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HERALD EDITORIAL

For the first time in the history of our Church a large Boston newspaper has given us editorial recognition. This comes as a bit of cheer to those who have labored long and arduously for the cause of non-sectarian religion. We reprint the editorial printed in the Boston Herald, Monday, December 16, 1946.

HUMANISM IN BOSTON

The Community Church of Boston now has its own civic home at Copley Square, 565 Boylston street, to the dedication of which the Rev. John Haynes Holmes, minister of the New York Community Church, yesterday gave his blessing. The Boston institution, now in its 27th year, represents an ambitious attempt to foster what is centripetal in mankind, what is cohesive. It would emphasize humanity above race, creed, color, politics and all other tangential accidents of society. Its faith is that this nucleus of universality in all men is the touchstone of the divine.

To many this is too great an attenuation of religious experience. But either on the human or the divine plane, men must find more bonds of unity if they are to exist. This same searching is at the heart of the new plan for education in a free society — that every individual may be educated in that common body of experience which is essential to the creation of a unified society of like-minded citizens.

JOTTINGS

OUR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE with John Katibian as chairman, collected more signatures for the petition to Secretary of State Byrnes calling for an extension of UNRRA than any of the thirty or more organizations affiliated with the Joint Council for International Cooperation. . . . Marian Katherine Brown wrote an excellent hymn for our Christmas service set to the tune of "Oh Come All Ye Faithful". . . . **THE FELLOW-SHIP SUPPER AND SALE** was a delightful success. Mrs. Grace Lopus, chairman, reports sales amounted to almost \$700. **OUR CIVIL LIBERTIES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** with Leonard L. Nones as chairman was active in collecting signatures for the petition which would place the question of the use of public funds for non-public schools

on the Massachusetts ballot. . . . Miss Beverly Shafran and Mr. Leslie Horn were united in marriage on Dec. 22nd. . . . Don't miss reading the Calendar of Events on page 3. It's a rich program for January. Something doing for every one. . . . The Moving Book for Community. . . . The ingenious device for the spreading of our message to the passerby in Copley Square and the brain-child of our President, James H. Lewis, continues to win the attention of numerous persons and their enthusiastic approval. . . . Miss Sara Rogers and Mr. Thomas Turnbull were united in marriage by Mr. Lothrop on December 28th. . . . Watch for an appropriate event on Lincoln's Birthday under the auspices of our RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE of which Mr. Joseph H. Nelson is chairman. . . . The Copley Square Singers are planning to sing on Sunday, Jan. 26th. . . . **THE COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE** of which Dr. Mary R. Lakeman is chairman, is planning a display of a CARE package, with the contents revealed, in our street window at the Center. . . . Mr. H. Leon Sharmat has given the Church \$100 for the purchase of flags for the Center. The contest announced elsewhere in the NEWS is the result.

SUPPERS

Plans now call for suppers to be held on each Wednesday at 6:30 preceding the Evening Forum. They will be provided for by a Supper Committee of women which is now being organized. So far eleven women have volunteered to serve. We need about twenty. Will you help? With this large committee, four sub-committees with from 4 to 5 women each, suppers can be prepared for each week without the burden falling on the same group each time a supper is held. The supper table is the best place to get acquainted and such events will help to build the sort of fellowship which strengthens the ties to the Church and to one another.

COOPERATION FROM NEW YORK

The New York Community Church sent our Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Fund \$200. Dr. Holmes bought the check and announced it at the Victory Dinner. It came as a benediction upon the good work of the Committee and its loyal workers.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION OR PLEDGE FOR 1946-47?

VICTORY DINNER

The Victory Dinner held at the Copley Plaza Hotel on Dec. 15th to celebrate the completion of the Church Center was attended by 270 persons. Dr. Holmes addressed was a magnificent description of the philosophy of our Church and an inspiration to all. James Waterman Wise lived up to his famous father's reputation as a speaker as he presented a challenge to our people to carry on the good fight against intolerance, social bigotry, and fascism. Greetings were read from Henry H. Wallace, Dr. Frederick May Eliot, Rev. Dana McLean Greeley, Rabbi Joseph Shubow and Prof. Harlow Shapley. Congratulations to the Church were delivered in person by Harold Putnam, Editor of the Veteran's Forum; Michael J. Flaherty of the Painters' Union; J. Caswell Smith, Director of the Boston Urban League; Dr. Kirtley Mather, Chairman of the Mass. Civil Liberties Committee and Head of the Dept. of Geology at Harvard; Alexander Brin, Editor of the Jewish Advocate; and La Rue Brown, Chairman of the Joint Council for International Cooperation.

