance out of the city, and as he was starting down one of the deserted streets, a sentry stopped him and demanded to know what he was doing out at that hour.

"I just can't miss that Youth for Christ Rally," he said. "I know martial law is on. I'm on my way home from the Youth for Christ Rally that is held in the Wesley Methodist Church."

The sentry bowed and let him go by.

Another problem is that of leadership. The spiritual backing is excellent.

James Wang and Stephen Lee, managers of the great Yung Sheng Trading Company, were behind us one hundred percent. So was Dr. Tu, leading Tientsin medical man. There are men like these scattered throughout China. But backing a program and directing a program are two altogether different things.

The tendency is to let the program slip into a regular formal church service. There is an urgent need, I would say, for a Youth for Christ director to be set up in China. Directors' schools, such as you have here, could be held to properly integrate the needs of the Chinese with the dynamic program of Youth for Christ.

China is a tremendously large country. One can't fully realize that until he has been there. I was born in Swatow and reared in Hongkong. And, frankly, I didn't learn how tremendously large my country was until I got back there as an interpreter. In fact, I traveled thousands of miles with the Marines in China, without once having the opportunity of meeting my dear mother and father in Hongkong.

In many of China's cities, Youth for Christ is unknown. There are not, at the most, more than a dozen rallies operating there. And twelve rallies in a country the size of China is but a drop in the bucket, a mighty small drop at that.

The fire is spreading, slowly but surely. A Mrs. Chu attended our rally in Tientsin, and she went back to her home in Shanghai, burdened with the need for the young people there. She told her burden to Mr. Yao, prominent Shanghai realtor, and together they discussed the matter with the city's evangelical church leaders.

They got under way with rather ftering steps. The Lord led, shortly before they began, so that I was able to visit Shanghai. The cry in their hearts was, "Oh, if Dr. Johnson from America could only come over and help us!"

Another problem in China is the matter of talent. Chinese young people love to sing and they love music. Instrumentalists are few and far between.

In Tientsin, we were blessed of the Lord with a young man, Thomas Tu, virtuoso at the piano. We were fortunate.



A committee, composed mostly of native Christians, guides the rally's business and programming affairs.

With speakers, it is somewhat different. China has a number of very excellent, Bible-believing evangelists. Timothy Chao, a youth evangelist with a dynamic message, stands ready to know, to serve Youth for Christ with his unique ministry. The Lord has us him to win literally hundreds of thousands of souls in China! And there are others ready to help spread the good news.

It is almost impossible, too, to get cooperation from the newspapers

China. They don't put out any sixty page editions there. Newspapers there have just two pages—page one and page two. And write-ups of religious services are the next thing to taboo. They do offer an opportunity for advertising, however.

A newspaper announcement that Americans will appear on the program always arouses Chinese curiosity. Advertising which stated that Marines would have charge of the program had an especial advertising appeal.

The Tientsin radio station gives a half hour to Youth for Christ, too.

There is a mountainous financial problem connected with any kind of spiritual activity in China. Inflation has skyrocketed prices, as you well know.

Our little song sheets, for example, no larger than the program that you use at your rallies, cost \$15.00 apiece. Should we want to have a thousand printed, which is necessary for our Tientsin rally, the printing bill alone would be \$15,000. The latest model American car in China costs \$8000.00 in American money. And since the value of the American dollar there is equal to the value of \$4,700 in Chinese money, you have an idea of the astronomical price anyone would have to pay for a car. The material alone for a suit of decent clothes in Chinese money runs to about \$376,000!

Of course, it is true that the Chinese laborer earns inflation wages, but the wages are not nearly comparable to the sky-rocketed costs. Many of the people who attend our rallies earn virtually nothing. So collections at the rallies were not considered feasible. Instead, we left a box at the rear of the auditorium for any who wished to give offerings. Then we depended upon the Lord to supply whatever margin

might exist between what we received in the box and our needs. God always supplied.

Due to the internal difficulties in China, it is not possible to carry on quite as strong a youth-centered program as we would like. For the most part, the young people from our rally limited themselves to spiritual activity. The young people from one certain church, for example, became so burdened for the souls of young people who were not at the meeting, that before every rally they would conduct street meetings. In that way many additional souls were led to Christ. With the right kind of relationship, that sort of thing could happen almost anywhere in China.

Spiritually, I believe that this is China's day of decision.

