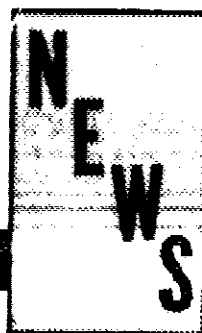


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HARRISBURG, Pa.--Bishop Newell S. Booth, 64, head of The United Methodist Church's Harrisburg Area, died here in Polyclinic hospital May 17 after a prolonged illness.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 20, at 2 p.m. in the Grace United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, with Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, head of the church's New York Area, giving the memorial address. Interment was in Belchertown, Mass., May 21.

Bishop Booth had administered the Harrisburg Area since 1964. Prior to that time, he served for 34 years in Africa, first as a missionary and since 1944 as an episcopal leader.

He went to the Belgian Congo as a missionary in 1930. The years from 1930 to 1943 found him traveling, preaching, teaching and organizing churches, schools, medical centers and other Christian institutions. In 1943-44 he was chairman of the Africa department at the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn.

In 1944, while still 40, he was elected a bishop of The Methodist Church and placed in charge of its work in Mozambique, South Africa, Angola, Southern Rhodesia and the Belgian Congo. In 12 years the church had grown so rapidly that it was necessary to divide the area and Bishop Booth's work was then centered in the Congo, with his headquarters in Elisabethville.

The bishop was well known as a preacher, lecturer and author. He wrote four books and numerous articles on Africa as well as a number of textbooks in the Bantu language. An accomplished linguist, he spoke French, Portuguese and four African languages.

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He had served during the past quadrennium as a member of the General Board of Education and the General Board of Lay Activities. He was chairman of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education and vice chairman of the Commission on Town and Country Work. He had also been a director of the Pennsylvania State Council of Churches and the Board of the United Churches of Greater Harrisburg.

As spiritual leader of the Harrisburg Area, Bishop Booth administered the work of more than 620 United Methodist churches in the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference, with a membership of more than 130,000.

He was a member of the board of trustees of Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa., Dickinson College, ^{Carlisle, Pa.} and Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C. He also served on the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches, the World Methodist Council and the International African Institute.

Ordained to the Methodist ministry in 1926, he served pastorates in the New England Southern Conference before going to Africa as a missionary. His pastorates included Bryantville, West Duxbury, New Bedford, and Freetown---all in Massachusetts.

Bishop Booth was a native of Belchertown, Mass. He received the A. B. degree from Boston University in 1924, the Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree in 1927, and the S. T. M. degree in 1930. He earned his Ph. D. from Hartford Seminary Foundation and held honorary doctorates from Boston University and Dickinson College.

He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Chi Sigma.

In 1925, the bishop married Esma Rideout, who survives him. Other survivors include a son, the Rev. Dr. Newell S. Booth, Jr., a member of the faculty at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and a daughter, Mrs. Esma-Marie Ferré of Carlisle, Pa., and five grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Alice H. Suhm, and a brother, George Booth, both of Belchertown, Mass.

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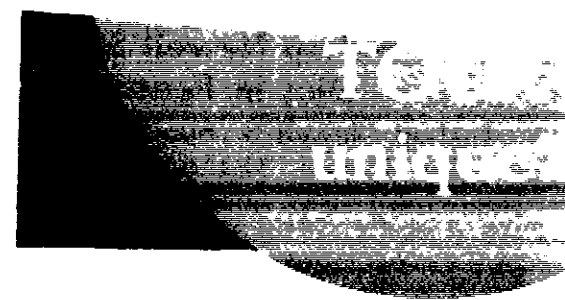
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Plan Hospital and Dispensary in Africa

Two new medical projects for Central Africa are now well under way. Bishop Newell S. Booth, of Elisabethville, Belgian Congo, reports.

One is the Bishop Lambuth Memorial Medical Center at Wembo Nyama. The plans have been completed and accepted. The Central New York Conference has subscribed \$40,000 to provide the construction equipment. Money is being received by the Board of Missions and Church Extension for the three essential first buildings.

"There are good hopes that the rest of the buildings so much needed will be added", says Bishop Booth. "It will be in time, if we keep on moving, to save the life of a tribe. The tribe is actually being reduced by disease now. But the tide shall be turned."

The other project for which funds are being raised is the proposed Dell Edwin Booth Memorial Medical Center at Kanene, Belgian Congo. At present, dispensary activities at Kanene are carried on by the African trained assistant, Jasow Sandwe, in a dilapidated old residence and a score of grass huts for "wards" and "rooms". The new building will give him more sanitary and comfortable quarters for patients and service.

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Bishop Booth Sees Growth in Africa

"The next few years may well determine the impact that Africa will have on the rest of the world," writes Bishop Newell S. Booth from Elizabethville, Belgian Congo, Africa. "I am convinced that we still have a chance to make that influence Christian. But time is running out, and running fast.

"There are also rapid movements toward our goals. Some of the governments have new conceptions of their responsibilities and the means needed to realize them. The Congo government is opening wide new channels of cooperation with Protestant missions in educational and medical work. Industrial changes are bringing new problems and larger opportunities. The African people are moving forward to accept and sometimes to demand new responsibilities. There is a great call for advanced training. The influence of the commissions of the United Nations is going to be felt more and more. The church is becoming established here.

