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# DUTCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LARGEST

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### Assembly Audiences Total Over 100,000; Demand Keeps Internationals in Holland

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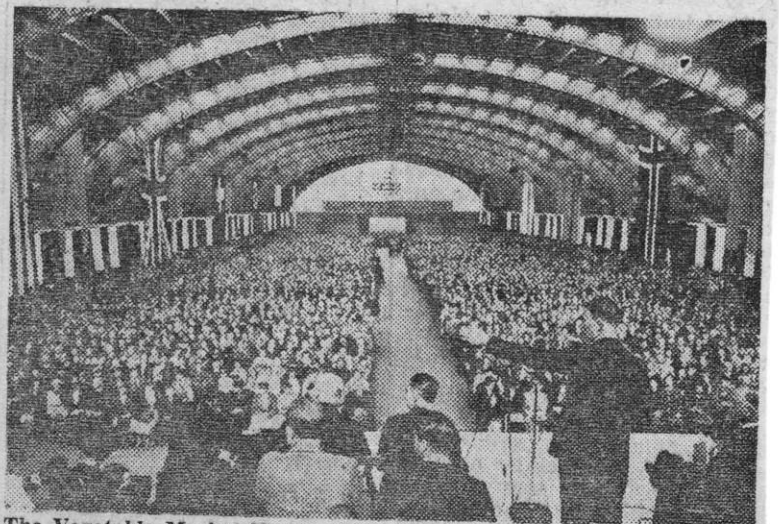


Dr. F. N. D. Buchman, founder of the Oxford Group, greets a lady from Zeeland, Holland, in national dress, as she arrives in Utrecht to take part in the National Assembly of the Oxford Group. With him are some of the 250 who came from Scandanavia. Shown in the picture are: Mrs. Kai su Snellman, of Finland, Valdimar Hvidt, Danish Supreme Court Advocate, and Frederick Ramm, Oslo journalist, who flew with Amundsen over the North Pole.

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Headed by Captain A. S. Loudon Hamilton, of Edinburgh, 150 Scots invaded Utrecht for the great Oxford Group mobilization. Bagpipes were heard for the first time during colorful parades through old Utrecht's streets. Here the pipers are leading a contingent of a thousand from overseas to a tremendous welcome by the 10,000 Dutch who overflowed Utrecht's largest hall on Whitsunday. Behind the Scots can be seen the flags of the 30 nations represented.



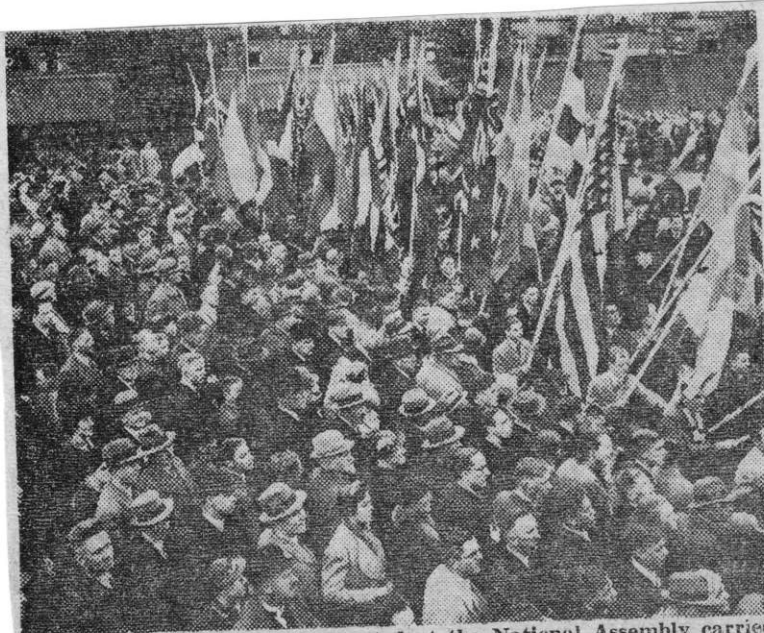
The Vegetable Market Hall in Utrecht which was filled to overflowing seven times on Whitsunday and Monday. The speaker is George Daneel, South African international football player. Another speaker was Arthur Martin, a labor organizer who has preached class warfare for 25 years and who organized the National Union of Railway Men in the South African Republic.



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The flags of the nations represented at the National Assembly carried by young men from all over the world who have converged at Utrecht during May. A dirt track rider, a chimney sweep, a film director, several farmers and journalists were among those who took part in the "peaceful capture of Utrecht" where it has been estimated that the audiences which packed the huge Vegetable Market Hall and overflowed into the streets, where loudspeakers were installed or to meetings held in other parts of the city totalled over 100,000.

## SPIRITUAL OSLO PACT IS BEGUN

### Originator Suggests Arrangement to Weld Spiritual Links

Norway, strongly aware of its own need for God-control as a nation, is laying foundations for a spiritual counterpart of the Oslo Pact for the nations of northern Europe.

The Rt. Hon. J. L. Mowinckel, originator of the Oslo Pact, former Prime Minister of Norway, leader of the Liberal Party and permanent Norwegian delegate to the League of Nations, recently sent a special message to Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, to be read before the National Assembly of the Oxford Group being held in Utrecht, Holland. The aim of this assembly was to build a God-controlled front of the Oslo Pact states. Two hundred and fifty people from these countries—Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Belgium—attended this great assembly.

Mr. Mowinckel's message stated: "It is with the greatest joy that I greet the idea of laying the foundation of a 'Spiritual Oslo Pact'. In the present condition of the world with its great and dangerous contrasts between the nations, it is of the utmost importance that the spiritual links between countries be developed and strengthened. The Oslo States, from their character, their international position and their political mentality, are especially qualified with united forces to keep the flame of the spirit high among men. Increasingly they are coming to realize that above the daily war for selfish and materialistic interests there is something higher, richer and greater that can be worked out in cooperation for the benefit of the whole human race."

The vast audiences at Holland's first National assembly saw, as an evidence that such cooperation could come about even between politically varying people, Dr. J. Patijn, the Dutch Ambassador in Brussels and a conservative diplomat, express the same personal gratitude to the Oxford Group as did the editor of "Het Volk," Holland's great labor paper.