A New World Council?

[EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE]

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I T IS A SIGN of the renaissance of West Germany that it is able to be host to ecumenical gatherings such as the World Council of Churches which has been meeting here in Herrenthal at the northern frontier of the Black Forest near Kaiserslautern. The boom of life is obvious in the area—Montreat (Presbyterian, U.S.) and Ridgecrest (Southern Baptist).

Two Voices Heard in North Carolina

NOT ALL North Carolinians cheered as their state legislature met in special session to consider bills proposed by Governor Loflin and his advisory commission on education to incorporate the Supreme Court decision barring racial segregation in the public schools. The state council of churches announced that it will ask the legislature rather to move toward integration in the schools "as fully and as soon as possible," though it conceded such a course will raise "difficult problems." Episcopal Bishop Richard H. Baker, council president, will request an opportunity to re-state the church's position. Other religious groups—among them the United Church of Raleigh and the Carrboro-Chapel Hill ministerial association—plan to make known to the lawmakers their opposition to the bills, which they have good reason to fear are likely to cause grave injury to the state's public schools.

Addressing the Methodist South-eastern (white) jurisdiction's quadrennial conference at the Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, assembly grounds recently, Bishop J. W. E. Bowen of Atlanta, representing the Central (Negro) jurisdiction, declared that Negro Methodist are not "just waiting to rush into white churches." But, he said, they don't like being harassed therefrom. A chorus of "amen" greeted his statement.

Mike Jurchin, whom each summer is host of the swarm of Methodist and other church gatherings, gave Vice-President Richard M. Nixon an opportunity to flee from the furor accused by Harold Stassen's questioning of his value to the Republican party's cause when invited him to give what was later described as a "semireligious" address on August 5. He was seated at Lake Junaluska by Billy Graham, another speaker of the day. The evangelist was also Mr. Nixon's host as he appeared for addresses the same day at two other assembly grounds in the area—Mountreat (Presbyterian, U.S.) and Ridgecrest (Southern Baptist).

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