



**JOHN FOSTER DULLES**  
"Secular policies . . . ."



**MARTIN NIEMOELLER**  
". . . in divine perspective"

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active movement starts organising on a world basis something important for a divided humanity is happening.

Thirdly, the Amsterdam delegates represent a cross-section of attitudes and policies upon practically every matter under heaven—combined with complete agreement that truth and love must be sought in all matters because, in a different sense, all *is* under Heaven. This variety of viewpoint is what causes, of course, the very obvious "failure of the churches" to influence political and economic events directly. But should they direct events? Does not a church provide a far greater community service by enabling men of all views to meet on a common ground of humility, affection, and recognition of responsibility? That, at any rate, is what the Amsterdam Assembly and the many National Councils of Churches are doing upon national and world scales.

#### Active Leaders

The list of speakers at the Plenary Sessions reveal the sharing of viewpoints and the attempt to see secular policies in divine perspective which will run through all levels and activities of the gathering. Thus John Foster Dulles who will direct America's foreign policy if Dewey becomes President, is to speak on one occasion with Professor Hromadka, of Jan Huss University, who is a supporter of the February revolution in Czechoslovakia; a British Labour ex-Minister speaks with a Greek Bishop; Martin Niemoeller of conservative theology with an Indian ultra-liberal; Bishop Berggrav, the real leader of the Norwegian "Resistance," with Dr Leimena a youthful member of the Indonesian cabinet whose "resistance" is against the country on whose territory the conference is held. And this sort of contiguity has not been engineered to "provide balance." Nor have the men mentioned been chosen to speak because they are big names. All are active ecumenical leaders who believe that no political, educational, or economic "solution" is as important to-day as getting a World Church formed.

Well, there it officially begins at Amsterdam. It is not a super church—merely a linkage of existing ones. It is minus the Roman Catholic Church (for theological reasons) and minus the Russian section of the Orthodox Church

(for political reasons). It can be no stronger than its constituent members. And its utterances will carry no authority beyond their inherent wisdom and the moral weight of those responsible for them.

But those who go to Amsterdam, and those who follow them in thought and prayer, even though they represent only a minority, have it in their power to do something very concrete and real towards creating the spiritual groundwork of world community. And if *they* do not do it, it will not be done. For there is literally no other group in existence who can do it.

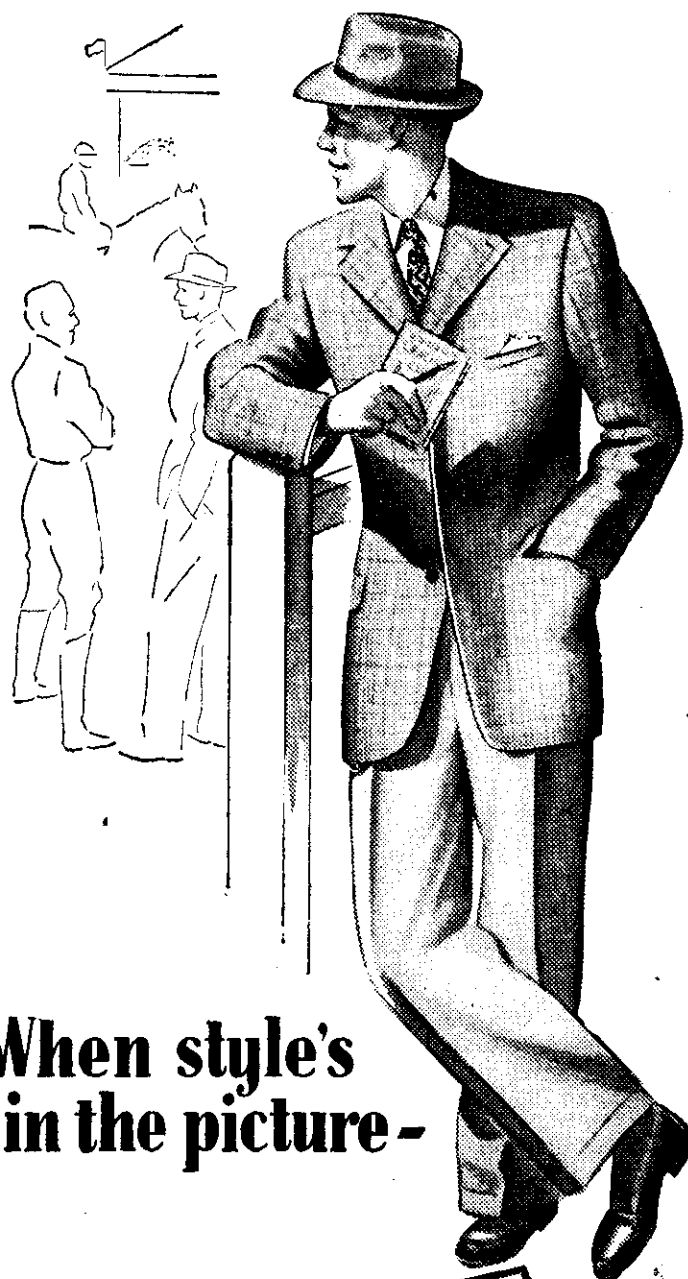
## SHORTWAVE HIGHLIGHTS

### BBC Overseas Service

THE coming week's BBC programmes include a broadcast of special interest to members of the Anglican community by the Archbishop of Canterbury and a report from the first assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam.

**Stations, Frequencies, Wavelengths and Times of Transmission:** Pacific Service (6.0-7.45 p.m.)—GVZ (9.64 mc/s., 31.12 metres); GRX (9.69, 30.96), GSN (11.82, 25.38), GSF (15.14, 19.82), GRD (15.45, 19.42). General Overseas Service—GSD, 11.75 mc/s., 25.53 metres (9.15 a.m.-7.0 p.m.); GSB, 9.51, 31.55 (4.0-8.0 p.m.); GSO, 15.18, 19.76 (5.0-8.0 p.m.); GRA, 17.715, 16.93 (8.0-10.0 p.m.); GSV, 17.81, 16.84 (10.0 p.m.-3.0 a.m.).

**Headlines in the Programmes for the week August 22-28:** Pacific Service—Sporting Newsletter, 6.45 p.m., Sunday; American Commentary, 6.15 p.m., Monday; The Commonsense of Science, 7.0, Monday; Landmarks of Britain—Tewkesbury Abbey, 7.15, Monday; The Fly in the Ointment—a short story by V. S. Pritchett, 6.45, Wednesday; The Balance of Europe (commentary), 6.15 p.m., Friday; British Industry (talk), 6.45, Saturday. General Overseas Service—Celebrity Recital by Pierre Fournier ('cello) and Ernest Lush (piano), 9.0, Monday; Welsh Magazine, 10.15 p.m., Monday; Sporting Record, 10.45 p.m., Monday; Science Review, 10.0 p.m., Tuesday; British Farmer (talk), 7.45 p.m., Wednesday; The World Council of Churches—a report from Amsterdam, 8.30 p.m., Wednesday; From the Promenade Concerts, 9.0 p.m., Wednesday. Review of Films, 10.45 p.m., Friday. The broadcast by the Archbishop of Canterbury is timed for 2.45 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. on Sunday.



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