

BUCHMAN HERE TO TEACH FAITH OF 1ST CENTURY

Founder of "The Groups"
Hopes to Lead Us Away
from Commercialism.

27 DISCIPLES WITH HIM

They Are to Hold House Party
of Meditation for 400 at
Briarcliff Manor.

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The Rev. Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, formerly of Princeton, now of Oxford, founder of a religious order known as "The Groups," arrived on the Aquitania today with twenty-seven associates and disciples to devote six weeks to making more personal to America his conception of first century Christian fellowship.

A ten-day house party starts tonight at Briarcliff Lodge, Briarcliff Manor, during which the Buchman group will live among some 400 friends and pupils, will open their activities. They will proceed on to similar meetings in Washington, Philadelphia and Boston before sailing for England June 8.

A Panacea.

"It is the answer in the day of crisis to all the world's problems," asserted Dr. Buchman today in describing his religion. "It provides for a revised set of relationships, not commercial or political, but personal. The hope of the world is in the formation of these groups on a colossal scale."

The party was met by the Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker, Jr., rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, leading exponent of the Buchman movement in America.

"Sharing."

Dr. Buchman, 53, well-dressed, amiable and ready of tongue, explained that by the process of "sharing," which he explained as mutual confession of faults, he brought converts to inward harmony, after which the Holy Spirit sent them out to seek others and to live more spiritual lives.

"We take the down and outs and the ups and outs," he said in easy phrase pointing out among his associates the former coal miner and Communist John Watt Count John Bentinck, the ironess Lily van Heeckeren van Kell and Jonkheer Eric van Lennep.

Other members of the party include Miss Olive M. Jones, former president of the National Education Association; Miss Ruth Bennett, the Rev. John Watt, who is to preach Sunday at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine; Mr. and Mrs. H. Kenaston Twitchell and the Rev. Sherwood S. Day.

Wide Organization.

The group expects to go to a house party at Oxford this summer, later to Holland, Germany and Switzerland, then to spend eight weeks at Oxford during the fall and winter. They have established a nation-wide movement in South Africa, members of the group reported, and also throughout Europe. It is not intended to oppose organized churches but to revitalize them.

Asked about the request of John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton, several years ago that he withdraw his activities from the campus there, Dr. Buchman today said the present group was sufficient answer to old objections. One of the group compared that incident with the hostility of Oxford University to the early Methodist meetings of John Wesley.