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We know of no counterpart among Protestants of such a dialogue on theological issues. Protestants have difficulty talking among themselves, let alone talking to Roman Catholics. In fact, Roman Catholic leaders would be the

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police in Selma than in Boston, more willing to give money for "those folks down there" than for the folk right here.

A folk song contains these words, "How many ears must a man have, before he can hear people cry? The answer my friends is written in the wind, the answer is written in the wind." Watts in Los Angeles and the Watts that exist throughout America will continue to exist and periodically explode until all of America is willing to see the poverty and discrimination and hear the cries of anguish that arise each day not only in Watts but in the South End, in Roxbury, in Dorchester, in Jamaica Plain.

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In the Watts section of Los Angeles the young people are wearing buttons that say, "It's Now, Baby." This is not the title of the latest song hit, rather it is an attempt to dramatize the sense of urgency that is being felt in Watts and should be felt in every urban center in our country.

The riots of last August, the second uprising in March of this year. the

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Evanston, Ill., in 1954 and at the New Delhi Assembly in 1961. He toured the U.S. extensively in 1954.

Also at the Geneva meeting, the Central Committee elected another Methodist, this one an American Methodist, the Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Weber, as assistant director of the World Council's Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Switzerland. He is currently associate professor of New Testament at the Methodist Theological School, Delaware, Ohio.

PAKISTAN METHODISTS SEND MISSIONARY OVERSEAS

The international missionary force of world Methodism continues to grow, as the so-called "younger churches" of Asia, Africa and Latin America send missionaries not only to each other, but increasingly to the traditionally missionary-sending churches of the West.

The latest breakthrough in international missions involves the Methodist Church in Pakistan sending one of its leading pastors as a missionary to England. The pastor-turned-missionary is the Rev. Eric N. Daniels, pastor of Central Methodist Church in the city of Karachi, West Pakistan, and a former General Conference delegate. He will serve as a missionary to the large (estimated 200,000) Pakistani community in England.

Since Mr. Daniels is the first Methodist missionary to be sent overseas from Pakistan, his assignment means that yet another land joins the list of countries where the Methodist Church is now a missionary-sending as well as a missionary-receiving body.

The growth of the international missionary force is one of the most significant developments in modern Methodist missions.

Bishop Cesar Dacorso
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Bishop Cesar Dacorso, leader of the largest and most rapidly growing body of Methodists in Latin America, has been Bishop of the Methodist Church in Brazil since his first election in 1934. He is now beginning a third four-year term. A high order of ability as administrator and organizer combined with pioneering zeal and skill fit him for providential leadership in ~~the~~ period of the history of

the church. Under his guidance, gratifying advance has been made in self-support, in the organization of boards of managers for schools and other institutions of the church, in the keeping of records, in provision for the training of the ministry, in religious education, in church periodicals, in the holding and handling of church property, and in general administrative procedure. At the same time, the church has steadily extended its borders and increased its membership. By train and bus, and on horse and mule-back, Bishop Dacorso travels constantly, planting the church in new pioneer settlements and in the rapidly growing cities that are springing up along extending railway lines.

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Brazil Re-elects Its Bishops

A report from the recent General Conference of the Methodist Church in Brazil says that all three present bishops (who serve four-year terms) were re-elected: Bishop Cesar Dacorso, Bishop Cyrus B. Dawsey, and Bishop Isaias Sucasas. The Rev. Charles W. Clay, missionary, was elected executive secretary of the Board of Education; the Rev. Wilbur K. Smith, missionary, executive secretary of the Board of Social Action; and the Rev. Augusto Schwab, executive secretary of the Board of Missions.

The most drastic action taken by the General Conference was a vote to make tithing mandatory upon all church members.

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The new bishops are Dr. Cyrus Bassett Dawsey, a veteran missionary; and the Rev. Isaias Sucasas, son of Spanish immigrants to Brazil.

The General Conference also re-elected Dr. James E. Ellis as general secretary of the Board of Christian Education, and Dr. Augusto Schwab as general secretary of the Board of Missions; and chose the Rev. Charles W. Clay, a missionary, as general secretary of the Board of Social Action in succession to the veteran missionary, Dr. Hugh C. Tucker.

The bishops and the secretaries constitute the General Cabinet of the Methodist Church of Brazil.

Dr. W. H. Moore was re-elected president of the School of Theology in Juiz de Fora. He is a former president of Granbery College, Brazil.

Bishop Dawsey has been a tireless pioneer in extending Methodism in the northwestern part of the State of Sao Paulo, and has been called "the Asbury of Brazil." A native of South Carolina, educated at Wofford College, he has been in missionary service in Brazil since 1914. In Sao Paulo he has kept in advance of the rapidly expanding frontier, has gathered people -- from many varied backgrounds -- into churches, and has led them in the erection of scores of church buildings. The territory he served was only a few years ago marked on maps, "Unknown -- inhabited by Indians."

Mrs. Dawsey is also a native of South Carolina. They have three daughters, all missionaries in Brazil: Mrs. Albert W. Room of Sao Paulo; Miss Sarah Dawsoy of the faculty of Bennett College, Rio de Janeiro; and Mrs. William F. Rogers of Sao Paulo.

Bishop Isaias Sucasas is the son of Spanish-born immigrants to Brazil. For twelve years he studied at Granbery College, Sao Paulo, working his way by manual labor. In 1925 he was graduated from the School of Theology and entered the Methodist ministry. For several years he served on large circuits in the interior of the State of Minas. Then for four years he was pastor of the Central Methodist Church in Juiz de Fora, where he greatly increased the membership and established eleven Sunday schools in nearby communities. At the Central Church in Belo Horizonte, he erected one of the best-equipped churches in all Brazil. He was pastor of the Catete Church in Rio de Janeiro when elected to the episcopacy.

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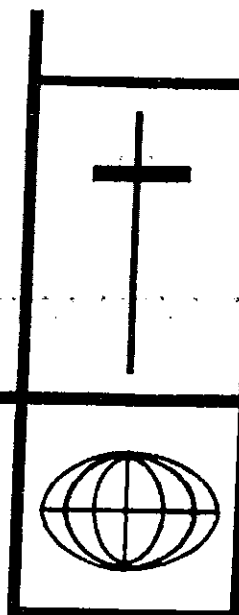
General Secretary Charles Wesley Clay succeeds "the grand old man of Brazil evangelical church" in heading the Board of Social Action. Dr. Tucker has made this Board a powerful instrument for social welfare in the republic's life.

Mr. Clay went to Brazil from the United States at the age of five, his parents being early Methodist missionaries. Later he returned to the United States and was educated at Rutherford College and Duke University. For three years he was a pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference, and then returned to Brazil as a missionary. Most of his service has been in connection with Granbery College.

Dr. Ellis has been at the helm of the Board of Christian Education since 1934. The Rev. Augusto Schwab, re-elected to head the Board of Missions, was born in Czechoslovakia, but emigrated to Brazil early in life.

The Methodist Church of Brazil was established in 1930 from three missionary conferences established by the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It has about 30,000 members.

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