"The African peoples are brothers in Christ. They need our assistance very much. There is a growing opportunity for cooperative work with other denominations. Some time ago we put down the absolute essentials as to staff. The list called for 271 missionaries to meet the needs and care for furloughs. Conditions since then in three fields have changed so that we ought to make it 300 now. We have 105 on the field, 44 on furlough, 19 local people helping temporarily and 18 of you under appointment. That leaves 85 of the 271 still to be appointed!"

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Bishop, Secretaries Back From Africa

Bishop Newell S. Booth, of Elizabethville, Belgian Congo, Africa, and Secretaries Sallie Lou MacKinnon and Raymond L. Archer, of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, have returned from a series of annual conferences and visitations in Central Africa during recent months. The Secretaries were also in Liberia and North Africa. They report a wide open door for the Christian gospel, for schools and for medical care among the people of Africa. Following the annual meeting of the Board of Missions in December, all three plan considerable speaking engagements in this "Africa year" in mission study groups and institutes.

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Bishop Mondol Coming to U. S. A.

The College of Bishops of Southeastern Asia have designated Bishop Shot K. Mondol, of Hyderabad, India, to represent them at the meeting of the Council of Bishops in Atlantic City, N.J., in February. Following the meeting, Bishop Mondol will be ready for speaking engagements during a period of several months. Pastors wishing to book him for public addresses should send their requests to the Rev. Jay S. Stowell, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y.

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Rome Methodist Churches Intact

Through chaplains and other Methodists in the military service, the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church has learned that the Methodist Headquarters Building at 38 Via Firenze, Rome, Italy, has not been damaged by the events of the war. This has long been the center of American Methodist activity in Italy, and little has been heard concerning it in recent years. It is reported that the beautiful church in the edifice is now occupied to capacity with American soldiers and civilians each Sunday morning, while the smaller chapel is used for services by British Methodists.

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Africans Congratulate Bishop Booth

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A group of former students of Bishop Maxwell S. Booth, of Elizabethville, Belgian Congo -- graduates of the Central Training School (now Springer Institute) -- attending a recent session of the annual conference in Sandoa, sent the following radiogram to the Bishop in New York: "Your former students, gathered at annual conference in Sandoa, send hearty felicitations upon your election as bishop among the African people, especially in the Belgian Congo, your former residence. We wish you a good voyage very soon." The message was sent by Moise Kapenda, lay leader of the Southern Congo Conference. He and his father conduct one of the most successful businesses conducted anywhere in Africa by a native.

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

May 20, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Mrs. Porter Brown

It is with the deepest regret we share with you the information that Bishop Newell S. Booth of the Harrisburg area died at Polyclinic Hospital on Friday, May 17th. For many years Bishop Booth was a bishop in Africa and as such was closely identified with the Board of Missions.

The funeral service will be held at two o'clock today at Grace Methodist Church in Harrisburg.

Messages may be sent to Mrs. Booth at: 2837 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17110.

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Says White Man Is On Trial

"Japan's surrender does not bring peace, it merely shifts the struggle to an ideological basis," says the Rev. D. Pearce Hayes, Methodist missionary in Futsing, Fukien Province, China. "From now on for the next five years the white man is on trial. Will he put into practice his Atlantic Charter? If he does and brotherhood reigns, we shall have peace; if he restores imperialism, economic as well as territorial, there can be no peace. Some one has said, 'Our greatest postwar problem is the billion men in Asia watching the white man.'"

Bishop Booth Holds First Conference

The Rev. Julius J. Davis, Methodist missionary in Tunda, Belgian Congo, reports from the recent session of the Central Congo Conference held in Linga: "This was Bishop Booth's first conference, and while he looks young and is young, the Conference was conducted with so much dignity that one could not tell but that it might have been his tenth or more. He brought most impressive messages each day and in language that could easily be translated to the African mind. One of our nationals, who has been in school in Madagascar, was his official interpreter, and he did it well." Bishop Booth is fluent in French and in the native language of Southern Congo, but had to be translated for the language used in Central Congo.

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Belgian Ambassador Fetes Bishop Booth

Count Robert van der Stratzen-Ponthoz, Belgian Ambassador to Washington, recently gave a luncheon at the Belgian Embassy for a party of ten with Bishop Hewell S. Booth, of the Methodist Church, as the guest of honor. On the previous day the Foreign Missions Conference of North America gave a luncheon for Bishop Booth at the Metropolitan Club, Washington, D.C., with the Belgian Ambassador, members of the U.S. Department of State, and representatives of the French, Portuguese and Union of South Africa governments, a number of senators, and Army and Navy chaplain executives as guests. Bishop Booth, elected Methodist bishop of central Africa a few weeks ago, will leave shortly for his new duties. He will have supervision of Methodist missions in Portuguese East Africa, Portuguese West Africa, the Belgian Congo, the Rhodesias, and the Union of South Africa.

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and he has written a number of textbooks in the Bantu languages. His latest book is "This is Africa South of the Sahara." His wife, Esma Ridout Booth, is well-known as a writer of books and stories on Africa for children and youth, published by the Friendship Press of the National Council of Churches, by David McKay Co., Inc., and others.