Chinese family life is a very strong traditional force in the minds of the people. Divorce and juvenile delinquency there were pretty well unknown a few years ago. Now, through the influence of the movies, Chinese young people are beginning to get a few modern "civilized" ideas. Hollywood is going all out to capture their interests. God help us not to do any less!

I realize that anybody is liable to be accused of having a warped conception of his own country. I love my country. I'm proud of the greatness of the Chinese people. But I believe that, having been a student in America for a number of years, I see the need there at least partly from the perspective that you would see it, could you visit China.

And so I say, from the depths of my heart, that I believe China is a field "white unto harvest." The Chinese are rather unexpressive, you know, and yet



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it is a very common sight to see 100 souls in the inquiry room weeping bitter tears of repentance, as they come know the joy of knowing Christ as the Saviour.

Won't you pray that millions of China's lost young people, many of whom have no religious convictions of any kind, will come to find Christ as Saviour? Pray, too, that God will direct the leaders of Youth for Christ as to what they ought to do in reaching the youth of China!

THE END

These Were Saved at YFC.

• **Detroit, Mich.:** "It was doubly thrilling to see my own kid brother and his boy friend, Roger, go forward. I knew that Mike was a Christian, but he wanted to dedicate his life to Christ. Roger was making his first decision. Mom was crying for joy and Dad had that happy, proud look."

• **Baltimore, Md.:** Carl Glock, one of the regular YFC members, witnessed frequently to a group at his place of work. One of the group, Mickie, came to several YFC meetings and during the week he would talk to Mr. Glock at work. They both took a lot of ribbing, and someone told Mr. Glock, "Well, I suppose Mickie will soon be washed in the blood of the Lamb, too." The next night at YFC, Mickie took a stand for Jesus Christ and became a new creature in Christ. He has been witnessing to his family even amid the persecution he is receiving.

• **Wichita, Kansas:** A Mexican girl was converted in the October rallies and now is singing the Gospel in several Wichita churches.

• **Winston-Salem, N. C.** At the great anniversary rally on October 23, nine young

people who had been saved just the previous summer gave their testimonies. Among those nine young people was the president of the senior high school class and four first stringers on the football team!

• **Modesto, Calif.:** A young lady out of Christian Science home was wondrously saved. Also, a man and his wife were saved and now are bringing their relatives to accept Christ.

• **Grantsburg, Wis.:** A young girl raised her hand one Saturday night for salvation, but did not come forward. The next night she stood up in her own church and testified that she had accepted Christ as her Saviour the night before at the rally.

• **Aberdeen, Wash.:** A young newspaper boy was told by his pastor not to come to Youth for Christ, but his boss brought him and the young fellow was saved and . . . wants to go into the ministry!

• **Portland, Ore.:** Two children accepted Christ first at a YFC rally. They went home and the next week brought their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Falkenhagen, and they, too, found Christ.

assistant director of Kansas City YFC, and the writer, director of Kansas City YFC. As the teen agers prayed, the idea of a bus came. With so much money involved, it took plenty of faith to decide, "We'll buy a bus!"

The list price on the 48-passenger bus desired was around \$4500. So impressed was the dealer with the necessity of Bible clubs that he agreed to sell it for \$4000, provided the sum was raised in 60 days.

So the challenge was thrown out and the kids went to work to raise the money. That was November 15. By December 15, \$841.44 had come in. Business men who had been contacted by eager and sincere high schoolers, flooded the office with calls as to how the fund was going and if they could help more. During school hours, big fruit jars were used to collect nickels, dimes and pennies from fellow students. One jar containing \$16.00 in pennies was placed triumphantly on Jack's desk.

Kansas City was to feel the real punch of determined teen agers out to beat the devil at his own game. By the first of the year the fund had passed \$2000. But the cost of the bus was \$4000 and with only thirty days to go, more than half had to be raised. An all-out drive was launched and by the end of the month, all but \$146 of the amount necessary had been raised! The down payment had been made in faith and the bus already was in use. Free servicing of the bus, including gas and oil for three months, was pledged by a Christian business man burdened for youth.

Now it's in full-time use. Thirteen clubs use it every week. Each morning before school, each afternoon after school and often during the noon hour, you'll find the bus parked near different schools in the Greater Kansas City area,

packed full of happy, singing young people.

Everyone was curious to see that bus with the big green letters saying "YOUTH ON THE BEAM" splashed across the side, with venetian blinds at the windows (furnished by a Christian business man), and to hear an organ driven off the vacuum line of the bus! The colorful pennants displayed on the inside made a combination that most curious high schoolers could not resist, and the bus was quickly filled at each stop.

