

NEWS AND VIEWS

By John Paul

England has had a Russian Day in the churches lately—something new under the sun. It followed Molotov's visit to London and Washington. All took part Baptist, Methodist, Church of England and the rest. Even the Jews did some praying for the "Reds." It is time to try to understand the other fellow when adversity puts conciliation in his heart. It pays, any way to try to understand people.

The League of Nations still breathes. A few countries, including Britain, have lately paid their membership dues. Some Americans, in reproach, called it the League of Nations, in Woodrow Wilson's day; but many of us then and more of us now have believed the U. S. A. would have done well to join the League and support its peace standards with a police fleet on the sea and in the air. This and a little more orthodox gospel might have changed history.

The labor unions are as sectarian as the churches. John L. Lewis has split the C. I. O., which previously failed to reconcile its doctrines to the original orthodox A. F. of L. This may be just as well; too much of this kind of unity might create power enough to become a temptation.

Speaking of the eight million Methodists, now denominationally one, a non-Methodist editor says, The union imposes a great responsibility; it would be too bad if such a ponderous machine should become stalled on the road over which traffic is supposed to pass. Union is an advantage only when the parties are united for truth and the right and against error and wrong.

Uncounted thousands of soldiers have been sent across the deep in the last six months without the loss of a single transport, at this writing. This is next to a miracle, in view of the vicious determination of submarine enemies. They have been successful in sinking hundreds of merchant ships off the Atlantic Seaboard. This is due to slow boats and shortage of protecting craft, which will not always be.

Like David, when he made arrangements not to fall again, Psalm 51:12, leaders of American industry are planning to avoid the after-war confusion as experienced twenty-three years ago. There is now a "committee on post war problems," planning what to do about war time savings, taxes, present emergency laws, excess army equipment and government-constructed plants. We need also a committee that believes the Bible, ready to introduce the Prince of Peace in all nations as soon as the Hitlers, Mussolinis and Tojos are put in their place.

To think it necessary to tear the heart out of the land of your adoption that you may save the land of your birth is a strange delusion. This was planned by the eight young Germans belched up on our shores by a submarine. They gave themselves; an impressive lesson for God's missionaries.

Queen Wilhelmina, recently coming to this country, is the beloved child executive of half as many people as we have in the United States. They are in the Netherlands and their colonies, and now mostly under the muzzle of the guns of gangster nations. She told 4,000 of her nationals who met her in New York that she had faith for their freedom.

Gene Tunney, millionaire ex-prize fighter, recently hit tobacco a hard wallop. The Read-

ers Digest gave him an audience of 15 to 20 million to say that no tobacco user will live as long as he would were he free from it.—Pentecostal Herald.

REVIVAL POINTERS

By Rev. R. A. Kelly

Revivals are not born in a moment nor a day but are lived and prayed down from the skies! They are the result of fervent, importunate prayer on the part of some saint or saints. A real revival entails agonizing prayer which grips the throne of the Almighty and brings the answer through! Then there are some other factors which enter into a revival that are too often overlooked. It is still possible to have real revivals with souls being saved and believers being sanctified if we are willing to go about it in the right way. Four important elements are as follows:

1. Preparation:

a. The church should be made as neat and attractive as possible. You put your own home in readiness when you expect company. Why not God's house? Many a revival has broken out in the midst or at the close of a season spent in renovating and beautifying God's house!

b. Advertise! Start weeks before. Use handbills, small cards, window-cards, telephones, personal visitation, etc. Keep at it up to the close of the last service! Don't quit when you see the people coming. Work harder!

c. Plan home or business duties (as much as possible) so they will interfere as little as possible with your attendance. Be faithful in your attendance and use your cars! See that your car is well-saved and sanctified as well as you yourself.

2. Prayer:

a. Have secret prayer at regular, stated times and pray through to the skies! Pray until your prayer ends in praise!

b. Have prayer meetings in non-members' homes. Particularly those who may be "keys" to the situation. Let them be in charge of saints of known judgment and tact. Refrain from talking "church!"

c. Prayer creates soul passion and produces an atmosphere where people can and will awaken to their spiritual condition. Nothing can take the place of clear, definite, soul-gripping prayer!

3. Spirit-filled leadership:

a. Minister and saints must be specially anointed for the revival effort. There are special anointings for special occasions. Here is one of them! Let the church be prepared by a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit, then the meeting can get started at the borders of the church, and that fresh baptism will produce in your soul a burning love for the lost as well!

b. Let eternal verities be emphasized in preaching, testimony and prayer. Let this thought reach out into the class meetings, prayer meetings, Y. P. M. S. meetings, etc. Discuss such subjects as sin, righteousness, judgment, heaven and hell. Get used to hearing real truth! Get so Spirit-anointed that you can keep blessed under the strongest preaching! Get to the place where no preacher, be he pastor or evangelist, can preach your experience or testimony away from you! Amen!

4. Co-operation:

If you are ready for a revival, the remainder of this article is not even necessary. but

may God help as you study it.

a. Prepare for the evangelist's entertainment. Get under the load financially. God will bless as the saints co-operate with the pastor and his wife in this matter!

b. Have a comfortable room for the evangelist, so arranged that he can study and pray without interruption. Let him feel that he is one of you and that together you are going to wage the battle for God and souls!

c. Let us have the "joy of the Spirit" in our congregational singing. And let us have special numbers every evening, with the emphasis upon the spiritual rather than upon the correctness of rendition.

d. Have Holy Spirit-baptized groups ready for altar work. Let them pray much and give less advice. Throne-gripping prayer is what seekers mostly need!

e. Have "Door Committees" which will welcome strangers and make them feel at home. See that the committee bids them "God-speed" when leaving and invites them back. Also, whenever possible, get names and addresses of all attending the services and follow them up later. It pays!

f. Above all else: "Let the Holy Spirit have His way!"

To those who carefully follow the instructions as given, the writer does not hesitate to guarantee an old-time, Holy Spirit-filled revival, where souls will be saved and sanctified and the church move up to higher levels than it has previously occupied.

VICTORY'S PRAYER

May God's wisdom and power direct us each day,
May the light of His presence illumine our way,
May his strong arm defend us, His love calm our fears,
As we fight for the right, amid "blood, sweat, and tears!"

—Aletha M. Bonner

ON WINGS OF HOPE

By Rose Myra Phillips

Hope gives white lifting pinions
To the soul,
Whereby, unfearingly,
It travels far . . .
Past storm and past the darkling
Wraith of night,
Even beyond the morning star.

"MY SOUL, BE ON THY GUARD!"

My soul, be on thy guard;
Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw thee from the skies!

O watch and fight and pray,
The battle ne'er give o'er;
Renew it boldly every day,
And help divine implore.
Ne'er think the victory won,
Nor lay thine armor down;
The work of faith will not be done,
Till thou obtain the crown!

Then persevere till death
Shall bring thee to thy God;
He'll take thee at thy parting breath
To His divine abode!

—George Heath