One of Bishop Booth's major contributions to the advance of Christianity in the Congo -- both since and before his election to the episcopacy -- has been the training of young laymen for church and community service among their own people. While the number of seminary-trained Methodist pastors is growing rapidly, their numbers do not begin to meet the needs of tribes and villages for pastoral services. So, while principal of Springer Institute (a training school), and now as bishop, Dr. Booth has led in the training of able young laymen as pastor-teacher-agriculturists -- each to serve out in the villages where they live; and in the training of their wives for practical community service. Much of the rapid growth of Methodism in the Congo has grown out of this system of work. The Church and its work there doubled in the 12 years following 1944.

Bishop Booth is a native of Belchertown, Mass. He was educated at Boston University College of Liberal Arts and its School of Theology (A.B., S.T.B., S.T.M., I.D.) and Hartford Seminary Foundation (Ph.D.).

"The responsibilities that must be carried in the next decades by the people in Africa are tremendous," commented Bishop Booth. "The African people must be trained for those responsibilities. If it is truly to become an education for responsibility, it must be an education centered in the Christian ideal of service. There must be, along with the formation of skills and the acquiring of necessary knowledge, development in character and the willingness to accept responsibility for making the life of others more abundant. So there is a very large place that must be filled by schools of the Christian church -- at every level. The number of educators who are available in our own Methodist program in the various countries of Africa where we are at work is very much below the number actually needed to carry on the program which is already under way. We must bring up the personnel for these schools to a proper level and then look forward to a real increase, particularly in the higher levels of educational work."

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(release prepared in March, 1964)

We gather to remember Newell Snow Booth. He was born in the year 1903, June 14th, in Belchertown, Massachusetts, a descendant of John Alden. He joined the New England Southern Conference in 1928 and was commissioned as a missionary in 1930. He was elected to the Episcopacy in 1944. He was assigned the work in Africa south of the Sahara. After twenty years of service he returned to the United States and was assigned to the Harrisburg Area. He died May 17, 1968.

This linking of dates and places may be one way to write biography. In its skeleton form it is quite correct. However, like coded messages sent over a solitary wire, so much has been left unsaid and unanswered.

Sometime ago I stumbled upon a paper over the bishop's hand entitled, "Our Twenty Five Years in Africa." Its opening phrase was so indicative of the man—direct, simple, clear. "Twenty five years ago we landed at Lobito on the west coast of Africa. In toward the interior we wound on the recently-opened rail track. We travelled on the first railroad passenger car to go all the way from the coast of Angola to the Congo border and even then we had to stop and spend the weekend half way."

His first sermon in the Congo was titled, "On the Newness of Life." He had seen the clean grass emerge from the arid, scorched soil after the fires had swept the plains. This well-understood observation provided an immediate framework for communication with his hearers. This characteristic was to be a definitive mark of his preaching over the years.

Shortly thereafter he was to attend his first Annual Conference. He was somewhat delayed in arrival. The combination of an old Model T Ford, 108 bridges—some far less than dependable—the 278 miles from Kanene to Kapanga—made the journey a memorable one. As the other delegates were waiting for the new missionaries, one of the Scandinavians who had difficulty with the "th" sound remarked to a friend, "I wonder whether the Boots will fit!" Time was to provide an affirmative answer—affirmative with an exclamation. They *did* fit!

Thirty and four years later Bishop Booth met me at the Elisabethville airport to travel together to the seat of the Central Conference. Driving toward Jadotville we were met by a military convoy and promptly halted. The bishop was wrestled into a ditch, a carbine at his throat, held there by an overly-energetic and not-reassuring young soldier. A lieutenant tumbled from a jeep, examined the young man's prize and ordered, "Give him his leave; he is a good man—a teacher—a man of God." Their paths had crossed somewhere. I never knew where.

We continued the journey. The narrow escape was never referred to again, as though he had been living with crises. He took it in stride—all as a part of the long day's work. His courage—probably not instinctive—was sure in his task and mission. He had been called by a Master. He was serving Him the years of his life.

That Conference met and became memorable. It elected four bishops to serve a territory which Bishop Booth and his lady had once served alone. Among those elected were two nationals—Bishop Escrivao A. Zunguze and Bishop John Wesley Shungu. During the flight home, reflecting on what had happened, Bishop Shungu's election in particular, Newell whimsically remarked, "John Wesley Shungu, how could he miss with a name like that!"

Between these termini he had been a school principal, served the church at Elisabethville, and the District (larger by far than most of our Areas), became

an accomplished linguist, an author on education, an administrator of skill, but primarily an ambassador of the Good News that "newness of life" lies in Christian commitment.

In 1944 at the tender age of 40 he was elected a bishop of The Methodist Church to preside over and administer all Methodist work in southern Africa. Conducting his first Conference someone wrote, "He is young, but the Conference was conducted with so much dignity that one could not tell but that it might have been his tenth or more." The observer added, "He brought an impressive message that could easily be understood by all." There it was again—that sensitive, quiet, but brilliant ability to speak the truth with depth and with understandable simplicity.

As it had been in that first sermon "On the Newness of Life," so it continued. Those of you who shared his Conference sermon last year at Williamsport will remember that continuing vitality—the manner in which he instructed us about the nature of faith. He was an educator and preacher of great ability who seldom shot a bouquet of forensic fireworks into the sky but who never assayed the high art of preaching apart from speaking the Good News in understandable and simple form. In this dimension he was not only an accomplished scholar but an artist.

