

Oxford Group Makes Bow to Boston; Call Is Made for Spiritual Revolution

"The answer to revolution is more revolution," said Frank N. D. Buchman, honorary doctor of divinity of Muhlenberg College and founder of the Oxford group, last night as the movement made its bow en masse to Boston.

Upwards of 2000 persons jammed the ballroom of the Hotel Statler to hear the leader and an international team bring to the city the message of God-control and spiritual revolution.

It was in the main the same message that an even more impressive team had spread broadcast from Stockbridge early in the summer during the first American assembly of the movement.

"America is God's last chance to make a world," said Dr. Buchmann three times as he began the principal address of the evening with this quotation from Emerson. "I believe we are going to give God that chance.

EUROPEAN SPECTACLE

"I wonder how many of us have glimpsed the truth now that Europe today presents the spectacle of nations losing their way, nations losing their character, their traditions, their nationhood."

In the midst of the European debacle, which he saw typified in Spain, Dr. Buchmann saw two rays of hope: the fact that in Berlin 53 nations had met at the Olympics, which he had attended and from which he had returned on the Queen Mary's record-breaking voyage to conduct this meeting, and the spectacle of 150,000 people gathered in Birmingham in the largest auditorium in Europe in a religious service that was broadcast in seven different languages.

What the world needed, he concluded, was more revolutions—spiritual revolution. This he explained as the group's doctrine of God control, under which the deity guides individuals and nations that will give heed to it in the way that it has decreed for them.

"Before we can have political recovery," Buchman said, "before we

can have economic recovery, we must have moral recovery, and before you can have moral recovery, you must have spiritual recovery."

That the Oxford Group is the way to this spiritual recovery was testified to by Lord Addington of Great Britain; Engineer Admiral Sir Horace Summerford, retired, of the British navy; Roger Faure, Paris architect; Baroness Dina von Hahn, emigre Russian, who now lives in Latvia; Bremar Hofmeyr, South African Rhodes scholar; Lady Sybil Smith, wife of the lord-lieutenant of Oxfordshire, and half a dozen other foreign notables.

Also on the platform to tell of the life-changing that has enabled the group to "build bridges from land to land" were the Rev. Frederick Lawrence of Cambridge, John Wood, Harvard student; Loring Swaim, Jr. of Chestnut Hill; John Barnum and Rufus Brett, two farmers from Monterey, Mass., and a number of other New Englanders.

There was a strong political tinge to the messages of most of the foreign speakers, especially those of Faure and the Baroness von Hahn. God-control and God-guidance the only answer to the rising tide of revolution. The baroness, telling of her flight before the bolshevist uprising, testified that Buchmanism might have saved the regime of the czar. And both speakers warned that America was close to that same revolutionary peril—the horror of which it did not realize, they added, because it had never experienced it.

TO TEACH AT NORWICH

NORTHFIELD, Vt., Sept. 15—President Porter Adams of Norwich University today announced the appointments of Dr. C. F. Willey of Bradford; Sumner H. McIntire of South Essex, Mass., and Gerner A. Olsen of Brooklyn as new members of the university teaching staff. Dr. Willey, Dartmouth graduate and recipient of his doctorate from Princeton, is instructor of psychology and education; Mr. McIntire, Bowdoin college graduate, takes the place of Prof. Baker of the chemistry department, and Mr. Olsen, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute graduate, is teaching civil engineering.

