

Races, Sects Join Hands to Save Humanity

Fellowship of Faiths Seen as Great Help in Solving World's Great Problems

Noted Speaker to Talk on Programs Held in Chicago

"This first World Fellowship of Faiths will be recognized as the outstanding event of the century," said Rajah Jai Prithvi Bahadur Singh, a prince of Nepal, recently, in his first Chicago address. "Never before," he explained, "have the representatives of all faiths, races and countries come together—not for a competitive parade of rival religions (as in the first parliament of religions held at Chicago's World's Fair in 1893), but as your statement of purpose says, 'To unite the inspiration of all faiths upon the solution of man's present problems.'"

Two hundred and forty-seven eminent speakers have agreed to address the 60 sessions this summer of this "epoch-making congress"—as the World Fellowship of Faiths has been called. "It will do more than all the parliaments and congresses of the world to combat the evil influences of war," wrote H. Dennis Bradley of London, England, a member of the British committee who sponsored several preparatory Fellowships of Faith in the City temple, London. Six of this summer's 60 sessions have been held. Secretary H. A. Wallace of the U. S. department of agriculture, heading the program for the seventh session, Friday evening, Aug. 18, in the large assembly hall of the Hotel Morrison, Chicago, discussed "Machinery, Economics and Religion." Arriving from India for this meeting, Champat Rai Jain Esq. represented the Jain religion of India, little known in America. From Constantinople, Turkey, Dean Edgar J. Fisher of Robert college brought vital news of current movements towards world unity in the Balkans. Rajah Jai Prithvi Bahadur Singh of Nepal also addressed the assembly.

EXTENDS FOR THREE WEEKS

The "culminating convention period" of this World Fellowship of Faiths extends for three weeks, Aug.

27 to Sept. 17, with two or three specific sessions every day in the Hotel Morrison.

Sunday evening, Aug. 27, is the opening date of this colorful conference of all creeds and countries. Aug. 27 is also the anniversary of the Kellogg-Briand peace pact, and the former U. S. secretary of state, Hon. Frank B. Kellogg of St. Paul, Minn., is expected to participate in the opening ceremonies. The entire first week to Sept. 2 will consider present problems of "Peace and War," "International Relations," "Racial Relations," "Political Problems" (such as "Nationalism" and "Can Democracy Survive?") and "Civilization." "How Faiths in Fellowship May Save Civilization" is a central theme for this week. Among the 45 speakers scheduled for this first week are the Patriarch S. Nakayama of the Tenrikyo church, with Dr. M. Anesaki, director of the Tokio Imperial university library, and H. Kishimoto, three Shintoists from Japan; Bishop George S. Arundale and Rukmini Arundale, Theosophists from India; Dr. Manly Hall of California; Hon. Brigham H. Roberts of Utah, delegated by the Mormon church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Governor Theodore Francis Green of Rhode Island; Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker of Texas; Mirza Sohrab of Persia, director of the New History society, who returns from Paris, France, to discuss "The United States of the World as Conceived by Baha-U-Llah."

BIG SESSION ON LABOR DAY

Labor day in the second week, Sept.

3 to 9, focuses the 20 or more sessions upon "Economic Problems," "Sociological Problems," "Education," "Prohibition," "Youth," "Man" and "Women." Among the specific questions to be discussed are: "Can Poverty Be Abolished?" "What Can My Faith Say to the Unemployed?" "Prohibition—As My Faith Sees It," "Adult Education," "Men and Machines, Which Shall Be Master?" "What Price Youth?" and "Poverty Amidst Plenty—How Cure It?" Among the 49 speakers listed for this week are Dr. Herbert von Beckerath of Germany, delegated by the American Institute of Berlin; Dean Roscoe Pound of Harvard university law school; Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, Ohio; Bishop Callistos of the Greek Orthodox archdiocese of North and South America; Margaret Sanger, national chairman of the committee on federal legislation for birth control, and President William Green of the American Federation of Labor.

"Religious Problems" and "General Problems," "Philosophy," "Fear" and "Gandhi" are the themes for the third week, Sept. 10 to 17, inclusive. Specific questions include "How May Man Master Fear?" "Ideals for a New World Order," "Gandhi—What Can I Learn From Him?" "Russia's Soviet Faith," "Buddhism and World Problems," "Islam," "Judaism," "Religion Neglectful" and "After Death What?"

The 50 pledged speakers include Miss Muriel Lester of Kingsley Hall, East London, who entertained Mahatma Gandhi for three months during the Indian round table conference in London; Dr. Edward Howard Griggs; Charles Fillmore, founder of Unity, Kansas City; President Julian Morgenstern of the Hebrew Union college, Cincinnati; Bicknell Young, official delegate of the Christian Science Mother church, Boston; Swami Yogananda of India; Bhagavat Singh Thind, representing the Sikh religion; Prof. Jesse H. Holmes, Quaker, of Swarthmore college; Dr. Frederick B. Fisher, who was bishop of the M. E. church in Calcutta, India, 1920 to 1930; Senator Smith W.

Brookhart of Iowa; Bishop K. Maunayama, Rev. Tansai Terakawa and Rev. Tokio Yamaori, three Buddhists from Kyoto Honpa Hongwanji.

"Prayers of Eleven Faiths" have been printed to be read together by the audience in the opening ceremonies of many of the 60 sessions. Copies are offered free to every church or other organization desiring to read them. They quote the central aspirations or prayers of the Buddhist, Christian, Confucian, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Mohammedan, Shinto, Sikh, Tao and Zoroastrian faiths, preceded by a universal invocation, "Teach us, O Lord, to see Thy life in all men and in all the peoples of Thine earth," and terminated by the benediction prayer, "From unreality lead us to truth; from darkness lead us to light; from death lead us to immortality."

MANY LEADERS TO TAKE PART

All of these 11 world religions will be represented by some of their living leaders in the first World Fellowship of Faiths—known as a second parliament of religions during Chicago's second World's Fair or Century of Progress. People of all nations in the national costumes, with national flags, will be an especial feature of the opening ceremonies on Aug. 27 at the Morrison hotel, Chicago. His highness, Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda, who rules a state of 8,135 square miles in area with a population of 2,126,522 people, will give the opening address.

Among some of the prominent members of the Race who are scheduled to address these meetings are: Dr. Laurence C. Jones, principal of Piney Woods Industrial school, Piney Woods, Miss.; Rev. Harold M. Kingsley, pastor Church of the Good Shepherd, Congregational, Chicago; Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, A. M. E. church; Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, noted woman leader of Washington, D. C.; Rev. A. Wayman Ward, pastor Bethel A. M. E. church, Chicago; DeFrantz Williams, vice-consul of Liberia, Chicago, and Dr. R. R. Wright, president of Wilberforce university, Xenia, Ohio.