With his wide skills, his remarkable tenacity and fidelity, I can never remember his rationalizing failure, or seeking some wilderness scapegoat to accept the verdict of failure for him. There was a rough sense of both honesty and justice in the man and most of all in judging his own profession and duty.

Along in 1954, as if to celebrate his tenth anniversary as a bishop, he wrote a revealing paper titled, "The Parable of the Rut." The paper began in the usual simple forthright manner, "I was stuck in the sand. And it was my fault. Of course, there was plenty of excuse for me" then a description of the sea of sand, the nature of the ruts, the items of thought that had occupied him. Then finally, a new paragraph with the opening words, "It was my fault!" There followed a penetrating analysis of the work of the Church in Africa. The rut had been a parable, about that work in those days. It was simple, clear, concise. When taken together with his first Episcopal Address to the Central Conference of 1948, we are in possession of a classic statement on the mission of the Church in Africa.

He concluded, "We may slip into ruts sometimes but we must get back up again. There may be dragging sometimes, even banging the running gear—but I think we are getting through. God give us power enough to maintain the momentum!"

He gave a lifetime, together with his partner, to keep that momentum alive. The ingredient of optimism together with a sense of the newness of life in Christ provided the continuing formulae for victory.

He once wrote a paper titled, "Africa is the continent of light." He then detailed the dimensions of that light—sun, scientific research, political concern, social interest, business expectation. THE LIGHT OF CHRIST. In my time none brought more light to the continent than did Newell and Esma Booth!

Today we are gathered as friends—in part as comrades and surrogates for that army in a distant land who wish they could share this time with you—Esma, Newell, Jr., and Marie. We share the time and express that simple word of gratitude for the light you have brought to so many—light indescribable, light that assures life.

Upon this Area, the mind, the fidelity, the courage, the shepherding qualities of Bishop Booth—all were spent in abundance. They were freely given and hopefully invested. To have shared his life was a rare privilege.

Sometime ago I chanced upon a short biography of Charles Lawton. During his middle and late teens he waited table in a small hotel owned by his family. The Lord and Lady of the Manor, the Sitwells, frequented the place. One day the Lady stopped Charles in his duties and said, "You are no waiter." Hesitating to allow his confusion to subside she added, "You're an actor!" From this initial conversation followed others. They finally persuaded young Lawton to go up to London to study. His fidelity to his chosen task and the price he paid in raw discipline are now familiar to most of us.

The biographer then added, "The Sitwells implanted an insatiable hunger for excellence." This is what Newell and Esma Booth have been doing all their lives. They have provided this hunger for excellence—the excellence of the better way to which St. Paul gave classic utterance.

I can imagine with that Scandinavian we could visualize the Lord standing on the heavenly ramparts at that first Conference and musing, "I wonder if the Boots will fit!" In our view there could be only one answer. Excellently!

Lloyd C. Wicke

There are many reasons why those of us who had the privilege of knowing and working with Bishop Newell Snow Booth in the Congo will always remember him.

Bishop Booth took literally Jesus' words to his disciples, "The greatest among you must be your servant (Matthew 23:11)." Many of those who on occasion travelled or camped with him recall the delight that he took in preparing meals for the group and how he always insisted on taking his turn at dishwashing. This same attitude of humility carried over into all of his relationships with people.

He loved Christ and his church and he gave himself unreservedly in their service. It was not unusual for Bishop Booth to drive 300 miles or more non-stop over rutted dirt roads arriving at his destination just in time for a scheduled meeting. And oftentimes long after midnight he would still be dealing with the problems at hand with incisive insight. With calm courage, he travelled over his entire area and gave confident and inspiring leadership during some of the most trying days through which the newly born Republic of the Congo was passing.

He always held up a clear and challenging program before the church; he knew where he wanted to go and he knew how to get there. Nevertheless, he had that rare gift of making program secondary; people were his first priority.

He loved people and he had confidence in them. And people responded positively to this confidence; certainly one of the main reasons why able Congolese were in top positions of leadership in the Methodist Church many years before they were in the government.

He was our bishop, but above all he was our father and our brother. His example will ever inspire and challenge his sons, daughters, and brothers and sisters in the Gospel. And his influence will live on in them.

Joe Davis

What I say here in tribute to Bishop Newell Snow Booth will largely echo what has been said so well in so many different ways by both pastors and laymen. Throughout this past year we never ceased to marvel at his untiring efforts to continue to respond to almost every invitation for his services. Like his Master, what he had he would give, and all he was he would give. He was ready to spend and to be spent. His spirit was like a river born in the mountain, but flowing toward the plains, drawing from a thousand sources of the rains and snows of God, but pouring these out in fertility and power through all the wide valley through which it flowed.

Too many human personalities give us the impression of something fenced in and guarded. They are cautious lest they go too far, do too much, commit themselves to a loyalty too unreservedly. This was not the case with our good Bishop. Let this be said, however, we were not merely impressed with the number of contacts he had with local churches and Conference groups. We were equally impressed by the insights he shared and the understanding he had of our problems and their solutions. He helped us so many times in making the right decisions and determining wise procedures. Never in the history of our Conference were we given so much personal attention from an episcopal leader.

