

N. Y. Wiretapping Sifted by Demos

NEW YORK, March 19. (AP) New York City's Democratic Congressional delegation has been called to an extraordinary meeting here today amid a city probe of the politically-explosive wiretapping case.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N. Y.), says the House group will confer with Mayor William O'Dwyer for the purpose of "getting information" and to determine whether "anything should be done."

The unusual City Hall session (11 a. m. e.s.t.) has aroused speculation that a Congressional inquiry into the alleged plot to tap telephones of public officials may be under consideration.

Meanwhile, O'Dwyer made no comment on the latest jab by multimillionaire Cledenin J. Ryan, self-styled reformer and arch foe of the city administration.

Ryan, after testifying yesterday for the fourth time before a grand jury probing the eavesdropping affair, said he had proposed that O'Dwyer himself be indicted in the case.

Several police officials also appeared yesterday before the grand jury which has indicted an ex-city detective, Kenneth Ryan, for escaping custody while under arrest in the case.

The ex-detective, who later surrendered to authorities, now is free under \$7500 bail on the escape charge, and charges of wiretapping.

Another private investigator, Edward M. Jones, a former Treasury Department agent, is free under \$2500 bail as a material witness. Police have quoted him as saying that he and Kenneth Ryan were hired to tap telephone wires by John G. Broady, 45, attorney for Cledenin Ryan.

Two other private investigators, said to be in Broady's employ, are being sought for questioning.

U. S. to Open Case Monday in Court Fight on Reds

NEW YORK, March 19. (AP) The court battle which may decide the legal status of the American Communist party finally will get down to brass tacks Monday—in the 10th week of the trial.

With a jury at last in the box and countless defense motions disposed of, the government will outline in an opening statement the case it seeks to prove against 11 top U. S. Communist leaders.

Defense counsel are expected to finish their statements by Tuesday. Then the government will start to offer its evidence.

It is the first case against the high command of the Communist party ever tried in this country.

Federal Judge Harold R. Medina has insisted the defendants are being tried as individuals, not as Communists or Communist party members.

"This case does not involve guilt by association," he told prospective jurors.

But the indictment says the defendants conspired "to organize as the Communist Party of the United States of America a society, group, and assembly of persons who teach and advocate the overthrow and destruction of the government of the United States by force and violence."

William Z. Foster, the party's national chairman, is not among the 11 on trial. He has been indicted, but his case was severed from that of the others after the court decided a heart ailment made him unable to stand trial at this time.

Besides Dennis, the defendants are Carl Winters, 41, Michigan state chairman of the party; Benjamin Davis, New York City councilman; John E. Williamson, the party's trade union secretary; Henry Winston, its organizational secretary; Jacob Stachel, its educational secretary; John Gates, editor of the party's organ, The Daily Worker; Robert G. Thompson, New York State party chairman; Gilbert Green, party district chairman in Chicago, and Gus Hall, of Cleveland, Ohio State party chairman. All are members of the party's national board.

Four Car Owners Sued for \$250,000

Four damage suits were filed yesterday in Long Beach courts by pedestrians assertedly struck by motorists in recent months, with aggregate claims amounting to a quarter of a million dollars.

Frank H. Wyatt, 62, and Nell Wyatt, 59, demanded \$100,000 from William R. Mabry Jr., 18, for personal injuries purportedly sustained at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Alamitos Ave. on Feb. 12. The suit was filed by Attorney C. Ransom Samuelson.

A suit by Sherry Hodges, filed by Attorney Donald P. Lane, asked \$100,000 from William and Estelle Odiorne for personal injuries he claims to have sustained in a pedestrian accident in Palm Springs on March 26, 1948.

Kathleen Jahncke demands \$25,000 damages from Helena E. and Earl V. Buxton for injuries her suit says were sustained at Hill St. and Olive Ave. on Feb. 15. The suit was filed by Attorney Joseph L. Falner.

Another suit filed by Attorney Samuelson demanded damages of \$25,000 for Lawrence J. Armstrong from Ralph B. Thornton and the American Poultry Co. for injuries he alleges were sustained in a pedestrian accident at Atlantic Ave. and 52nd St. on Dec. 12.

Christians Unite for Relief



REV. RUSSELL R. ROBINSON

Visitation Work Is Described

Rev. Russell R. Robinson, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, is author of an article in the March issue of "Shepherds," a monthly magazine published at Nashville by the general board of evangelism of the Methodist Church, under the editorship of Dr. George H. Jones. "Visitation Evangelism Works in a Downtown Church" is the title. He describes how the visitation program was used in First Church.