Mr. Edward J. Fischel, Chairman of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Fund, introduced Judge William Blatt, who in a delightful, humorous and effective way made an appeal for contributions to the Fund. The Building Committee had reported that there was approximately \$6,000 in unpaid bills. In order that the project be completed financially as well as structurally every one was given an opportunity to contribute. The response was generous. \$3,000 came in and with pledges yet to come in, the fulfillment of the project launched at our Twenty-Fifth Anniversary two years ago is in sight. With about \$2,000 more our new home will be held without a single penny of mortgage, completely renovated from top to bottom and beautifully appointed, without a single unpaid bill. The Committee is certain that many who were not able to be present at the Victory Dinner or who have not yet sent in their contribution to the Community Church Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Fund, will rise to the need, do so now and thus complete the "Victory", which this grand occasion celebrated.

DEDICATION SERVICE

With our Church Hall packed with standing room only, the members of the Church dedicated the new Center at 565 Boylston Street, December 15th at 5:30 P.M. After an afternoon of "house-warming", during which many friends of the Church were conducted on a tour of inspection of the building, the people assembled in the hall. Mr. Arthur Lang at the piano, Mrs. Rowena Robbins Woodman, violinist, and Mr. Henry Ellison provided an inspiring musical program. Mr. Edward J. Fischel presented the keys of the Center to Mr. James H. Lewis, who accepted them on behalf of the Board of Directors. The people then arose and dedicated the Center "as the home of our household of faith, to holy, happy uses, and to the common service of the community in which we live".

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

The reorganized Youth of the Community Church are building themselves into an active body. Mr. Leslie Horn as the chairman of the Program Committee has prepared an excellent series of subjects and speakers which appear in detail in the Catechism of Events on page 3. A set of By-laws and an election of officers will be prepared and take place the latter part of this month.

NEW GROUPS

Watch for announcements of new groups which are to be organized these coming months. A Young Couple's Club will hold its first meeting Thurs., January 30th. Later on a group which will perhaps be known as the Theodore Parker Club will be set up for the ages of 30 to 45. With the Young People's Society providing a program for the ages of 17 to 30, a beginning will have been made in covering the various age and interest groups in our Church.

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH FLAG

A prize will be awarded to the person who designs the best flag to be flown from one of our flagstaffs at the Center. The flag must use the title THE COMMUNITY CHURCH CENTER. The contest ends Feb. 15th. The Board of Directors will be the judges.

Future Speakers - Jordan Hall

Sundays at 10:30 A. M.

Jan. 5—**JOHN HAYNES HOLMES**
Community Church of New York

"1946-1947 — Are We Gaining or Losing Ground?"

Jan. 12—**AGNES SMEDLEY**

Correspondent, Author of "The Battle Hymn of China"

"China and American Foreign Policy"

Jan. 19—**DONALD G. LOTHROP**

Minister of The Community Church of Boston

"Spain, The Church, and Democracy's Future"

Jan. 26—**GEORGE LAWTON**

Consulting Psychologist, Author of "Aging Successfully"

"Ten Rules on Aging Successfully"

W H O S W H O

AGNES SMEDLEY. Through the twelve years she lived and worked with the Chinese in their epic struggle for survival as a free people, Agnes Smedley occupied an important role. She became known to the Chinese soldiers and the common people as "China's Friend", and in lectures and in her writing she has done battle for China.

Since the Japanese invasion she was at the Chinese war front with regular armies, and spent two years with guerrilla armies at the rear of the Japanese army of occupation. Her effort on behalf of the Chinese caused her to be marked for assassination by the Japanese Secret Police, one of the six Americans so designated by Kijippon.

Agnes Smedley has been a special correspondent for the Manchester Guardian, and an investigator for the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps. She has worked in hospitals which were mercilessly sought out and bombed. She has lectured to Chinese soldiers up and down the war zones to sustain their courage by reminding them of their countless friends in the democratic countries. She has issued appeals for surgical instruments, medical supplies, trucks, and ambulances to aid Chinese wounded.

She is the author of "Daughter of Earth", "China's Red Army Marches", "China Fights Back", and her latest book, "The Battle Hymn of China". She has taken part in the Town Meeting of the Air Nationwide Broadcast.

DR. GEORGE LAWTON, author of many scientific papers, is the editor of the book "New Goals for Old Age", author of "Aging Successfully", "Aging Creatively" (forthcoming) and "Counseling the Older Person" (forthcoming) — all under the imprint of the Columbia University Press.