We who worked with him on the Cabinet were especially privileged to know him and to appreciate him. In his presence we were free to exercise frank and honest expression of opinion. He always respected our right to voice our judgment. When his illness became increasingly disabling and it became necessary for him to absent himself from our Cabinet meetings we felt a very great loss. We missed his warm friendliness and his kindly and cheerful greeting, his wit and frequent pleasantry.

Through his many contacts with local churches and Conference groups Bishop Booth came to know the pastors in a personal way. Almost without exception the mention of a pastor's name brought immediate recognition.

This Conference will never be able to adequately voice its deep feeling of gratitude for having had this man as an episcopal leader. Coming to us out of a rich and varied background of missionary service he greatly enriched our fellowship and enlarged our vision. All that has been written and spoken by ministers and laymen of our Conference by way of appropriate tribute to this man of God has been simply to say: Dear Bishop Booth we miss you. We loved you. We have said "Good-bye" now in the name of Jesus Christ. Someday we hope to have you greet us with, "Hello, Good Friends"

Earl N. Rowe

Parish Abroad Minister

THE consecration of Rev. Newell S. Booth as parish abroad representative for the New Bedford District is the interesting feature of the program of the ministers' meeting of that district announced for Monday of this week at First Methodist Episcopal Church, Taunton. Mr. Booth, who is a member of the New England Southern Conference, with Mrs. Booth and their son, Newell, Jr., will soon sail for Belgium, where they expect to remain for three months, completing their preparation for missionary work in the Katanga District of the Belgian



SOON TO LEAVE FOR AFRICA
REV. AND MRS. NEWELL S. BOOTH AND SON,
NEWELL, JR.

Congo. Mr. and Mrs. Booth have just finished a course of study at the Kennedy School of Missions. Mr. Booth had previously served in the pastorate at Wesley Church, New Bedford, and at Bryantville and West Duxbury, in the New England Southern Conference. He is a graduate of the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Theology of Boston University. Mrs. Booth also is a graduate of the College of Liberal Arts.

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... and a man, despite protests and pleas that he be permitted to call United States officials, Dennett was finally allowed to return to his hotel, but without his passport. He has now, the dispatch states, made formal protest to the State Department of the United States and to the American ambassador in Rome, and is expending every possible effort to recover his passport.

Note Well

EARLY in November, 1929, at a meeting of the Cooperating Staff of the World Service Commission it was decided to send out a definite call for advance during 1930 based on a financial goal of \$9,160,000. At the fall meetings of the bishops and the boards of Foreign and Home Missions, very earnest attention was given to the present World Service situation and the implications of the serious deficit of 1929. As a result of their deliberations, each of these three boards passed a resolution calling for a challenge to the church of ten million dollars, the minimum annual contribution indicated by the General Conference, and arranging for the creation of an "Advisory Committee" to be composed of three representatives of each of the foregoing organizations and of the World Service Commission. In addition, three editors of church papers were included in the personnel of this committee.

Early in January this Advisory Committee held its first meeting with the Executive Committee of the World Service Commission in Pittsburgh, recorded its approval of the actions of the boards, and studied the implications of these proposals for a message to the church and methods of enlistment. A small ad interim committee was then appointed to represent the Advisory Committee between sessions. A statement to the church from this subcommittee appears on page 197 of this issue of the HERALD, to which we direct the careful attention of our readers.

Newell Snow Booth

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BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

May 20, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Mrs. Porter Brown

It is with the deepest regret we share with you the information that Bishop Newell S. Booth of the Harrisburg area died at Polyclinic Hospital on Friday, May 17th. For many years Bishop Booth was a bishop in Africa and as such was closely identified with the Board of Missions.

The funeral service will be held at two o'clock today at Grace Methodist Church in Harrisburg.

Messages may be sent to Mrs. Booth at: 2837 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17110.

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W. W. Reid
Board of Missions and Church Extension
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150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

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Bishop Booth Knows Africa

Bishop Newell Know Booth, Ph.D., newly-elected Episcopal head of the Elizabethville (Belgian Congo) area of the Methodist Church, has been in missionary service in Africa since 1930. He is well acquainted with the African peoples and the problems of the continent through experience, study and travel through the southern and central colonies. His area will include the Belgian Congo, Southern Rhodesia, the Transvaal, Portuguese East Africa (Mozambique), and Portuguese West Africa (Angola).

During his first years of ministry in the Congo, Bishop Booth was stationed at Kanene, as principal of the Central Training School where the Methodist Church has been training all its young native men for the ministry, for teaching, and for nurse service in the Congo. Each of these men, selected from the lower schools conducted by the Church out in the villages and among the tribes, is trained as an evangelist, as a teacher, given experience in the administration of first-aid and simple remedies to the sick, and also trained in methods of improved agriculture. When they leave the training school they are assigned to villages where they become demonstrators of these skills and crafts to their fellow-countrymen. In addition to supervising this work, Bishop Booth travelled out to the villages where "Kanene boys" are serving and counseled in their work.

