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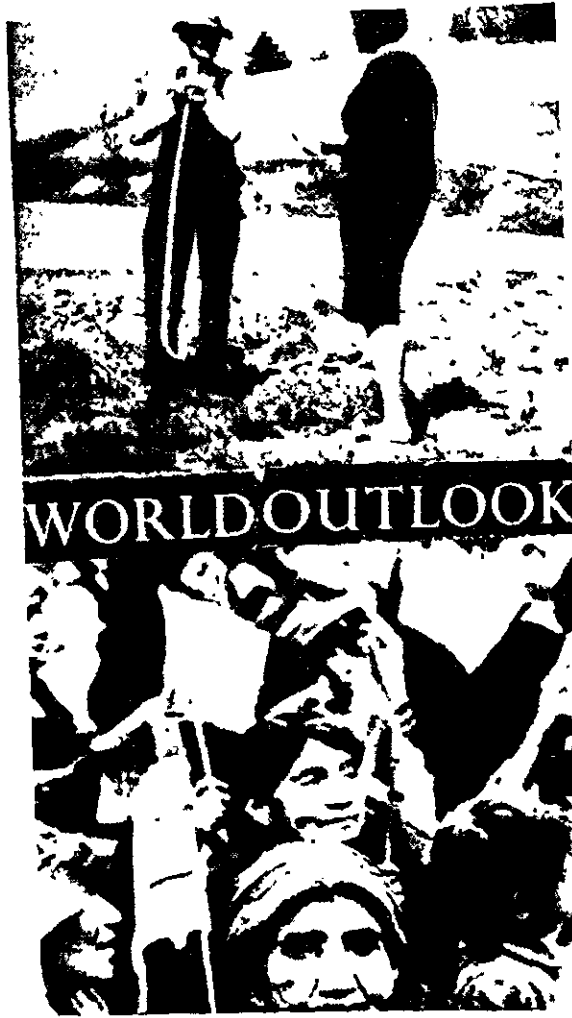
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1960-61 with the executive staff of the Board of Missions in New York and was recognized in his own country as an ecumenical leader. He was president of India Methodism's Board of Lay Activities and chairman of its Council on Literature and Publications. This past December he led a Protestant-Roman Catholic dialogue in India.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters and a son.

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Bishop Balaram was a leader in both Methodist and ecumenical circles in India. He was president of India Methodism's Board of Lay Activities and chairman of its Council on Literature and Publications. In December he had chaired a Protestant-Roman Catholic dialogue in India. He was a member of the executive committee of the National Christian Council of India and of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas (COSMOS). He was chairman of the Board of Isabella Thoburn College, the first Christian college for women in Asia, and chairman of the Board of Lucknow Christian College, Lucknow.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. P.C.B. Balaram of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Sidram Kurnkoti, 225 East 70th Street, New York, and Mrs. Satya Solomon of the home, and a son, John, who lives in Canada. The funeral was Friday (January 19) in Lucknow.

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(January 19, 1968)



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REV F.C.B. PALARAM

minister

A Methodist/of Delhi India . He is the member of Delhi Annual Conference. His present appointment is Secretary Public Relations of the Methodist Church in India. He is also Secretary for Cultivation and Promotion for Delhi Episcopal Area.

He received his early education in India and University of Edinburgh, Scotland . He won a crusade scholarship for study in America. He received his A.B. degree from Albion College, Albion Michigan. His masters degree he received from University of Pittsburgh, Pa. Oklahoma City University has conferred on him the honorary degree of D.D.

Dr. Balaram has 27 years of service with the church. He held many responsible positions. He was Principal of High School for 11 years, served as a Pastor and District Superintendent, Director of conference Youth work and Adult Education . Before coming to this present position he was the Director of Centenary Movement and Celebrations of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia which celebrated it in November 1956. He was a delegate of General Conference ~~for~~ three times

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D. D. to Indian  
Methodist Leader

An Indian Methodist leader, who is known to many Methodists in the United States, will receive an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Oklahoma City University May 22.

The Rev. P. C. Benjamin Balaram, who has visited the United States several times and has studied in two American colleges, will receive the D. D. degree at the Oklahoma City University commencement exercises. The university is Methodist-related, and the president is the Rev. Dr. Jack Wilkes, a Methodist minister.

