

BUCHMAN AND PARTY ARE HERE FOR HOUSEPARTY

Oxford Group Meetings To Be Held Nightly Through Wednesday.

Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, founder of the Oxford Group, a First Century Christian Fellowship, and 18 of his associates arrived in the city this morning from Washington, D. C. The group will lead a series of "house parties" to be held tonight and Tuesday and Wednesday evening at the Battery Park hotel.

Members of Dr. Buchman's party are: Count John Bentinck, of Amerongen, Holland; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Loudon Hamilton, of Edinburgh, Scotland; Mrs. Jessie Sheffield, of Blomfontein, South Africa; the Rev. Sherwood S. Day, of New York; Evershed Thomson, of Edinburgh; Donald M. Mackay, of Durban, South Africa; Jonkheer Eric Van Lennep, of Vorden, Holland; Miss Jean Thornton-Duesberry, of Oxford; Miss Rosalie Spiller, of London; Mrs. Hanford M. Twitchell, of New York; the Rev. Cleveland Hicks, of New York, the Rev. Charles Scoville Wishard, of Summit, N. J.; Miss Margery Speakman, of Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. Coulter Huyler, of Greenwich, Conn.; Miss Marjorie Beck; Johnannes DeKoch; and Miss Eleanor Forde.

Meetings Informal

Meetings of the group, which will begin at 8:15 o'clock tonight at the hotel, are informal in character and take the form very largely of witnesses to personal experiences. The purpose of the groups is to present the message of the Bible, showing its adequacy for every need, individual and social, members have explained.

A number of Asheville persons, prominent in the social and professional life of the city, were on hand to greet the members of the group as they arrived at the station. These included: Mrs. Reuben B. Robertson, wife of Reuben Robertson, of the Champion Fibre company; Mrs. Nat Gennett, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Elias, the Rev. George Floyd Rogers, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Von Post Schwab.

Dr. Buchman is a guest at the home of Mrs. Gennett, 1 Evelyn Place, Grove Park. Other members of the party are guests at various homes in the city.

Will Sail June 8

The Group held a "house party" at the Shoreham hotel in Washington last week. Following the Washington party, the group divided, half coming to Asheville and half going to Boston, Mass., to conduct a sim-

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ilar party there. The groups will rejoin at Detroit Mich. the latter part of this week and will lead a "party" in the Michigan city. Dr. Buchman plans to sail for England on June 8.

A number of entertainments have been planned for the guests during their stay here. A tea will be held this afternoon at Grove Park Inn.

Invitations to attend the meetings at the Battery Park hotel have been mailed to about 1,000 persons in various Southern cities. Approximately 400 persons are expected to attend the meetings, including more than 50 out-of-town persons excluding members of Dr. Buchman's party.

There are about 50 members of the Group in Asheville, although the movement has no definite organization. The movement was first introduced in Asheville in November, 1930. The principles of the work found favor here and at the invitation of interested persons a team of 69 men and women came in March, 1931, to explain the work more fully.

Today the Oxford Group is recognized as one of the outstanding movements in Christianity. Its adherents are found in all sections of the world.