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Mrs. Bertha E. native of Bangor, Maine, was a high school teacher in Rhode Island before her marriage. She is a graduate of Boston University, and has an L. A. degree from Hartford Seminary. She has successfully written many children's stories, with an African background appearing in church school publications, and many articles in the fields of religious and general education.

Bishop and Mrs. Booth have two children: Rowell C., Jr., born in Boston; and Esma Marie, born in the Congo.

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Africa Needs Teachers,
Says Bishop Booth

"In Africa as a whole there is a continuing emergency", says Bishop Nowell S. Booth, of Elizabethville, Belgian Congo, Africa. "Our agencies of mercy, such as the Red Cross, always leap to attention and service in an emergency such as flood, an earthquake, or an epidemic. But emergency is no less impelling because it is continuous. Great sections of the population have had enough to eat. There is no need for the importation of food. The country can raise enough. But Africa needs teachers -- teachers of agriculture and dietetics. Practically all of the people in great areas of Africa are infected with malaria. In many places 80% of the population have hookworm. How many millions of lepers there may be on the continent we are just beginning to surmise. Present staffs of doctors, nurses, teachers of hygiene are all too small to meet this continuing emergency. But spiritual destruction brings much greater suffering than either this constant catastrophe of malnutrition or the continuing emergency of sickness. Although we of the western world have released forces of spiritual destruction upon these people, there is full ground for hope that the healing of Africa may be found. It is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Africa needs preachers and teachers of that Gospel."

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA
For the Recording Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions
150 Fifth Ave., New York

Name Newell Snow Booth

Address B.P. 522, Elisabethville, Congo Belge.

1. Work (since 1934):

Place	Kind of Work	Date
Kanene Ka LE XX	Educational	1934-35
Farlow	Administrative	1935-36
Kanene	Educational and general	1936-37
Elisabethville	General Missionary work, Mission Treasurer Legal Representative.	1937-38

2. Children (names only)

Newell Snow Jr.
Esia-Marie-Ndoin

3. Nearest relatives and friends to be notified in any emergencies.

Name (relation)	Address
Mrs. Elizabeth Booth (mother)	Walker Street, Belmont, Mass.

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4. Further information as requested:

Received Ph.D. in education from Hartford Seminary Foundation in 1935 with thesis: "Educating a Racial Community."
Am Sunday School Secretary for the Cong., representative at the World's Sunday School Association in Oslo in 1935 and have been asked to speak at Durban in 1940.

Book, Serving God in the Sunday School was published by the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge in 1937. The Christian Literature Society has asked for rights to publish it.

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W. W. Reid
Board of Missions and Church Extension
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150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dr. and Mrs. Newell S. Booth, Methodist missionaries
in Elisabethville, Belgian Congo, arrived in New York City on
July 22 for a year's furlough. They were accompanied by their
children, Newell, Jr. and Esma-Marie. Dr. Booth will spend
much of his year speaking in the New England states. They may
be addressed at 29 South Street, Bayham, Mass.

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Address B.P. 522, Elisabethville, Congo Belge.

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Newell Snow Jr.
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Name (relation)	Address
Mrs. Carrie B. Rideout (mother)	29 South St. Raynham Center Mass.

4. Further information as requested:

Received M.A. in pre-school education from Hartford Sem. in 1936.

Many children's stories have been published in the S.S. papers of our own and other denominations and also in general educational journals.

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W. W. Reid
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Mrs. Elizabeth Booth, long time member of the Methodist Church of Belchertown, Mass., passed away on March 18, just three days before her 70th birthday. Mrs. Booth is the mother of Dr. Newell S. Booth, missionary in the Belgian Congo, now home on furlough. She also leaves a daughter, Mrs. Harold Suhm and two sons, Harold and George, all of Belchertown.

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Bishop Booth Sees Church
Expansion in Congo

The Methodist Church planned more wisely than it knew when through the Board of Missions in 1956 it chose the Belgian Congo as a "Land of Decision."

That is the opinion of a man in probably the best position to evaluate Methodist work in the Congo, Bishop Newell S. Booth of Elisabethville. He has episcopal supervision of the two Methodist conferences in the Congo, the Central Congo Conference and the Southern Congo Conference.

"Decisions have been made in the last four years in the political, social and economic realms which have changed the whole pattern of life in the Congo," Bishop Booth said. "The church has been right in the center of these changes and has been able to move and progress because of the increased financial and personnel resources made available through the 'Lands of Decision' emphasis."

The Belgian Congo was chosen along with Bolivia, Sarawak (Borneo) and Korea in 1956 as "Lands of Decision" and have received special evangelistic emphasis and additional funds and missionary personnel.

Bishop Booth, a native of Massachusetts, arrived in the United States in December to attend the General Conference in Denver this spring and the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference in Washington this summer. He is a member of the College of Bishops of the Northeastern Jurisdiction. He will return to the Congo in June.

Tangible results of the "Lands of Decision" emphasis in the Congo have been many, Bishop Booth said, but among the most striking are the establishment of Methodist work in two new urban areas, Kolwezi and Kindu, and the rapid growth of the Church in the rural area around Icmela.

In the fast-growing city of Kolwezi, four congregations have been organized in four years and in Kindu three have been organized, Bishop Booth said. In both places, churches have been built, school buildings erected and social centers provided. In Kolwezi on Universal Bible Sunday in December, almost 3,000 persons speaking 20 languages gathered in a mass outdoor rally and worship service, he said.