A former Crusade scholar and a delegate to the 1952 Methodist General Conference, Mr. Balaram is now secretary for public relations of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia and secretary of promotion for the Delhi episcopal area. He has headquarters in Delhi and works with the Indian Government and with newspapers in matters relating to the Methodist Church. In 1956 he was the organizing secretary for the Indian Methodist Centenary celebration and was instrumental in arranging the American tour of the Indian Methodist Centenary Choir.

Mr. Balaram studied five years in the United States. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Albion College, Albion, Mich., and the master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh, where he studied as a Crusade scholar. During his student years, while here as a delegate from the Delhi Methodist Conference to the 1952 General Conference and on other visits, Mr. Balaram has spoken extensively in Methodist churches.

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Church in India and became principal of the Puntamba High School in 1936. He became a minister in 1943 and served as pastor and district superintendent.

While in the United States this time, Mr. Balaram will speak in churches, districts and annual conferences in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and other states. He will be on the program at the Southeastern Jurisdiction Missionary Conference at Lake Junaluska, N.C., in July and will attend the annual Methodist Furloughed Missionary Conference at Greencastle, Ind., in June. He expects to leave for India in August.

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He Envisions a Better Rural Life in India

American methods of improving community life are being fitted to the needs of a district of India by Rev. P.C.B. Balaram, principal of the Rural High School of the Methodist Church, Puntamba, near Bombay.

"I am interested in a plant where I can spend summer vacations in training social workers to meet both urban and rural needs," says Mr. Balaram.

An Indian by birth, Mr. Balaram was trained as a civil engineer in Scotland, and came to America as a "Crusade Scholar" under sponsorship of American Methodists. He received his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh last August. Earlier he had received the A.B. degree from Albion College, Mich., where he was elected to membership in O.D.K. honorary fraternity.

Mr. Balaram is developing a program of extension service geared to the economic, social, and religious needs of villagers. An ordained minister, he is superintendent of Methodist work in the Puntamba district, the largest rural section in the Bombay Conference. He is principal of the only high school in that area of Methodism.

While in America, Mr. Balaram was in demand as a speaker on Mahatma Gandhi, Indian culture, and Methodism in India. After completing his two years of study, he stayed an additional three months to fill speaking engagements in the interest of the "Advance for Christ and His Church" in which all Methodism is taking part. He returned to India in November.

His thesis for his master's degree was a study of religious-group conflicts in the development of democracy in India. While at Albion he wrote on the cultural background of a Hindu marriage and India's struggle for freedom.

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Mr. Balaram is former secretary of the All-India Conference of Christians and has represented his country in religious conferences in Europe and in America. Speaking at Buck Hill Falls during a meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, he said, "Indian Christians do not want American young men to die in India fighting Communism, but to live there in a Christian way."

Mr. Balaram is married and has a son and two daughters.

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Principal Balaram

An Indian civil engineer, trained in Scotland, who has put his experience to use in India in the development of a unique agricultural and industrial high school, and has also been ordained a minister of the Methodist Church under which he works in his native land, will be the guest-speaker at

on . He is the Rev. P. C. Benjamin Balaram, principal of the Rural High School of the Methodist Church, Puntamba, near Bombay, India. He is at present a post-graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh, preparing himself further for social reconstruction and village economic betterment in rural India.

Principal Balaram was born in Hyderabad City, in the Deccan, India. His training in civil engineering was taken at the University of Edinburgh. Later he took a B. A. degree at ~~the Univ~~ Albion College, Michigan. Returning to India he entered the educational service of the Methodist Church, becoming principal of Puntamba High School in 1936. He was ordained a minister of the Methodist Church in 1943 and was named superintendent of the Puntamba District of the Bombay Annual Conference in addition to his principalship. In 1947 he was secretary of the All-India Conference of Christians which met in New Delhi, India, and he has represented his native land in religious conferences in Europe and in America.

When Principal Balaram returns to India later this year, he will take over the High School work again and endeavor to gear it even more closely to the economic, social and religious needs of Indian villages and villagers.

Will you please fill in such questions as are applicable and return to  
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Name: P. P. Ramaiah Reddy

Permanent American address:

Y. M. C. A., 12th Street, Hyderabad, India

Where born: Hyderabad - HYDERABAD, DECCAN INDIA

Parents names:

Schools - Colleges - Degrees (years)

University of Edinburgh Scotland (M.A. 1936)

Albion College, Albion Michigan - B.A. 1934

University of P. H. B. - M.A. 1935

What work (where? when?) between school and missionary service:

When appointed a missionary (or deaconess or pastor):

If ordained, when? where? by? 1943, Bombay Conference

When did you first go into mission work? where stationed?