It brought new life to the clubs and new attendance records. Within two months, forty-four young people had found Christ as Saviour while sitting in the bus. Today the main problem is in getting the one bus to 24 schools. Already there is considerable talk of a second and larger one.

On Saturday nights the bus can be found full of kids going to the Youth for Christ rally, where high school contests and high school talent is always emphasized on the program. Here the YOB'ers bring their unsaved friends and see them won to Christ. At the same time, through contact with other club leaders and the message of the evening, they get fired up to make their clubs even bigger and better the coming week. Saturday night at Youth for Christ is a "must" in the growth of a good YOB club.

During the week nights the bus is used to haul YOB'ers to parties, conferences or Bible quizzes. The quizzes are conducted on a competitive basis between schools on different books of the Bible, the grand prize being a free vacation trip to Winona Lake, Indiana, for the Youth for Christ International

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KEEPING **YOUTH** INFORMED

*News of Especial interest
young people and youth lead*

** Last Hours in China?* Press-time information is that Dave Morken, Far East Regional Vice-president of YFC, and Dick Hillis, China Vice-president, have elected to remain in Shanghai. That they will be able to continue working for yet some time remains quite probable.

What the future holds for youth evangelism in China remains to be seen. Mao Tse-tung, leader in the war against Chiang Kai-shek and Nationalist China, reportedly has promised protection for foreign nationals, and an early desire to establish diplomatic relations with nations like the U. S.

The hasty withdrawal of U. S. Navy craft from Shanghai would seem to salve Mao's indignation somewhat, as he had insisted that foreign military personnel evacuate China immediately. Tsingtao to the north remains in free territory, and is a U. S. Naval and Marine base, but apparently Mao isn't too concerned there as yet.

Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Claire Lee Chennault, genius behind China's famed Flying Tigers, has made an unannounced visit to America. Capitol Hill's cheeks are said to be burning from the onslaught of Chennault's exposures. Claims Chennault, the U. S. has come no where near fulfilling promises a year old and more to Chiang's Nationalist regime. As an example of the Nationalist's inadequate supply of arms, Chennault points out that Chiang's forces are using old U. S. tanks which had been cut in half for scrap metal. Nationalist welders, he claims, have welded the intiquated crafts together.

From missionaries come constant reports that Chinese Christians sense a deepening responsibility for reaching their people with the Gospel. Since rigid restrictions are sure to come, if China completely falls, personal soul-winning may be the answer to that country's evangelism.

Then, of course, the historian has his Conquerors have come and they have in China. What is there to prove, they that the present upheaval will not be lowed up in the mass of China's millions.

Mao Tse-tung has an answer for that. Says Mao, "We . . . organize and teach work to a plan. China is certainly a big of dough—but we have a wonderful y. For the most part, then, observers tak granted that China has fallen. Chennault issue with this score, however. He c that, so long as Kunming, Chungking Lanchow remain in Nationalist hands, is yet time.

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Dry Bones Live Again Commenting on establishment of Israel as a nation—now ognized by some two dozen countries—a ish periodical says; "From the dry bone the desert valley, from the charnel house Nazidom, from the D.P. camps, and from the prosperous and democratic lanc the West, the steady march of Israel's fe pounding home to Israel."

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A Dangerous Toy General Omar N. Bra speaking on the dangers of an atomic said recently: "Our knowledge of science clearly outstripped our capacity to contr We have too many men of science; too Men of God. Man is stumbling bli through a spiritual darkness while tc with the precarious secrets of life and d The world has achieved brilliance wit wisdom, power without conscience. Ou a world of nuclear giants and ethical infa

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Scriptures for Japan Recently, General D las MacArthur cabled headquarters of Pocket Testament League: "Campaign distribution of million Pocket Testaments cery welcomed. There is great deman

men and sickle is spreading upon the pathway of the Cross.

Heart-stirring devotional challenges came from such men as Oswald Smith, Harold Ockenga, Bob Jones, Jr., Hubert Mitchell and many others.

In his first address Oswald Smith seemed to sound the keynote of the entire gathering. He said: "Youth for Christ is founded on a vision—not on a man, a doctrine or an organization. Youth for Christ is further founded on evangelism. The desperate need of the hour is the promotion of large scale evangelistic campaigns around the world. The need of every country in the world is evangelism. That is why Youth for Christ has been raised up of the Lord. God has raised it up for this hour."