In the Iodja-Lomela region, an almost continuous revival has been in progress since 1956, Bishop Booth said. The half-dozen rural congregations serving the Lomela area four years ago have been multiplied to 26, missionary residences have been built where none existed, and programs of Christian education have been initiated.

The latest reports from that area tell of a large extension of the revival movement both geographically and numerically," Bishop Booth said. "In one area on the edge of the Lodja district, 2,500 persons attended a recent camp meeting. Through their 30 pastors and through lay leaders, these people asked for the establishment of a new missionary residence among them."

Though much has been accomplished in the last four years, the Congo is a "land of continuing decision," Bishop Booth emphasized. As independence approaches with its tremendous challenges to the African leadership of the church, he said, African Methodists continue to request American missionary personnel, especially for training leaders in education, health and the ministry. Additional funds will be needed, too, for buildings, scholarships and other purposes.

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Methodists Train 45
For Africa Mission

Forty-five young men and women, selected for three years of service each in Africa under sponsorship of the Methodist Church, will begin a six-week training and orientation period at Hartford, Conn., on June 30.

The group, made up of twenty men and twenty-five women, each under thirty years of age, includes teachers, technicians, ministers and religious educators, agricultural workers, builders, recreational leaders, nurses, social workers, and musicians. They will sail in the late summer for assignments in Algeria, Tunisia, Liberia, Southern Rhodesia, and the Belgian Congo.

Deans of the school will be the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackburn, missionaries of the Methodist Church in Angola, Africa. Mrs. Eunice Dodge, former missionary in Africa, will be hostess. Spiritual resources leaders will be Dr. Edward Blair, from Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., Dr. Lowell Hazzard, Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Md., and Dr. Paul Johnson, Boston University School of Theology.

"Christian Thought" will be discussed by Ernest Lefever, teacher and Ph.D. candidate at Yale University; and the Rev. George Werner, anthropologist from Australia who holds a pastorate at Grand Gorge, N.Y.

Area study groups will be led by Dr. Emory Ross, executive secretary for Africa, National Council of Churches of Christ; Mrs. Newell S. Booth, wife of Bishop Booth of Africa; Miss Margaret Briggs, a former field worker for the Department of Missionary Personnel; Dr. Eva Weddigen of the Associated Missions Medical Office; Dr. Ralph Dodge and Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, secretaries for Methodist

work in Africa; and the following missionaries: Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Culver, Africa; and Miss Ruth Lawrence and Miss Gwen Narbeth, North Africa.

Leaders in special services will include Dr. Eugene Smith, executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions, Dr. Glora Wysner of the International Missionary Council, and Dr. Robert Parsons, of the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford.

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Wanted: Youth For African Service

WANTED: Five healthy 4-Fs. Must be single. Prefer ordained ministers not members of the reserve. Must be cleared by draft boards. Must qualify for "Fellowship of Christian Service" in Africa. Knowledge of French helpful.

Such men are needed to fill the "A-3" quota of fifty young men and women who will go to Africa in September for three years of Christian service under sponsorship of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church.

Five women are also needed to complete the quota. There is a demand for teachers of French and for elementary and secondary school teachers.

A special call comes for religious educators, nurses, agricultural workers, technicians, workers with youth, builders, and those qualified to direct music, manual arts, commercial operations, children's work, sports and recreation. They will serve in Algeria, Tunisia, Liberia, Southern Rhodesia, and the Belgian Congo.

The young men and women will take an intensified language and orientation course at Hartford, Conn., from June 30 to August 15. Emphasis will be on religious development, language study, area orientation, and methods of work abroad.

The faculty will include Dr. Edward Blair and Dr. Glenn Olds, from Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.; Dr. Lowell Hazzard, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington; Dr. Emory Ross, secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference, New York City; Ernest LeFever, teacher and Ph.D. candidate at Yale; Dr. Eugene Smith, executive secretary of the Methodist Board's Division of Foreign Missions; Dr. Paul Johnson, Boston University School of Theology; Mrs. Newell Booth, wife of Bishop Booth of Africa; Miss Sallie Lou Mackinnon and Dr. Ralph Dodge, secretaries of Methodist work in Africa.

Salary on the field will be on the regular missionary basis, which for single persons in Africa is approximately \$1,200 per year. Travel expenses to and from the field will be paid, and there is provision for housing, medical care, and sharing in the Board's pension plan.

Applicants must be between 21 and 28 years of age, graduates of accredited colleges, active members of the church, and unmarried. Those interested should write immediately to Miss K.J. Bieri or Dr. M. O. Williams, Jr., Department of Missionary Personnel, Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y.

BISHOP BOOTH - 2

He had served during the past quadrennium as a member of the General Board of Education and the General Board of Lay Activities. He was chairman of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education and vice chairman of the Commission on Town and Country Work. He had also been a director of the Pennsylvania State Council of Churches and the Board of the United Churches of Greater Harrisburg.

As spiritual leader of the Harrisburg Area, Bishop Booth administered the work of more than 620 United Methodist churches in the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference, with a membership of more than 130,000.

