

Christian Peace Conference Plans More Meetings

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(Debreczen, Hungary) - A study meeting called by the continuation committee of the Prague Christian Peace Conference has decided to organize a further meeting in Czechoslovakia next spring to deal with a wide range of issues connected with war and peace.

Official invitations for the spring meeting will go to "all churches, church groups and Christian leaders who are interested in the movement". It is hoped in this way to spread the concern for Christian peacemaking and influence the whole Christian world.

Participants in the study meeting at Debreczen included Professor Joseph Hromadka of Prague, Archbishop Kiivit of Estonia, Professor Stephan Zankov, Orthodox, Bulgaria, Bishop Lajos Vetö, Lutheran, Hungary and Professor A. Wantula of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Poland.

The Russian Orthodox Church was represented by Professor L.N. Parijskij.

Among the speakers was Professor Heinrich Vogel of Berlin, who spoke on "Christian Responsibility for the Future of Mankind in a Technological Age" and attacked arguments put forward by theologians to justify atomic weapons.

Dr. B. Pospisil, general secretary of the Prague Conference and director of the Ecumenical Institute of the Comenius Faculty in Prague, reviewed the development and prospects of the "Prague movement".

The Debreczen meeting sent a telegram to government representatives meeting in Geneva to discuss cessation of atomic testing, urging them to "free our world forever from the terrible menace of atomic tests".

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In response to an invitation extended by Pastor Gyula Muraközy, general secretary of the Foreign Office of the Reformed Church in Hungary, Pastor Pierre Bourguet and Pastor Paul Conord, president and general secretary of the French Reformed Church, visited the Hungarian Reformed Church from November 15 - 24.

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