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## **Bishop Palmer dies**

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (UMI)—Bishop Everett W. Palmer, resident leader of the United Methodist Church's Portland (Ore.) Area, died while on vacation here January 5 after suffering a heart attack. He was 64.

A native of Wisconsin, he was a hard-rock gold miner and contractor in the Black Hills of South Dakota when he was married to Miss Florence Wales of Dallas, S.D., and through her encouragement, and a football scholarship, he entered Dakota Wesleyan College to become an athletic coach. A month after entering college, he decided to enter the ministry and was named student pastor of a church described as "19 years dying and one year dead."

After finishing at Dakota Wesleyan, Bishop Palmer received his theological education at Drew Theological Seminary and served pastorates in New Jersey from 1933 until appointed to First Methodist Church in Glendale, Calif., in 1951. He served there until elected to the episcopacy by the Western Jurisdictional Conference in 1960.

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Survivors include his wife and three daughters—Mrs. Clifford C. Cate, La Canado, Calif., Mrs. A. Ross Cash, Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. John A. McKean, Honolulu, Hawaii.

A private family service was held January 8 in Hollywood Hills, Calif., and a memorial service was conducted on January 10 in Glendale First Church. A memorial service in the Portland Area will be held in about ten days.

Bishop Palmer's predecessor in Portland, Bishop A. Raymond Grant, died in office in 1967. Earlier, Bishop Bruce R. Baxter died in 1947 while presiding over the annual conference session.



Miss Linda Gaines, center, a student from Louisville, Ky., presented the voice of youth evangelism in New Orleans. Shown with Dr. Gallaway of Ft. Worth, Tex., president, left, and Dr. Emerson Colaw of Cincinnati, United Methodist Church, Cincinnati.

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ing." Dr. Outler told the Congress that "without some type of evangelical revival the future of the church and of the world is bleak indeed." Indicating how the first and second "great awakenings" in the American continent saved the people from dangers of their times, the Congress was challenged to see that, even though these are different times, there is no less need for an awakening. He said, "If there is to be a new awakening, it must be ecumenical, social-action oriented, and be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

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Calls from two sides of the world for the Christian community to be obedient to and involved in issues now, rather than apathetic and future-oriented only, featured the session on Tuesday morning when Dr. Samuel Kamalson, a minister from Madras, India, said that "Good intentions are not enough, and it is impossible to be a Christian in isolation. Christians are called into visible community in order to carry out God's will in the world."

Sharing the platform with Dr. Kamalson was John H. Staggers, Jr., former sociology professor and community organizer in Washington, who said he is not worried about extreme elements in American life, but by the "marginal man—the bulk of the popu-



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### *R. C. Seminarian Asks For End To 'Tensions'*

SNJ — Fourth Church, Millville, recently enjoyed a visit by Father James Francis Betz, to its UMYF. Father Betz is now a deacon and presently serving an internship in St. Mary's parish before his ordination in May of 1971. He is a native of Philadelphia and a student at St. Mary's Seminary.

"The new Roman Catholic," said Father Betz, "is to be seen primarily as an individual whose sole responsibility is to his own conscience." He went on to say that one of the obvious trends within his Church today is found in an emphasis on the personal relationship of the Catholic to God and the Scriptures. "When scholarship began its study of the Bible their findings had a great effect upon the attitudes of our Church leaders and laymen." According to Father Betz, this emphasis has always existed in the Church, but has been stifled and retarded by an over emphasis on tradition. "We have been standing still for over three hundred years - a frozen Church afraid to move, but the Spirit has changed all that!"

When asked to comment on the question of church unity and ecumenism he said: "No longer can the Roman Catholic Church say that the Protestant is wrong." Now the emphasis should be on finding our common goals and learning from one another. He felt very definitely that Protestantism is moving in the very same direction from which Catholics have come. He sees no possibility in the future of a structural unity among the two Churches, but he feels the pressing necessity of spiritual union among believers.

In his closing remarks Father Betz re-emphasized the need for an end to the undercover tensions which exist between Catholics and Protestants. Said Father Betz, "What is needed is a genuine return to an emphasis on the Spirit and His power to transform."



### **Bergen Square Aid Camden**

SNJ — After a minis Square Church of Camden ary 17. The members of party to the Cannan Bay Camden Metropolitan B the closing message at 11 a member of the church, pr ted the special music and a of fellowship and refreshm followed the service.

The present church building which was built in the 1880's the other property of the et will be turned over to the nan Baptist Church. They been meeting in the bu for the past seven years. money from the sale of and to be used for th

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