The article states: "The plan followed was that of Guy H. Black and of Dawson Bryan's book, 'A Workable Plan of Evangelism.' We combed out constituent rolls for prospects, constituted the church school records for unchurched parents, and used every other possible source, short of an actual house-to-house survey. In the future we plan to take the survey as well. One hundred and twenty visitors were selected carefully from the membership. Sunday noon after church the whole group of visitors met for a meal in the social hall, and following this, instructions were given by Rev. Robinson, and visitation assignments for the afternoon were given. The results weren't spectacular, but were substantial as they had to be with careful planning and a large number of consecrated visitors. As a result of the three-day work, 107 decisions for membership were secured."

'Great Hour' Program on Radio Slated

"One Great Hour," an unprecedented event, is scheduled for Saturday evening, March 26, when Christian America will be united in a great act of compassion. Virtually every radio station in the nation will turn over its channels sometime during the evening to "One Great Hour," sponsored by Church World Service through more than 20 Protestant denominations, some east-coast Roman Catholic dioceses and several national Jewish organizations. Robert Sherwood has written a script especially for this program, and many stars of stage, screen and radio will participate. At the end of the hour President Truman will speak to the nation on behalf of world relief.

In Southern California, Mutual Broadcasting System will carry the program at 10 p. m., and Columbia Broadcasting System and American Broadcasting Company at 7 p. m.

On Sunday, March 27, throughout the United States in more than 75,000 churches people will join in giving the Christian answer in a "blue envelope" offering.

Among the major denominations and communions participating in this one great offering March 27 are the Northern Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, Church of the Brethren, Congregational Christian Churches, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical United Brethren, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Friends Five-year meeting, National Lutheran Council, Methodist Church, United Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., Presbyterian Church in the U. S., Southern Baptist Convention, Episcopal Church, Russian Orthodox Church of North America, Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church, Universalist Service Committee, National Catholic Welfare Council, American Friends Board of Missions, American Committee for the World Council of Churches, co-operation of national Jewish agencies and welfare organizations.



DR. CHARLES A. ROBERTS

China Teacher Here Sunday

Known as one of the best informed on the troublesome situation in China, Dr. Charles A. Roberts, superintendent of the Hunan Bible Institute, Changsha, will speak at Second Brethren Church, 60th St. and Orange Ave., tomorrow night. It is announced by the pastor, Rev. George O. Peck. The institution is the China department of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

Dr. Roberts has been in China for 32 years and acquired an understanding of the internal workings of that country as few have done. He knows well the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, and many other high-ranking officials of the republic, and was one of the first men on these scenes at the close of hostilities following World War II.

He recently returned to the United States and will give an illustrated address on "China's Crisis," looking at the matter particularly from the standpoint of what the future will hold for missionary work. The pictures also will show the work of the Hunan Institute, the training school for young Chinese workers, which has been in operation since 1919.

Director Gets Colorado Call

Margaret Poe, who has been director of Christian education at First Baptist Church since 1943, has accepted the call to become state director of Christian education for Colorado Baptist Convention and will leave after Easter. It was announced yesterday by Dr. Winfield Edson, pastor.

Miss Poe received her A. B. degree from Colorado State College of Education, and her M. A. and bachelor of divinity from Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, where she received honorary mention for Christian education work. She has had experience as a public school teacher and served in Richmond, Calif., prior to coming to Long Beach. She will speak on the churches, teaching leadership training classes, heading the State Youth Program, helping local churches to build their church school and youth program. Her work at First Church has gained for her a wide recognition for her well planned and efficient effort here. Under her guidance the church school today numbers 800 enrollment and she has a well staffed church school and four young people groups with excellent co-operative sponsorship under her direction. She also has had an influence in the lives of many students now preparing for full-time Christian service, according to Dr. Edson.

She has participated in the city-wide Leadership Training School, sponsored by 32 churches, which was begun shortly after her arrival here, serving as chairman for two years and advising the past year.

A reception is planned for her on April 20, it was announced.



MARGARET POE

U. N. Council Ends Meetings

LAKE SUCCESS, March 19. (AP) The United Nations Economic and Social Council last night ended six weeks of meetings marked by sharp clashes between nations of the east and west.

Its most significant achievement was its decision to carry out President Truman's "bold new program" to improve the lot of peoples in the world's backward areas.

There was only one of the East-West bones of contention in the meetings. Western charges of labor abuse behind the iron curtain and Soviet accusations that the United States sought to dominate Europe's economy were other sources of controversy.

Eighteen nations are represented in the council.

Stam Called 'Key' of Reds in Orient

LONDON, March 19. (AP) British intelligence quarters believe Siam holds the key to the communist plans for domination of Asia.

Informed sources said today that most far eastern Communist activity is directed from Bangkok, the Siamese capital. Any organization with headquarters at Bangkok is situated strategically to spread its tentacles into the four most vital Oriental countries.

