

# World Facing Riot or Revival, Says Buchman

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of Oxford Groups Move-  
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Presides at 'Quiet Hour'

Two Baronesses and Count  
Tell of 'Changed Lives'

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BRIARCLIFF MANOR, N. Y., April 25.—Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, founder and leader of the religious movement known as the Oxford Groups, or a First Century Christian Fellowship, warned the members of the fellowship house party at Briarcliff Lodge today that the world was faced with an alternative of "riot or revival" and predicted that the spiritual force generated by the movement is going to remake America.

"We will never have a trade revival

or any economic improvements," he said, "without one fundamental thing first—a spiritual revival. It has got to come."

Dr. Buchman's address was made informally as he presided for the first time during the present meeting at the "quiet hour" of "two-way prayer," with which each day's services are opened. On the platform with him were three members of the movement from Holland, Count Bentinck and the Baronesses Albertina and Lillian Van Heeckeran Van Kell, each of whom spoke briefly of their experiences of conversion and their "changed lives."

"When a count and two baronesses take a 'quiet hour' together," Dr. Buchman said in introducing them, "some people may wonder what that has to do with the poor, the working classes of a country. Yet after these persons were 'changed' at a luncheon, their influence spread and brought into the movement the leader of the Socialist party of Holland—the Ramsay MacDonald of the country. This spirit must touch every one, rich and poor alike."

Dr. Buchman explained to the 300 members present that during the quiet period they should "be sure the lines are open between God and yourselves." He warned that they should "share only those thoughts that come from God, for some may be from the subconscious or from the devil."

"The quiet hour" of communication with God, such as is practiced by members of the movement, Dr. Buch-

man said, "should take place in every home."

"What a glorious thing it would be for the country," he exclaimed, "if members of the Cabinet, Representatives and Senators should start the day with a quiet period of talking directly with the living God."

The nature of sin was the subject of a talk at the afternoon meeting by Hanford Twitchell, New York real estate broker and leader in the movement.

"Sin," he said, "is anything that can stand between me and God or between me and another person. We don't know what sins we have because we don't think in terms of separation from God. We must learn what they are to get closer to Christ."

The house party opened on Saturday and will continue until May 2. Many who were present over the week end left today and others arrived.