He is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Gerontology (gerontology — the study of aging in all its phases); divisional representative to the Section on Old Age and Adulthood of the American Psychological Association; instructor at Cooper Union, Town Hall, and at New York University; and a consultant to many organizations which are attempting to meet the psychological needs of older people. His work has been the subject of editorial comment in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

A Fellow of the American Psychological Association, the New York Academy of Science and the American Orthopsychiatric Association, Dr. Lawton is currently serving his second term of office as President of the Metropolitan New York Association of Applied Psychology.

Dr. Lawton has contributed articles to the Saturday Evening Post, American Magazine, Readers Digest, the Ladies Home Journal; has been a guest of We, the People, Adventures in Science, and most of the women's radio programs, and on January 2nd, will take part in the Town Meeting of the Air.

Calendar of Events

The Community Church Center, 565 Boylston Street, Copley Square, Boston

- Jan. 2 (THURSDAY)—8 P.M. Church Hall, Copley Square Singers.
- Jan. 5 (SUNDAY)—7 P.M. Young People's Society, "LEARNING FOR YOUTH MEANS FULL LIVING". Speaker, DR. HARRISON L. HARLEY, Chairman Division of Philosophy, Psychology and Education, Simmons College; President of Samuel Adams School.
- Jan. 8 (WEDNESDAY)—6:30 P.M. Social Hall, Supper 75¢. Please make reservations by Jan. 7.
- 8 P.M. Forum, Church Hall, Subject: "THE GREK-ALBANIAN QUESTION — THE BALKAN SITUATION". Speaker: GERIM M. PANARITY, Editor of the Albanian newspaper, THE SUN. All are welcome. Discussion, Collection.
- Jan. 9 (THURSDAY)—10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Church Parlor, Fellowship Sewing Group, 8 P.M. Copley Square Singers.
- Jan. 12 (SUNDAY)—7 P.M. Young People's Society, Subject: "MENTAL, EMOTIONAL BALANCE FOR YOUTH IN AN UNBALANCED WORLD". Speaker: PROF. WILLIAM J. PINARD, B. U. College of Liberal Arts Psychology Dept., also of Harvard and Kings College.
- Jan. 15 (WEDNESDAY)—6:30 P.M. Social Hall, Supper 75¢. Please make supper reservations by Jan. 14th.
- 8 P.M. Church Hall, Forum, Subject: "NOVA SCOTIA BY JEEP", a full color illustrated lecture. Speaker: HAROLD PUTNAM, Editor of the Globe's Veteran's Forum, former Armed Guard Officer on duty in European and Pacific War Theaters. All are welcome. Collection.
- Jan. 16 (THURSDAY) 1 to 4 P. M. Church Parlor, Fellowship Arts and Crafts Group.
- 8 P.M. Copley Square Singers.
- Jan. 19 (SUNDAY)—4 P.M. Church Hall, FELLOWSHIP OPEN HOUSE. Subject and Speaker to be announced.
- 7 P.M. Young People's Society, Subject: "BROTHERHOOD: FACT OR FICTION?" Speaker: RABBI ISIDORE DAVID PASSOW, Director, New England Emergency Council.
- Jan. 21 (TUESDAY)—7:45 P.M. Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- Jan. 22 (WEDNESDAY)—6:30 P.M. Social Hall, Supper 75¢. Please make reservations by Jan. 21.
- 8 P.M. Church Hall, Forum, Subject and Speaker to be announced.
- Jan. 23 (THURSDAY) 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Church Parlor, Fellowship Sewing Group, 8 P.M. Copley Square Singers.
- Jan. 26 (SUNDAY) 7 P.M. Young People's Society, Subject: "WHAT ART MEANS TO YOUTH". Speaker: DOROTHY ADDLOW, Art critic of the Christian Science Monitor and affiliated with the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.
- Jan. 29 (WEDNESDAY)—6:30 P.M. Social Hall, Supper 75¢. Please make reservations by Jan. 28.
- 8 P.M. Church Hall, Forum, Subject: "THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE". Speaker: THOMAS H. ELIOT, Boston Attorney, former Member of Congress and recently appeared before the Wood-Rankin Committee as counsel for Professor Harlow Shapley. All are welcome. Collection.
- Jan. 30 (THURSDAY)—1 to 4 P.M. Church Parlor, Fellowship Arts and Crafts Group.
- 8 P.M. YOUNG COUPLES CLUB.
8 P.M. Copley Square Singers.

Rev. Mr. Lothrop is available for weddings, funerals and personal consultation on call. He has office hours at The Community Church Center on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9 to 12, when he will be able to meet any of the church members or friends who may wish to consult him. Office phone COM. 6710. Residence, 46 Williams Street, Brookline. Home phone ASPINWALL 9576.