Places of service -- types of work -- institutions -- years, etc:

Principal Rev. of High School, Puntambra, India  
(1936-47)

District Superintendent, Puntambra District, 1948-49

Secretary All India Conference of Indian Universities,  
New Delhi India, 1947

Foreign languages spoken; other talents:

Any books written? special research? please describe:

Description of your special work on field (needs of people, opportunities, numbers  
reached, plans for future, etc.) Anything else of interest to church people,  
or newspaper readers:

In the last few years, I have been  
concerned with the development  
of the church in the field, and  
also with the needs of the  
people in the field.

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9 New Executives in  
Board of Missions

The Methodist Board of Missions elected nine new staff executives at its quadrennial reorganization meeting in Chicago on Sept. 21. Heading the list was a layman, chosen as the top executive of one of the board's four divisions.

The executives will fill administrative, service and promotional positions on the staff of the board and the divisions. Other members of the executive staff were re-elected. The new executives:

H. Conwell Snoke, Philadelphia, Pa., elected general secretary of the Division of National Missions, succeeding the Rev. Dr. W. Vernon Middleton who was elected in June as bishop of the Western Pennsylvania area of the Methodist Church. Mr. Snoke formerly was treasurer of the division.

George L. Hergesheimer, Philadelphia, Pa., elected treasurer of the Division of National Missions. He formerly was associate treasurer and comptroller.

The Rev. Charles A. Nowlen, Pueblo, Colo., elected as a director of church extension in the National division, with responsibility for the Western Methodist Jurisdiction. He has been pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Pueblo.

The Rev. John Harry Graham, Atlanta, Ga., elected as a director of special fields in the National division. He has been professor of the sociology of religion at Gammon Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Dr. Ernest V. May, Pittsburgh, Pa., elected as a director of city work in the National division. He formerly was executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Pittsburgh Methodist Conference.

Leonard M. Perryman, New York City and Leonia, N. J., elected as director of

the Department of News Service in the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, effective in January on the retirement of William W. Reid who has given more than 40 years of service to Methodist missions. Until then Mr. Perryman will continue as associate director of the department.

The Rev. Dr. P. C. Benjamin Balaram, Delhi, India, elected as associate director of the Department of Field Cultivation in the Joint Section. He has been secretary for promotion and public relations of the Delhi area of the Methodist Church.

The Rev. Herbert F. Lowe, New York City and Nyack, New York, elected as associate director of the Department of Visual Education in the Joint Section. He has been assistant director.

The Rev. Theodore Runyan, New York City, elected as assistant secretary for general administration in the Division of World Missions. He is a former missionary to Malaya.

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H. Conwell Snoke -- In his new office, Mr. Snoke will direct the extensive program of the Division of National Missions in the 50 states and Puerto Rico. He will head a staff of specialists and administrators in home missions (including urban work, rural work, and work among minorities) and in church extensions. He is the first layman to hold the top executive post in the division.

Born in Philadelphia, Mr. Snoke was graduated from Frankfort High School, the University of Pennsylvania (bachelor of arts) and Temple University (bachelor of law). He was a practicing attorney when he joined the staff of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the former Methodist Episcopal Church (predecessor of the National division) in 1932. He has successively been assistant treasurer, associate treasurer and treasurer of the division.

Mr. Snoke is treasurer of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches, president of the Methodist Investment Fund, first vice-president of the Goodwill Industries of America and a member of the board of the Alaska Methodist University, Hawaii Pacific Homes and Spartanburg Junior College.

He is a member of St. James Methodist Church in Philadelphia.

George L. Hergesheimer -- As treasurer of the National division, Mr.

Hergesheimer will be the principal financial officer of a home missions and church extension budget totalling \$5,500,000 annually. The division's funds are used to support mission work in the United States and as loans and grants to new Methodist churches for building purposes and pastors' salaries.

Born in Philadelphia, Mr. Hergesheimer is a graduate of the Wharton School of Business Administration of the University of Pennsylvania. He was in turn an accountant for Price, Waterhouse and Company in Philadelphia, an accountant for the RCA Victor Company in Camden, N. J., and assistant auditor for the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society. In 1949 he joined the division staff as associate treasurer and in 1952 was named comptroller as well. He is treasurer of the Board of Education of the Philadelphia Methodist Conference, treasurer of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association and a member of the First Methodist Church of Germantown (where is on the Official Board and the Commission on Missions).

