

CONVENTIONS SCHEDULED DURING MAY—BISHOP-ELECT'S H.

Seminar Leaders of Three Faiths Extol American Ideals in National "Brotherhood Day" Observance Tomorrow



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The observance of Brotherhood Sunday is particularly significant at this time. While the thoughts and the energies of our leaders are being directed toward a modification of our economic and social structures to the end that there may be a more equitable distribution of wealth and a more extensive application of principles consonant with the inherent dignity of man, we cannot expect that these changes will be effected without considerable restlessness and distress. Vested interests will not surrender their advantages without a struggle; and the privileged classes will in their enthusiasm be at least tempted to acquire more than strict justice permits.

And what is true in the realms of social philosophy and of economics is likewise true in the realms of religion. Controversies and conflicts are inevitable.

It is important to know that differences exist. It is of even greater importance to determine healthy attitudes of mind and of heart with respect to these differences. Not with hostility which is rooted in selfishness; not with indifference which is an acknowledgment of defeat; but with a spirit of co-operation founded on mutual self-respect, with a sense of brotherhood arising from the profound conviction of common origins, common interests and common destinies, should we approach the solution of our various problems.

The dynamic, the motivating and the cementing force of brotherhood in the Catholic philosophy of life is found in the supremely vitalized consciousness of the universal Fatherhood of God. Not a reinterpretation but a functional awareness of the tremendous implications of the "Our Father" would, we believe, greatly minimize the dangers with which we are confronted by developing and fostering a genuine fellowship in our local, national and international relationships.



HERBERT M. SHERWOOD
Protestant Co-Chairman

Differences of opinion on religious matters and variations in racial origins are entirely irrelevant in our human relationships. The period of depression has brought this truth home to us with unusual force. Public spirited citizens of all faiths have worked shoulder to shoulder for the alleviation of suffering and the betterment of our social, economic and political conditions. They have had no thought of whether their inspiration to serve their fellowmen came from the teachings of one church or another.

With so much remaining to be done in the solution of the problems of world peace, the elimination of poverty and the suppression of crime, there is no time to stop to inquire as to the church affiliations of our fellow workers or as to the date of their immigration to these shores, to which we are all foreign.

Our country is progressing steadily toward an universal acceptance of the ideal, common to all our religious groups, of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

New Jersey Preacher "Alive and Active" Despite Poem

Rev. Albert B. Cohen, D. D., of Montclair, N. J., is "alive and active" according to apparently reliable advices received this week from Newark. In spite of the poem by Kenneth Leslie, which was printed on this page last week and pictured the eminent divine as "silent as a cloud."

Evidently a cloud can speak volumes. Such phrases in the poem as "suddenly stricken" . . . "he has gone, and going swings a gate for swift release," and similar instances of poetic hyperbole caught us off our guard. We are sincerely thankful that the beloved Dr. Cohen is still beyond the poet's power to slay with a word.



MAX L. GRANT
Jewish Co-Chairman

If man reflect upon the uncertainties of life and the certainty of death, he will take himself less seriously, act less haughtily, and being duly imbued with an humble reverence for The Omnipotent, will become more tolerant toward his fellowman.

If he stress less the difference of the approach, and emphasize more the sameness of the goal, he will allow his neighbors to journey along their chosen paths and ultimately will meet them all on a common field of self-respect, mutual regard and brotherly love.

When Protestant, Catholic and Jew, in this blessed land of ours, marching forth from Church, Synagogue and Cathedral, with cross and star high in the air, unitedly resolve to protect the institutions that are as dear to us today as they were to the framers of our constitution, no power on earth can threaten them! When we preserve those institutions, we protect not one religion, but religion itself—we safeguard the rights not of a few—but the happiness and liberties of all!

Let there be a true brotherhood amongst us not only on April 29th, but on every day of our mortal existence; and we all, regardless of our race, creed, or color, will share in the blessings of Him who is Father of us all.

"Intolerance is a social defect that does not arise from any defect in the Constitution of the United States. It arises from defects in us. . . . These two defects, of ignorance and carelessness, are remediable; they can, and should yield to education."—Father Michael J. Ahgarn, in The Christian.