He was a member of the board of trustees of Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa., Dickinson College, ^{Carlisle, Pa.} and Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C. He also served on the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches, the World Methodist Council and the International African Institute.

Ordained to the Methodist ministry in 1926, he served pastorates in the New England Southern Conference before going to Africa as a missionary. His pastorates included Bryantville, West Duxbury, New Bedford, and Freetown---all in Massachusetts.

Bishop Booth was a native of Belchertown, Mass. He received the A. B. degree from Boston University in 1924, the Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree in 1927, and the S. T. M. degree in 1930. He earned his Ph. D. from Hartford Seminary Foundation and held honorary doctorates from Boston University and Dickinson College.

He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Chi Sigma.

In 1925, the bishop married Esma Rideout, who survives him. Other survivors include a son, the Rev. Dr. Newell S. Booth, Jr., a member of the faculty at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and a daughter, Mrs. Esma-Marie Ferré of Carlisle, Pa., and five grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Alice H. Suhm, and a brother, George Booth, both of Belchertown, Mass.

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"Safari" Interprets Missions to Whole Church

Seeking a new approach in its annual "school of missions," particularly to interpret missions in terms of human personality, members of the Methodist Church in Chester, Virginia, recently conducted a very successful World Vision Safari. The program, initiated and directed by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Elmore Brown, emphasized four mission interests: Africa, India, the American Indians, and migrant workers.

Mrs. Esma Rideout Booth, writer of missionary study materials and stories, and wife of Bishop Newell S. Booth of the Elisabethville Area, South Africa, was the main speaker and chief resource person for the program. In addition to her schedule at the Chester church, Mrs. Booth addressed audiences in nearby Petersburg, and Colonial Heights, Va. Also heard as a speaker was the Rev. James Smith, Jr., missionary secretary of the Petersburg District, and pastor of the home church of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Higgs, Jr., missionaries now serving in Old Umtali under Bishop Booth. Funds for "Missions Specials" which are assigned to the work of the Higgs' in Africa, were oversubscribed at the World Fellowship Dinner which concluded the four-day Safari.

In the presentation of the project, which opened on a Sunday, with daily afternoon and evening sessions through Wednesday, there was a wide use of audio-visual resources, pictures, charts, maps, and literature. New subscriptions were taken for the World Outlook, and a consignment of Bishop Holt's new book, "Methodists of the World" was completely sold out. Of great interest was an exhibition of various articles from many foreign lands where missionary work is being con-

ducted, all loaned by members of the parish.

All sessions of the program were open to the general public, and visitors from other denominations throughout the community attended. At one session six missionaries from both the Presbyterian and Methodist boards were present, including Miss Joyce E. Brown, older daughter of the church's pastor, who since has sailed for missionary work in Havana, Cuba. Officials are enthusiastic over the outcome of this project, and it is expected that there will follow a completely renewed interest in the missionary enterprise throughout the parish as a result of the Safari.

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Angola Conference Meets

Under the presidency of Bishop Newell S. Booth, and with the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Smith, executive secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, the second session of the Angola Annual Conference (being also the 43rd session of the Methodist Mission in Angola), met in Mucondo, area of Nambuanguongo, June 28-July 3. For the first time in the history of Methodism in Africa, an annual conference was entertained by an African pastor and his congregation.

The pastor-host was the Rev. Guilherme P. Ingles, son of one of the pioneer African pastors of Methodism. Mrs. Ingles, a graduate of the Quessua Girls' School, is in the Luanda Hospital because of a severe illness. Therefore, the missionary entertainment was in charge of Snra. D. Eugenia da Silva Coimbra, wife of a neighboring pastor.

Mucondo is a comparatively new congregation, the Rev. Mr. Ingles having served the church since its organization in 1943. Geographically, Mucondo is the center of the Dembos District, 200 miles north of Luanda, the capital.

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5 Builders Wanted in Africa

The Methodist Church, about to launch on a program of building schools, churches, hospitals and residences in Africa, is seeking five construction engineers and builders to supervise and plan the new projects. Service will be in the Belgian Congo, Angola, Southern Rhodesia, and Mozambique, and three-year contracts will be given.

Men experienced in the building field are needed, between 25 and 40 years of age, members of some evangelical church, and ready to enter the work with the purpose of doing a Christian service for future generations. Remuneration for men and families will be on the usual missionary basis and include travel to Africa and back, housing, etc. It is hoped that some of the men will desire to make this a lifetime service after the three-year contract period.

Bishop Newell S. Booth, of Elizabethville, Belgian Congo, described the job in this way:

"You will need to supervise the construction of building and concrete masonry with of course a good deal of woodwork in the roofs and fittings. The situation is quite primitive insofar as workers and materials are concerned. Our missionaries have needed to train their workers as they went along, so now there is a fairly good group of workers at the various stations, but they need further training and others need to be trained. So part of your work will be to help train carpenters and masons. Masonry should include brick and concrete. Carpentry should include furniture making as well as the more general types of woodwork for a building.

"We have to prepare our own building materials. The lumber is in trees in the forest and the bricks are still clay in the ground. So your work will include the supervision of sawyers in cutting the trees and making the lumber."

If you are interested in one of these jobs, or know anyone who is, write to Dr. H. O. Williams, Jr., Board of Missions, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y.

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