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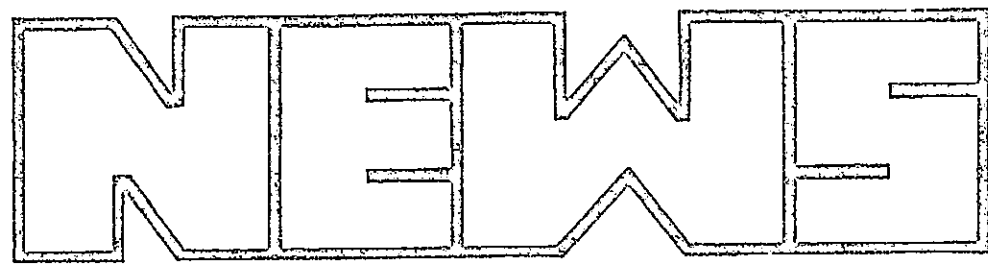
FROM: TRACEY K. JONES, JR.

We are sorry to inform you of the death of Bishop Arthur J. Moore on Sunday, June 20, 1974, in Atlanta, Georgia. Bishop Moore was the father of Mr. Arthur J. Moore, Jr., editor of New World Outlook.

The funeral service will be conducted on Wednesday, July 3 at the Glenn Memorial Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Cards and messages of condolence may be sent to: Mr. W. W. Moore, 1391 North Decatur Road, Atlanta, Ga. 30306.

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NEW YORK (UMC)---Retired United Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore, 85, of

Atlanta, Ga., a famed evangelical leader and former president of both the Council of Bishops and Board of Missions, died June 30 in Atlanta. He had been in failing health several months.

Funeral services were scheduled at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church in Atlanta.

Bishop Moore, a native of Glenmore, Ga., was a young railroad flagman in 1909 when he was converted to the faith. He had previously been "read out" of church for watching dancing. He began as a lay worker in the church. Ordained in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1914, he was general evangelist from 1912 to 1920, when he became a pastor of Travis Park Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas. He moved to the pastorate of First Church, Birmingham, Ala., in 1926, and on May 20, 1930, was elected bishop and assigned to the Pacific Coast Area.

From 1934 to 1940, Bishop Moore was bishop in charge of missionary activities of the Methodist Church in China, Japan, Czechoslovakia, Belgium (and the then Belgian Congo), Poland and Korea. He was assigned to the Atlanta Area in 1940 where he remained until his retirement in July, 1960.

Noted for his flaming preaching style, Bishop Moore preached throughout the globe during his ministerial career, converting thousands of persons to the Christian faith by the power of his sermons. During his early days as a circuit-riding preacher, he never converted a soul after his first sermon in one community--he got them all the first night.

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Bishop Arthur J. Moore -- 2

Bishop Moore attended Emory University and held honorary degrees from seven colleges and universities.

In 1937, Bishop Moore led a Bishop's Crusade which rekindled the missionary spirit of the former Methodist Church and cleared the Mission Board of a \$400,000 debt. His world-wide work on behalf of people and his faith brought honors to both his name and the denomination he served. In 1938, the Chinese government awarded him a certificate of honor in recognition of distinguished service rendered that nation in the field of human relief. And at the 1952 General Conference of the denomination, President Syngman Rhee presented Bishop Moore the Korean National Medal of Honor in recognition of his service to the people of Korea.

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Bishop Moore was president of the Board of Missions of the church from 1940 until 1956, and he was president of the College of Bishops in 1951 and 1952. He was the author of numerous books, the latest being his autobiography, "Bishop To All Peoples," published in 1973 by Abingdon Press.

For several years following his retirement, Bishop Moore conducted preaching missions across the country and only recently he retired from trusteeships of several Methodist-related colleges and hospitals.

Survivors include two sons, W. W. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., and Arthur J. Moore, Jr. of New York, N. Y, editor of New World Outlook, official publication of the Board of Global Ministries (successor agency to the Board of Missions); a daughter, Mrs. L. V. Means of San Antonio, Texas; six grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

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Photo by AP. The New York Times - ARTHUR GRACE
"ask nobody's help."



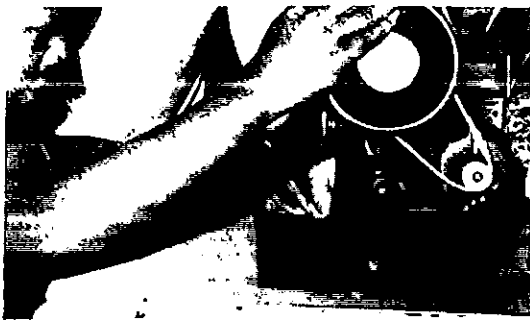
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At West Gulf School introductions in a room of 300 made it clear that everyone is someone. Each woman in the room was a VIP in some way. This seems to underscore a basic premise of

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