JOSEPH H. GAINER
Catholic Co-Chairman

Sunday, April 29th, will mark the observance of Brotherhood Day in this community. I am very glad to add my word to the many which will be spoken and written in observance of this day.

Our community, like many others in our land, is composed of people of various creeds. The basic principles of our government declare for a common brotherhood. They demand a spirit of liberality, understanding and co-operation among all of our citizens, whether Catholic, Protestant or Jew. In practice, unfortunately, we do not always live up to and observe these principles. Prejudice, intolerance and misunderstanding often are evidenced against the adherents of certain faiths and creeds. In order that we may be true to the principles of our government, we must be constantly on the watch to strike down this prejudice, this intolerance and this misunderstanding as soon as it shows its head above the ground. This requires vigilance and active co-operation on the part of all our citizens who would keep our government true to its noble traditions.

Such a campaign is well worth while, for only through such activity can we work together in the common cause of American citizenship.

I am glad to endorse the observance of this day and to pledge my co-operation in every movement whose aim is to impress upon our people that the best in citizenship is obtainable only by encouraging every man and woman to practice the belief to which he or she is honestly attached, and to insist that the adherents of every creed respect the beliefs of the adherents of every creed.



DR. CLARENCE A. BARBOUR
President of Brown University

It is good to have renewed emphasis placed upon a factor vital to our country and to the world. The National Conference of Jews and Christians is sponsoring "Brotherhood Day" on Sunday, April 29th, a day dedicated to the building of fellowship between American citizens of every faith and between all peoples around the circle of the globe. Judaism, Catholicism and Protestantism have much in common without the surrender or compromise of their own faith. Each may well magnify the extent and reality of a faith common to us all.

For myself I would subscribe to the "Declaration of Brotherhood" which should be given wide publicity. This is it:

"God being my Father and all men being my brothers, I make this declaration:

"1. I intend to do unto others, of whatever race or creed, as I would have them do to me.

"2. It is my purpose to respect the rights of human beings, and to judge each fellow-man on his individual merits alone.

"3. I will oppose every organized effort to evoke fear or hatred of any religious or racial group."

Hate breaks the man who hates. Indifference toward others spoils the potential usefulness of life. Brotherhood will alone will hasten the coming of the time when the earth shall be a fit dwelling place for all men.

BAPTIST CONCLAVE WILL OPEN MAY 15

Two-Day State Convention to
Be Held at Cranston Street-
R. W. Church.

TO DRAMATIZE ACTIVITIES

Christianizing the Land of Roger
Williams Will Be General
Theme of Sessions

"Christianizing the Land of Roger Williams" will be the general theme of the annual sessions of the Rhode Island Baptist State Convention, to be held in the Cranston Street-Roger Williams Baptist Church, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15-16.

The activities and programs this year will be reviewed in a series of dramatics.

Kingdom's Progress

By

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FIRST BE RECONCILED TO THY BROTHER

"Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way. First be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."—Math. 5:23.

Jesus here points out in unmistakable language that brotherhood is an essential condition of true worship; one cannot honor God if he has on his heart an unjust attitude toward his brother. Religion is not merely a matter between man and God, but is conditioned by man's attitude toward his fellow.

One of the fallacies that the depression has helped to explode is

shoddy as it is to flee reality and lose oneself in a mystical contemplation of the Infinite.

To preach peace with a clenched fist, to talk of the love of God while actually hating man, to espouse a universal faith in narrowness—are all evidences that one has missed the inner reality in championing a cause.

Brotherhood between Catholics, Jews and Protestants implies not a watering down of inner convictions in any "mush of concessions," but a living of these respective faiths in their deeper spiritual meanings so completely that we exemplify the highest aspirations known to their respective followers.

GROUND IS BROKEN FOR PARISH HOUSE

Rev. John I. Byron, Rector,
Presides at Simple Ceremony
With Wardens.

BUILDING TO COST \$20,000

New Unit Will Be of English

TERM OF BISHOPS PROPOSAL PUSHED

Supporters Back Move Despite
Opposition Expressed
in Episcopal Message

Jackson, Miss., April 27.—(UP)—Despite emphatic opposition expressed in the Episcopal message to limiting the term of Bishops, supporters of the move at the 22nd quadrennial general conven-