

MINISTERS HERE OPPOSED TO KLAN

Leaders of Protestant Denominations Regard it as Religious Persecution

CHURCH SHOULD BAR IT

Members of the Protestant clergy in Philadelphia express their opposition to the Ku Klux Klan and its methods.

Their statement of position follows the appearance of a white-robed Klansman in the pulpit of a Brooklyn Church last Sunday night. In that case of Mayor Hylan's order to the police to run the Klan out of New York.

The Rev. Russell H. Conwell, pastor of Grace Baptist Temple and president of the Temple University, believes that the Klan is "developing and aiding that which it is trying to destroy and hamper."

"I do not believe that the Ku Klux Klan should be allowed to exist," said Dr. Conwell. "I do not believe in the organizing of secret societies for the purpose of executing the laws. That would be encouragement of mob government."

"Nothing builds up a religious era like persecution. It has been the history of all religious movements that it has required persecution to give them strength and win the sympathy of the people."

Persecution Un-American

"Persecution for religious belief is especially un-American as it is un-Christian and unjust," said Dr. Conwell.

The Rev. Arthur C. Baldwin, of the Chestnut Street Baptist Church, believes that no order should be allowed to exist which tends to create racial and religious hatreds.

"I have positively no use for the Ku Klux Klan," said Dr. Baldwin. "Religious intolerance, to me, is the worst form of heresy. There is no heresy in the Bible which creates religious prejudice. I respect my brethren—Jews and Catholics—and am opposed to any group which might tend to create enmity between the churches. The Klan and hatred are un-Christian-like and unworthy of the Gospel of Christ."

Klan Coin Not Wanted

"I would not, knowingly, allow a member of the Klan to enter my church and I would not accept money offered my church by them."

That the Klansmen might profit more by listening to religious preaching is the view advanced by Bishop Neely, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, said: "The members of the Ku Klux Klan are in the same position as the un-Christian men to assume the attitude they do in this age of enlightenment. Any preacher or layman who expresses a sympathy in the Klan cause is being misled."

The Klan is partly an outgrowth of the unsettled condition and mental attitude following the war, according to the Rev. J. A. MacCallum, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, at Thirtieth and Walnut streets.

"The Ku Klux Klan is not so important in itself, but in the fact that it is a symptom of the lawlessness which prevailed in the region where it was most actively organized," he said.

"The order itself was a result of the reaction following the war. It is narrow-minded, ignorant and cowardly, but that does not justify our becoming hysterical about it. We cannot afford to make martyrs of the Klansmen."

Let Law Take Its Course

"Let individuals be punished, after due process of law, for any crimes they commit, but let us not yield to the temptation to use illegal methods in our efforts to suppress the Klan."

"In the end the courts of justice are never furthered by injustice."

"The seed of death is in the Klan's doctrines, and it soon will be a spent voice."

The Rev. Luther De Yoe, Trinity Lutheran Church, Germantown avenue and Queen lane, said: "I look upon the Ku Klux Klan as a national nuisance. I am not able to determine that it has any useful purpose, and even if there was good in it, it would be a very wrong thing in American life because of the methods and means. It is inconsistent with all the fair practices of this Nation."

"It is absolutely beyond my comprehension that a minister of any denomination could allow a member of that organization to stand in his pulpit, much less while dressed in the robes of the organization. I should not allow one to come into the church. Their organization has no place in Christianity, and it seems inconceivable that people interested in Christianity could take such a part. Their organization has never been recognized by this church, and no one with us is in sympathy with it."

United in Opposition

Dr. De Yoe was asked what he would do if a member of the Klan approached him quietly and with a statement that the work he was doing was fine, attempted to present him with a sum of money or other gift for the church.

"I would tell him," he replied, "that we have plenty of money and would invite him to take it elsewhere."

The Rev. William Barnes Lower, pastor of Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, Eleventh and Rockland streets, said: "I know something about this Ku Klux organization, and from what I have been able to learn I considered it grossly and fundamentally wrong. Among a free-thinking people like ours we must be careful of secret organizations of this character. It must be handled cautiously. Nothing should be allowed to exist which will stir up race and religious prejudice. Plenty of great institutions exist for the demonstration of loyalty and patriotism."

"Any pastor or minister who would allow a member of the Ku Klux to stand in his pulpit would be prostituting his church. Every true minister of Jesus Christ has taken vows to uphold the word of Jesus, and when he allows one of these hooded secret society members to preach he is not true to his Lord and Saviour."

Bishop Neely Is Heard

"Of all the acts committed by the members of the Ku Klux Klan," said Bishop Neely, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, "that which most heartily wins my disfavor is their practice of entering a church service and staying just long enough to present a sum of money to the church. To me it seems that the Klansmen would better themselves and conditions to a greater extent were they to attend the service and listen to the preaching of the word of God."

The Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Nineteenth and Walnut streets, said: "The Ku Klux Klan is contrary to all reason and right. I believe it is the outgrowth of the slow moving of justice, but, even so, no clear-thinking man can be in sympathy with it. The organization has absolutely no right in a Christian church."

"On the other hand, I cannot con-

sider it as serious. I believe its members will soon become tired of it and that it will gradually die. Now and then a member will be caught and punished and other members will see the error of its ways, and especially its commercialism, and will leave it.

"At the same time the courts should learn this lesson, that delay in punishing evildoers is disatisfying to the people and has bad effects. The Ku Klux is one of the results."

