

— In The News —

Over Seven Thousand in Service

There are about 7,000 Nazarenes serving in the armed forces, according to the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission, of which Paul Skiles is director. Adding their wives and children, the Commission reaches about 15,000 persons, Skiles estimates.

About 500 Nazarene pastors near military installations work with the service families. A total of about 50,000 contacts a year is made.

There are 27 Nazarenes on active duty as chaplains: 11 in the army; 9, navy; 5, air force; and 2 in the Veterans' Administration. Latest promotions: In the navy, Henry W. Stroman to lieutenant commander; army—Lyle W. Robinson to major, and George C. Laurie and Herbert J. Van Vorce to lieutenant colonel.—N.I.S.

Hoover Says 1960 Crime Rate Highest in History

Washington, D. C. (EP)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has reported that the year 1960 was the blackest in the crime annals of the United States.

The crime rate, which has risen ominously for the past decade, increased by 14 per cent during the year. Some 1,861,000 serious crimes were reported to police—an increase of 230,870 over the previous record set in 1959.

The number of crimes committed in 1960 almost doubled the number of offenses reported to police in 1950, for an actual increase of 98 per cent over the past decade.

Since the population has gained only 18 per cent in this period, this means that the crime rate per capita is now 66 per cent greater than 10 years ago.

Scriptures Now in 1,165 Tongues

New York (EP)—The American Bible Society has announced that in 1960 Scripture portions were published for the first time in five more languages of primitive peoples, bringing the number of languages in which some portion of the Scriptures has been translated to 1,165.

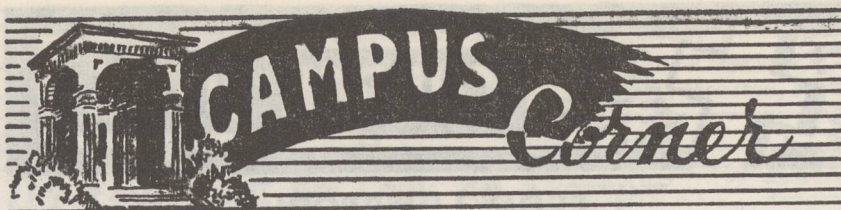
Although the Society estimates that the Scriptures have not been translated in some 1,500 languages and dialects, only some 10 per cent of the world's population speaks a tongue in which some Scripture portion has not yet been published.

Graham Ends Greater Miami Crusade

Miami Beach, Fla. (EP)—The final rally of the Billy Graham Greater Miami Crusade ended here with 18,500 persons jamming Convention Hall. The attendees heard, besides Dr. Graham's sermon "Will God Spare America?", a request from President Kennedy asking the evangelist to pray for America. Sen. George Smathers (Dem.-Fla.) interrupted his meeting with President Kennedy and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan to be at the rally. He reported the Chief Executive as saying, "Tell Billy to pray for us."

A spokesman for the Graham association said that in the evangelist's state-wide, three-month Crusade, a total attendance of nearly 750,000 has been registered. Decisions for Christ numbering approximately 12,500 were recorded, he stated. Miami's three-week Crusade had a total attendance of 255,700 with 8,555 recorded decisions for Christ.

The King's Highway



Bethany Bible College started its sixteenth year on September 20, with an anticipated enrollment of seventy-six. Some of the applicants were delayed in arriving at the college for one reason or another, but by the first week-end all had arrived except two or three who were completing summer work. With them, enrollment will reach seventy-six, edging slightly past last year's enrollment to set another record. As usual the high school claimed the largest number with an enrollment of forty-two. The college department claimed sixteen and the business department eighteen. The business department was the only department showing an increase as it doubled its enrollment in its second year of operation.

The staff and students welcomed the coming of Miss Lorna Hicks, Miss Carolyn Pocock, and Mr. Charles Owens. Miss Hicks will be dean of women and office secretary; Miss Pocock, music instructor; and Mr. Owens, high school teacher.

Former students especially were enthusiastic about many improvements in the school property which were long overdue. They quickly took note of their improved classrooms and dormitory quarters. The new ceilings, new partitions, new congoles, and new fluorescent lights (at least to us) were an inspiration to their morale as they started another year at Bethany.

The renewal of instruction in music was another reason for encouragement. Over fifteen students availed themselves of the opportunity to take private lessons in voice or piano. Others enrolled in lecture courses in theory of music and music appreciation. Several hopefully sought a place in the school choir.

Saturday evening a reception was held for the staff and students providing an opportunity for all to become acquainted with one another. The Y.M.C.A. banquet room provided a pleasant setting for the program and refreshments.

On Sunday the day ended with spiritual blessing as three students sought the Lord and others received help. Others evidently were under conviction.

Thus the year began as one of promise — with a good spirit prevailing in the school and an evidence of co-operation on the part of the students.

A CONSUMING FIRE

A Man must have a keen, clear vision of sin, as an enormity of the ages, never to be excused, if he is to be tender and compassionate toward the man who is a sinner. That is a false conception of love which imagines God is not a God of judgment.

All this talk about God being such a God of love that He passes lightly over sin, is the misunderstanding of what love is. Love is the sworn foe of sin for ever, and the instant God begins to excuse sin, as we are too often rashly doing, He Proves He does not love man! If God excuses sin in me and lets me go on, just saying, "Well, he is frail and infirm, it does not matter," God himself, by such action, would insure my ruin. It is because He is a consuming fire to sin and never signs a truce with it, within the sphere of His own kingdom or in the world anywhere, that He is a God of love. Directly people begin to say, "Where is the God of judgment?" they are guilty of high treason, and I believe that has been the peculiar sin of a good many years.

—G. Campbell Morgan