Siam has common frontiers with Burma to the west, French Indo-China to the east and Malaya to the south. Only 100 miles to the north across the Indo-Chinese corridor is the frontier of China proper.

Foreign office officials said several factors contributed to a closer co-operation between Siam and Britain:

1. The need for joint action in stamping out terrorism along the Malay-Siamese frontier.
2. The importance Siam has assumed as a source of rice, especially for Malaya supplies which were cut drastically by the rebellion in Burma.
3. Communism has made little appeal to the Siamese, who have not had the same sort of nationalist struggle which has disrupted the economy of other southeast Asian countries.

In the British view, however, the threat to Siam from communism is grave because the movement is principally underground. A British survey in February indicated that the Siamese were becoming more and more afraid of Chinese economic pressure and the formation within the country of a sort of Chinese empire.

The survey put the number of Chinese in Siam at about 2,500,000.

Radar Chain Up to Truman

WASHINGTON, March 19. (AP) A bill authorizing a \$161,000,000 radar network to serve as America's enemy-alarm system was on President Truman's White House desk today.

The Senate approved the measure yesterday without debate. Earlier the House had passed it.

The radar network, which will be operated along with a similar one in Canada, will have land-based sky scanning stations as well as four radar picket ships stationed near vital targets.

The Senate armed forces committee emphasized the network was not a defense against enemy planes, but merely something like a burglar alarm—it would let the Air Force know of the approach of hostile aircraft.

Employment View Brighter

WASHINGTON, March 19. (AP) The employment view was brighter during the week which ended March 12.

There was a drop in the number of workers receiving unemployment compensation, and in the number applying for such compensation.

The Bureau of Employment Security said yesterday a total of 319,000 persons made their first claims for jobless compensation that week—a drop of about 12,000 from the preceding week at a certain "transitional claims" carried over from the year before were eliminated.

A total of \$111,268,000 was paid idle workers in February; the highest for any February since 1946.

Dr. Wise Raps U. S. Policies

NEW YORK, March 19. (AP) Dr. Stephen S. Wise, head of the American Jewish Congress, said last night that U. S. government and political leaders seem "bent upon war."

In a sermon at Free Synagogue, the 75-year-old Zionist leader said he was "horrified" at the prospect of this country preparing for what its leaders believe to be "inevitable war" with Russia.

"I know," he said, "that the Soviet Union or command is all but unendurably trying and unforgivably provocative."

"But the alternative is the tragedy of tragedies," he said.

The rabbi spoke in defense of Rev. William Howard Melish, Episcopal minister, whose chairmanship of the American-Soviet Friendship Council led to a recent order to oust his father as rector of Holy Trinity Church. The son is assistant rector.

The council is listed by Attorney General Tom Clark as subversive.

Dr. Wise said the younger Melish, who plans to give up the council's chairmanship but remain on its board, was "grasping, not wholly without hope, at the straw of American-Soviet friendship."

Pastor Invited Back to Church

Dr. W. Irwin Williams has been invited back to First Presbyterian Church as guest preacher for a series of sermons while First Church is looking for a new pastor. Last Sunday was the first in this series of sermons by Dr. Williams.

Tomorrow he will preach at 11 a. m. on "Water," based upon St. John 4:35, and in the evening on "By What Authority?" supported by St. Matthew 21:23.

A sharp rise in attendance was noted last Sunday and large attendances are expected while he is at the church.

Dr. Williams resigned from the First Church pulpit recently because of his health. Recently he supplied a group of sermons at North Long Beach Community Presbyterian Church.

Navy Family Chapel Announces Theme

"Divine and Human Love" will be the theme tomorrow at Navy Family Chapel with the mixed quartet singing "More Love to Thee, O Christ" (Speaks), and the choir anthem, O'Hara's "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go." Basing his address on the ancient Hebrew "Sha Ma Yisroel" ("Hear, O Israel"), Chaplain Miles W. Renear will speak on the topic, "The Secrets of a Happy Life."

The service will be at 3 p. m. and nursery care will be provided for infants and children. A "coffee hour" will be held after the service. "The Navy Family Chapel serves all people, irrespective of any church connection," Chaplain Renear asserts.

Resident Burned in Blast Critical

The condition of Archie A. Lewis, 49, of 3301 Santa Fe Ave., who suffered first, second and third degree burns of the entire body yesterday morning when a butane gas stove exploded in his trailer home, was reported critical today at Seaside Hospital.

Lewis' niece, Beula P. Wilson, 26, who suffered first and second-degree burns on the legs, was released from the hospital.

Union Chief Leaves Panama by Request

PANAMA, Panama, March 19. (AP) Max Brodsky, regional director of the United Public Workers of America (C. I. O.), left Panama today on orders of the government.

Extra police had been detailed to the airport from which he flew to Miami, but there were no disorders.