The Rev. R. W. Norwood, rector of the Episcopal Memorial Church of St. Paul, Overbrook, said: "I don't think much of the Ku Klux Klan. It is simply one of those outbursts of social tyranny that crops up now and then. It has no good in its purpose, and I am quite in harmony with those who are doing their best to suppress it."

Terrorism Is Scored

"It is working through intimidation, and any end accomplished through the use of terror can be of no good. Things accomplished by tyranny never justify the need. The organization is opposed to the whole state of Christianity, and is founded upon the pagan principle of force, rather than upon the Christian principle of love. The Ku Klux is attempting to use the sword in the name of justice, when force defeats itself."

Questioned upon Ku Kluxers going into the churches, Dr. Norwood said: "They wouldn't get into my church, because I cannot see how any man identified with the Ku Klux can believe in the first principles of Christianity."

Informing that the Ku Klux was bidding for favor by making gifts to churches, Dr. Norwood said: "I would not sell the birthright of Christianity for anybody's dirty gold."

NEW DAM APPROVED

Council Will Provide About \$600,000 for Fairmount Project

Construction of a new Fairmount dam to replace the present structure was approved yesterday at a meeting of the Public Works Committee of City Council. The ordinance will be passed on to the Finance Committee where provision will be made for financing the project to cost about \$600,000.

The ordinance was approved yesterday after Councilmen Weigman and Hain spoke upon the administration tactics with reference to the project.

Jews Observe Chanukah

Observance of the Feast of Chanukah will begin this evening and continue for eight days. It is one of the minor festivals observed by Jews and is regarded as an interpretation of hope and idealism.

GOLF SANTA CLAUS TO VISIT CADDY GIRL IN HOSPITAL

Huntingdon Valley Country Club Planning Real Christmas for Carrie Liberty, Patient Since June as Result of Accident

A real Christmas for Carrie Liberty, of Jenkintown, a caddy girl at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club, who has been in Abington Hospital since June as the result of having been hit by an automobile, is being planned by the club committee having charge of arrangements for the annual Christmas dinner and gift distribution to the club's 200 caddies.

George W. Etkins is chairman of the committee, and several other of the club's leading financiers and clubmen are members.

The girl received her injuries while on her way home from the golf links. Her spine was twisted and surgeons

HITS PEDAGOGICAL FADS

Phillips Andover Principal Speaks at Central High School

Dr. Alfred E. Stearns, principal of Phillips Andover Academy, delivered the fourth of a series of addresses given annually at the Central High School under the Mary Gaston Barnwell Foundation. Last night's lecture was on "Modern Education." Judge Henry S. McDewitt, a graduate of the high school, presided.

Pedagogical fads were condemned by the speaker, who said that they soon would run their course. To stimulate a child's self-expression, he declared, was to encourage his selfish tendencies. An organ recital by Holo Matland preceded the address.

CITY BONUS BILL SIGNED

Mayor Acts After Receiving Opinion From Solicitor

Mayor Moore yesterday signed the Bonus Bill for city employees. The Mayor had referred the entire ordinance to the City Solicitor for his opinion as to the legality of the city paying bonuses to employees whose salaries are fixed by the Legislature.

Councilman Develin raised that question at the time the ordinance was up in Council. City Solicitor Smyth told the Mayor he would have either to approve or veto the entire ordinance. A veto, the City Solicitor said, would work a disadvantage to employees whose salaries were fixed by the city, many of whom were receiving low salaries. The Solicitor pointed out that anybody doubting the validity of the bill could take recourse to the courts.

BRITISH LABORITES STAGE FILIBUSTER

Keep Commons in Session All Night Demanding Relief for Unemployed

COMMUNIST THREATENS

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London, Dec. 14.—The re-enforced Labor delegation in the Commons is showing a determination to make unemployment the paramount domestic issue. The Government, having failed to redeem its campaign promises of "special steps to deal with unemployment" plans the prorogation of Parliament tomorrow for eight weeks. The Laborites, who wanted a chance to urge their policy of "work or maintenance," are answering the Government's move by resorting to filibustering tactics which kept the House in session until 7 o'clock yesterday morning and led to several storm scenes more characteristic of the Italian Chamber of Deputies than Westminster.

"If there is no solution let us tell the unemployed they must starve unless they are strong enough to pull society down and put something in its place," shouted one Laborite.

"Wait until your hour comes!" cried a Communist member to occupants of the Treasury bench.

During the evening police in the lobby had a strenuous few minutes ejecting some of the unemployed who gained admission in small groups and began the circulation of communistic pamphlets, flashing of inflammatory placards and singing the "Red Flag." The efforts to embarrass the Government were renewed yesterday. Premier Bonar Law was heckled when he replied to a question regarding unemployment. The Speaker with difficulty enforcing order. The demands for remedial measures on behalf of the jobless are as thread-

bare a subject of debate in Commons as reparations at the international gatherings, but with winter virtually here there are now 1,500,000 wholly unemployed persons and their ranks are rapidly increasing. The Laborite contingent is so strong it cannot be ignored and seems in a position to forestall realization of the Government's promised tranquillity.

Council Urges Mail Tubes

Restoration of the pneumatic-tube mail service in Philadelphia was urged yesterday by Richard Weigman, president of City Council, in letters addressed to President Harding, Postmaster General Work and Senator Charles F. Townsend, chairman of the Congressional Joint Commission on Postal Service.

New Park Bids Opened

Proposals were opened by the Department of Public Works for the development of the strip of land bounded by Glenwood avenue, Huntingdon, Margie and Nineteenth streets, as a park. The improvements will include the laying of walks inside and out and the planting of trees and shrubbery.

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