Unity and prayer also permeated the entire congress. Hours were spent each day before the throne of grace. Some would pray in French, some in Chinese, some in German; it didn't matter, for language proved no barrier to hearts earnestly on fire with a common flame.

Another impressive sidelight about the prayer sessions was the way nearly all of the delegates asked God for personal victory over all sin in their lives.

Considerable interest was aroused at an open forum on Germany, featuring native delegates and army chaplains from the Reichland. The Ger-

man delegates had many questions to ask, and YFC International spokesmen were on hand to answer them. As a result, there has been a good, strong forward step made in Youth for Christ's ministry in Germany.

Reports from Germany tell how concretely the local rallies are being set up. Councils are formed, composed of evangelical pastors, Christian business men and born again young people. Displaced persons in Germany are also to be given increased consideration in the renewed program.

From France, Boris Bessmertny gave a magnificent picture of his country's need. Out of 42,000,000 people, he reported, there are only 600,000 who are Protestants. Doors of opportunity however, are now wide open, as Communists and Roman Catholics fight each other, leaving clear channels of operation for the forces of the Gospel.

Lucio Mirabelli, head of the Italian movement, gave another vivid report. The Italian group contributed considerable spark to the convention. Of the fourteen present, all but one had an earned doctor's degree, and every delegate was a veritable firebrand.

With Communism knocking at Italy's doors, these delegates to the last one told of their willingness to lay down their lives, if necessary, in order that the Gospel may reach their people.

Heartening to all were reports of the way Italian youth leaders organize

their rallies and, even more, the splendid follow-up programs used. This was all developed without outside help, and many an American rally could learn much from these Mediterranean folk.

Reports from Europe's D. P. camps moved delegates to tears. Four D.P.s men—gave their testimonies. They told of the suffering, privation, hunger and dirt. All the clothing they possessed they wore on their backs to Beatenberg.

One of these men came penniless to the Swiss border. He told police of his plight, and the genial Swiss authorities gave him transportation money to finish the journey. His face glowed with the sheer joy of being able to come.

Needless to say, the more fortunate delegates gave money and clothes to such deserving brethren.

On Tuesday night, Col. Paul J. Maddox Chief of Chaplains of the American Armed Forces in Europe, gave his testimony. He said: "Youth for Christ is the most colossal movement I know of today. The spirit of the Lord is upon it. I pray that God's blessing will continue upon it, so that the Gospel may be preached around the world."

From the Orient came Bob Pierce and Hubert Mitchell. Mitchell told the story of India, land of strife a spiritual destitution. Pierce thrilled delegates with the news of his recent tour throughout China. Both men added fuel to the urgency of the hour as they told of unprecedented opportunities throughout the Orient to win young people for Christ.

In China, for example, Bob Pierce pointed out how God has miraculously kept the student centers free from Communist occupation. Though completely surrounded by Red forces in many areas, yet these student centers—such as Peiping and Tsingtao, where Pierce was used of God to reap rich harvests of souls—are still open. But they may close at any time, Pierce warned. Now, not tomorrow, is the hour to move in with the Gospel.

Also from the Orient came a Mr. Hui, resident of Canton, China. He stated that there are only 750,000 Christians throughout China out of a population of 500,000,000.

A better site for the convention couldn't have been chosen. The Bible Institute at Beatenberg, nestled in the beauty of the Bernese Alps, provided an indescribable setting. The host too, showed delegates every Christian

She Slipped Out

"Father," said a dying heathen girl, "Father, where am I going? What lies before in the darkness? Oh, Father, I am frightened. Help me! Help me!"

"My little girl," groaned the stricken man, "I cannot tell. There are other lives beyond, though the body decays in the grave, but . . ."

"Oh, Father, are they happy lives? Or shall I suffer there? Can you not give me hope? What do your books say? Tell me! Help me!"

But he knew nothing more. Not even his love for his dying girl could pierce the impenetrable pall shrouding so much mystery and terror.

And in the darkness the slender fingers tightened upon the father's hand till they grew cold in death.

The message of hope reached that father, and he found rest; but the child of his love had passed out into the dark because of the indifference, the heartlessness, of the Christian Church.

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An Ohioan, Engstrom graduated from Taylor University. He is married to "Aunt Betty" of the Children's Bible Hour, and they have a strapping young son.

Besides a number of magazine spots down through the years, he has authored and compiled several Zondervan book titles.

