

## — In The News —

### Tom Rees: "Churchgoers may be Extinct in 20 Years"

TORONTO (EP).—At the conclusion of his four-month, 26,000-mile mission to Canada, British Evangelist Tom Rees warned that churchgoers may be extinct in 20 years.

The Anglican layman, leader of the interdenominational mission that maintained a three-rallies-a-day pace, said he was "appalled" at the almost complete absence of teenagers and young adults from Canadian Protestant churches. "All I seemed to see," Mr. Rees said, "were gray beards and bald heads. At this rate the churches will be empty in 20 years."

The 50-year-old friend of Evangelist Billy Graham was interviewed on his return here from British Columbia to prepare for the final rally of the mission. Five large denominations—Anglican, United Church of Canada, Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Baptist Federation of Canada, and the Salvation Army—backed his mission.

### Pleads for More Chaplains for Expanding Army

Volunteer Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish clergymen are needed at once as chaplains in view of the expansion of the U.S. Army says Chaplain (Major General) Frank A. Tobey, chief of army chaplains.

"With the current build-up of strength in the army, and the subsequent call of thousands of men to active duty," he said, "a proportionate number of chaplains is required."

He underscored the fact that chaplains are volunteers, and said he wanted it kept that way. He said there was a particular shortage of Catholic, Jewish, and Episcopalian chaplains.

### Juvenile Delinquency Continues on Increase

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP). — Juvenile delinquency continued to rise in 1960, reaching the worst level yet recorded. So says FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

Mr. Hoover says juvenile arrests accounted for nearly all the increase in arrests that made 1960 the worst year for crime in the history of the United States. Arrests of those under the age of 18 increased by nine per cent, while arrests over 18 increased only one per cent.

In the last five years, the FBI report shows, arrest of youths 17 and under have increased 46 per cent.

In the last five years: Arrests of juveniles for forgery and counterfeiting have increased 82 per cent . . . arrests for driving while intoxicated, 65 per cent . . . sex offenses, 41 per cent . . . murders, 37 per cent . . . burglary, 44 per cent . . . and assaults, 58 per cent.

Arrests of girls under 18 increased by 14 per cent, and the seriousness of offenses against girls also arose proportionately. Arrests of boys increased by 8 per cent.

### 'Ben Hur' Viewers Get Tracts

COLOMBO, Ceylon (EP) — "Ben Hur," the Hollywood film version of the book by Lew Wallace, is being shown in major cinema houses of Ceylon. Seizing this opportunity, the Evangelical Literature Fellowship of Ceylon printed 50,000 trilingual tracts giving the unusual conversion of the book's author, and presenting the way of salvation. Written in Sinhalese, Tamil and English, the tract is being distributed at each showing of the film. The original printing proved insufficient and a second printing had to be run. Scores of people have made inquiries regarding the Gospel as a result of reading the tract.

## DENOMINATIONAL DOLLAR DAY

There are many important days in our church year. A day of special significance will be the first Sunday of 1962, January 7th. This is the day we shall be launching the first phase of our debt reduction campaign.

Although operating on a very limited budget, the general treasury of the Alliance has been carrying its current accounts of late. With extreme care, it will perhaps be possible to continue to do so for the next few years, provided no special emergency arises and our churches will faithfully pay their budget allocations for General Fund and Superintendent's Salary.

However, during the past number of years unexpected circumstances have arisen at various times and it became necessary to negotiate loans to keep the program of the general treasury going. As a result our indebtedness now stands at \$16,000. It will be necessary for us to liquidate this debt before we can plan for necessary expansion and desirable advancement.

To make a definite start on the task, we are designating Sunday, January 7th as DENOMINATIONAL DOLLAR DAY. If every person in our congregations across the denomination would give one dollar, the total received should be a significant sum to apply to our debt reduction. Larger contributions will, of course, be gratefully received!

You will be hearing further of the project in your local churches. Let us each one pray about it — plan for it — and pay on it. Pastors, will you promote the campaign enthusiastically? Reformed Baptists, will you co-operate in the plan wholeheartedly?

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