Charles A. Nowlen -- In his new work, Mr. Nowlen will cover the 12-state Western Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, dealing with local churches regarding loans and grants for building purposes. A native of Longmont, Colo., he is a graduate of the University of Denver (bachelor of arts) and the Iliff School of Theology (bachelor of divinity). He has been superintendent of the Frontier Methodist district of Wyoming and pastor of the John Collins Methodist Church in Denver, the Wheat Ridge church near Denver, and the First Methodist Churches of Casper, Cody and Sheridan. He has been a delegate to Methodist General Conferences. He is a member of the Rocky Mountain Methodist Conference.

John Harry Graham -- Mr. Graham will work in a variety of ways with annual conferences representing various minority groups in the Methodist Church and especially those in the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church. Born in Corinth, Miss., he was educated at Clark College (bachelor of arts), Gammon Theological Seminary (bachelor of divinity) and Drew University (master of arts).

He has been pastor of Methodist churches in Corinth, Holly Springs and Amory, Miss., and Macon, Ga., superintendent of the Starkville (Miss.) and Holly Springs Methodist districts, and professor of Bible and sociology at Rust College. He is a member of the Upper Mississippi Methodist Conference and has been chairman of its Commission on World Service and Finance and Board of Ministerial Training. He has been a delegate to four Methodist General Conferences.

Ernest V. May -- As one of two executives in the National division's Department of City Work, Dr. May will work in various ways to strengthen the Methodist program in the urban areas of America. He is a graduate of Waynesburg College (bachelor of arts) and Garrett Biblical Institute (bachelor of divinity) and holds the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Waynesburg College. As executive secretary of the Pittsburgh Conference Board of Missions, he led in developing a Methodist strategy for the city, including starting new churches in growing suburbs and keeping Methodist congregations in the inner city. He has also been superintendent of the Pittsburgh Methodist district and pastor of the Meyersdale, Somerset and Schenley Heights Methodist Churches in Pittsburgh and the Ellwood City Methodist Church, and a U. S. Navy chaplain in World War II. He has been a Methodist General Conference delegate and for four years was a member of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Leonard M. Perryman -- When he assumes office in January, Mr. Perryman will be in charge of gathering and disseminating news and feature material about Methodist missions in the United States and 52 countries overseas. Born in Independence, Mo., he is a graduate of Missouri Valley College (bachelor of arts). He has been director of public relations at Missouri Valley and a reporter for the Daily Democrat-News in Marshall, Mo., and The Kansas City Star. He joined the Board of Missions staff in 1954 as a news writer and became associate director of the Department of News Service in 1956. He is a member of the Methodist Press Association, the National Religious Publicity Council and the Leonia Methodist Church (and its Official Board).

P. C. Benjamin Balaram -- Dr. Balaram is the second representative of the Methodist Church overseas to be chosen to do general educational and interpretive work among American Methodists regarding the church overseas. Born in Hyderabad, he is a graduate of Albion College (bachelor of arts) and the University of Pittsburgh (master of arts), where he studied as a Methodist Crusade Scholar. He has been a teacher and principal of Methodist schools in India and a pastor and district superintendent. In 1956 he was the organizing secretary for the Indian Methodist Centenary celebration and was instrumental in arranging the American tour of the Indian Centenary Choir. In May he received the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Oklahoma City University.

Herbert F. Lowe -- In his new position, Mr. Lowe will have special responsibility for distribution, promotion and utilization of audio-visuals (films, filmstrips, records, etc.) produced by the Board of Missions. He was educated at Brooklyn College, Boston University and the Yale University Divinity School, and is currently working toward a doctor of philosophy degree at Columbia University. He has been executive secretary of the Mt. Vernon Council of Churches, supervisor of visual aids for the Methodist Publishing House in New York and president of Geneva Films, Inc., a motion picture production company. He has had considerable experience in writing scripts and producing films for various Protestant denominations. Since 1957 he has been employed in the Board's Department of Visual Education. He is a member of the New York East Methodist Conference.

Theodore Runyan -- As a general administrative officer in the Division of World Missions, Mr. Runyan will work closely with the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, general secretary. Born in Kansas, he is a graduate of Baker University (bachelor of arts), Duke University (master of arts) and Yale University (bachelor of divinity). As a missionary to Malaya, he was principal of the Anglo-Chinese Schools in Ipoh and Penang, superintendent of the Northern and Southern Methodist districts, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Churches in Ipoh and Penang, and principal of Trinity College in Singapore. He has also been a U.S. Navy chaplain. For the last two years he has worked as an administrative assistant in the World division offices.

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