The foreign office ordered his expulsion on grounds he had Communist connections. Brodsky had been here since 1947. He held a temporary residence permit.

West Studying Red China Stand

NANKING, March 19. (AP) Western power diplomats gave close study today to a Chinese Communist broadcast supporting Russian foreign policy and attacking the United States.

The editorial of the official Communist news agency yesterday is generally regarded here as the most positive and sweeping declaration yet made by the Chinese Communists on alignment with the Soviet Union in international affairs.

The statement cooled off one section in western power circles here. This was the group that believed the Chinese Communists could be weaned away from Russia to the extent of at least neutralizing a Communist China in east-west disputes.

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Open Bible Crusade Promoted by Church

Following a plan suggested by Evangelist A. B. McReynolds, West Side Christian Church has officially begun an "Open Bible Crusade." Five weeks of preparation started the campaign with much enthusiasm. The congregation has been divided into 11 calling groups with leaders and assistant leaders. The Sunday evening services have been arranged for new and added interest. Each service during the campaign will carry the theme of "The Open Bible." Tomorrow will be the second Sunday in the crusade, and the largest attendance of worshippers of the year was present for every service, according to James L. Shields, minister.

Spring Concert by Collegians

The young and enthusiastic players of Long Beach City College Orchestra and Concert Band augmented the laurels they have harvested on former occasions in their annual spring concert last night on the Lakewood campus.

The concert greatly pleased the audience, made up of parents of performers, students and friends. Lester C. De Noyelles directed.

The orchestra played "Malgrena" (Lectura), the third movement from "Scheherazade" (Rimsky-Korsakov), and selections from "Oklahoma" (Rogers), Edward Acosta, violin soloist, played Sarasate's "Gypsy Melodies."

The band played a Spanish march by Texidor, "Transcendence Overture" (Frangkiser), "Finale from Symphony No. 4" by Tschaiakowsky, and "Summer Time" by George Gershwin.

A trio, Joseph Gough, Glen Clement and Walter O'Keefe, played Agostini's "The Three Trumpeters."

The combined efforts of the 8 instrumentalists showed a highly ambitious student body. Mr. De Noyelles conducted with distinction. The same concert was given during the morning at an assembly for City College students.—M. L. Z.

Dean of L. A. College to be Guest Speaker

Dr. Alfred T. DeGroot, dean of the faculty of Chapman College, Los Angeles, and a delegate last summer to the formation of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, Holland, will be the speaker for the community forum tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. at Bay Shore Community Congregational Church.

Following the council sessions he and his family traveled through continental Europe and England, where he taught in an English university last fall. They arrived home recently.

Dr. DeGroot will speak on "The Event of the Century." Following the address, opportunity will be afforded for questions from all present. This forum is open to everyone interested.

German Accused of Being Cannibal

BREMEN, Germany, March 19. (AP) A German ship's steward was accused today of cannibalism and murder. He will go to trial April 12.

The steward, Bodo Fries, 39, is charged with having murdered a small boy in June, 1947, and with having eaten parts of the body.

Swedes Reject Russ Charges

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, March 19. (AP) Sweden again has rejected as "absurd" Russian charges of persecution of Balts in Sweden.

The foreign office said there is no foundation for Russian charges that Sweden is preventing the voluntary repatriation of Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians who fled their countries after the Soviets took them over.

Sweden contends these persons have been granted asylum as refugees under international law, and they do not want to go back to their Russian-occupied homelands.

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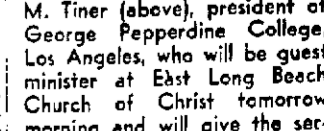
First Baptist Church of Clearwater, 14743 S. Garfield Ave., Paramount, will present the Lacy Trio in a musical program tomorrow evening. The three returned recently from an evangelistic tour in the middle west. They are of the original Cleveland Colored Quartet, in which they had sung together nearly 30 years.

New College Prexy

LA VERNE, March 19. (AP) Dr. Harold Dale Fasnacht, 41, former dean of administration at Colorado Women's College, Denver, is the new president of La Verne College. Dr. Fasnacht, inducted last night, succeeds Dr. C. Ernest Davis as head of the Church of the Brethren denominational college.

Illustrated Address

An illustrated address, "Nature's Wonders Make Known Nature's God," will be given Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in Ebbie Auditorium, Third St. and Bonito Ave., by Dr. Phillip L. Knox. A motion picture, "The Voice in the Wilderness," will be shown at 6:45.



GUEST MINISTER—Dr. Hugh M. Tiner (above), president of George Pepperdine College, Los Angeles, who will be guest minister at East Long Beach Church of Christ tomorrow morning and will give the sermon. He also will speak at the 7:30 p. m. gospel service, giving the message, in the absence of William Stewart Irvine, minister.