

His Philosophy Cure for World, Says Buchman

'Oxford Groups' Founder Arrives on Aquitania With His 'Team' of 22

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Leaves With 'Experts' for Briarcliff House Party

The Oxford Groups Movement, as it is known in England, or A First Century Christian Fellowship, as it is known here, is "the answer to all the world's problems in the time of crisis," the Rev. Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, founder of the movement, declared yesterday on his arrival from England on the Aquitania.

The religious group, emphasizing personal evangelism and "sharing," or confession of faults, has spread from universities in this country and England to all parts of Europe, South Africa, South America and the Far East.

Dr. Buchman was accompanied by a "team" of twenty-two men and women, young and old, American, English, Scottish, Dutch, and South African, who will be the guests of honor at a ten-day "house party" of the movement, beginning today, at Briarcliff Lodge, Briarcliff Manor. The founder and his followers went by motor to Briarcliff soon after the ship docked yesterday afternoon.

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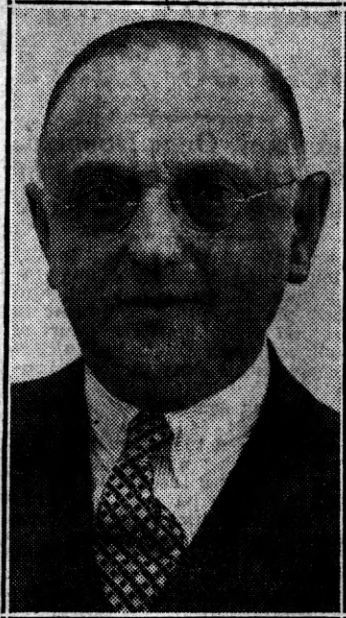
Dr. Buchman was met at Quarantine by the Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker jr., of Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church, Fourth Avenue and Twenty-first Street, leader of the movement in this country, and Hanford Twitchell. Reporters were presented by Dr. Buchanan with large envelopes containing many clippings from English newspapers describing the progress of the work there. He expressed his appreciation of the publicity given the movement by "the Bishops and newspapers" in England.

Seventeen of the twenty-two members of the "team" had lengthy typewritten statements of their careers and their conversions by the Groups ready for distribution to the press. They will give further testimony to their "change," as conversion is referred to, at the first general meeting of the house party at Briarcliff tonight. More than 400 are expected to attend the house party.

Dr. Buchman described the movement as "really a revival based on survival." It has no dogma or organization beyond that voluntarily supplied by the followers, and seeks converts to "a new religious life," by personal contact, from members of all Christian sects and from non-Christians.

Dr. Buchman is an ordained Luther-

Founder of Religious Sect



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Frank N. D. Buchman

an minister, a native of Pennsylvania, who received his D. D. degree from Muhlenberg College. He is a vigorous, active man of fifty-three, whose forceful conversational manner more nearly resembles that of a business executive than that of the conventional minister.

Dr. Buchman first began teaching the principles of a "Return to First Century Christianity" while in charge of the Christian Association of Pennsylvania State College, from 1908 to 1915. Later the movement spread to Princeton University, where it made considerable headway but came into conflict with the authorities. In recent years, Dr. Buchman has made his headquarters at Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England, both strongholds of the movement.

His present visit to the United States is Dr. Buchman's first in two years. During the interval he has been organizing groups in Great Britain, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina and Brazil. He and members of the foreign "team" will remain in this country for about six weeks. After the Briarcliff house party they will go to Washington, Boston, Richmond and Philadelphia.

Expects Several Hundred

"At the Briarcliff house party," Dr. Buchman said in outlining the methods of the movement "there will be several hundred persons. Of these there will be about thirty 'experts,' of which some are clergymen and others are laymen familiar with the works of the groups. We will sit around and talk naturally and make friends normally.

"Each afternoon there will be talks by the experts. As each one talks, some of the assembly will feel that this is the one with whom he would like

to discuss his difficulties and later converse privately with the speaker." Members of the party accompanying Dr. Buchman were:

Mrs. Alexander Whyte, whose husband was principal of New College, Edinburgh, and moderator of the United Free Church of Scotland.

Miss Olive M. Jones, of New York, former president of the National Education Association and former principal of P. S. 120.

Count John Bentinck, of Amerongen, Holland.

Baroness Albertina van Heckeren van Kell, of Holland.

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Johanneer Eric van Lennep, of Vorden, Holland.

Colonel H. D. Belgrave, D. S. O. (retired), Royal West Kent Regiment, and Mrs. Belgrave.

The Rev. John Watt, rector of Holy Trinity Church, Edinburgh.

Mrs. Jessie Sheffield, of South Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kenaston Twitchell, of New York.

Louison Hamilton, leader of the Groups in Scotland, and Mrs. Hamilton.

James Watt, miner and former Communist leader in Scotland.

Miss Ruth Bennett, of England and the Scronne, Paris.

Miss Jean Thomson-Duesbury, daughter of the late Bishop of Sodor and Man.

Evershed Thomson, member of the Edinburgh Stock Exchange.

Miss Oda Barbour, of Edinburgh.

Francis Elliston, of St. Catherine's College Cambridge.

Donald Mackay, of South Africa.

Miss Rosalie Spiller, of London.

Mr. Van Lennep, a Knight of St. John, of Holland, wrote his message in the third person: "He used to live behind masks; a mask for the office, a mask for his friends, a mask at home, and another for his social activities, but he has found freedom from all that and more, in a God-guided and unified life. And, having found a good thing, who would not pass it on to his friends?"

Miss Jones's statement read, in part: "New Yorker born and bred, I shared to the fullest extent in life of New York. Sought in pleasure, in education, in social welfare work, in political life, in organized effort in multitudes of organizations, in philosophy and in psychology, the answer to the riddle of life. Faith denied and individual personal aims the only goal, disillusionment and dissatisfaction resulted. Wondering what it was all about, is life worth carrying on. I came into touch with the Oxford Groups at Calvary Church to which I had gone, at first in pursuit of still another selfish aim. But God found me there and convinced me of the truth of the group teachings."

Statements of the other members of the party differed in details, but all agreed in attributing to the groups their conversion and "fresh dedication of life."