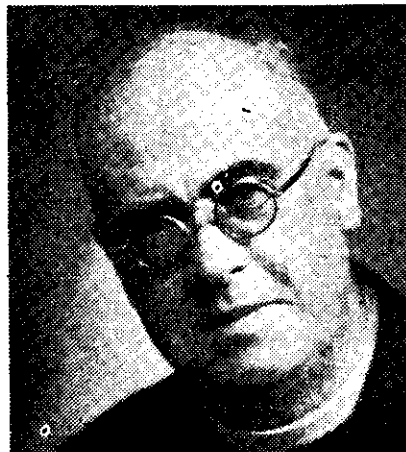


CHURCH TAKES THE OFFENSIVE

National Radio Link-up For Meetings In Christian Order Campaign

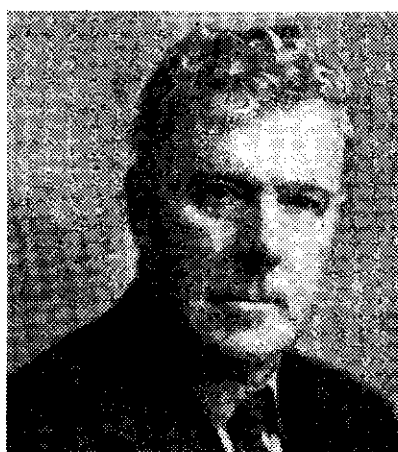
RADIO will play a large part when New Zealand's Campaign for Christian Order, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, is launched on the general public this month with a series of broadcast meetings. This is the second phase of the campaign, which up to the present has been largely confined to preparation within the churches themselves: from now on there will be greatly increased public activity up and down the country. The first of the four main public meetings will be held next Monday, September 7, at Christchurch and thereafter at other centres on following Mondays this month, with a different speaker on each occasion. The meetings will be on the air between 8.0 p.m. and 8.45 each Monday, with the four main National stations linked up each time. Here is what the leading speakers look like, together with some details about them, and also where they will be speaking and what they will be speaking about:

Christchurch, Sept 7:
"Let Justice Be Done"



ARCHDEACON W. BULLOCK says that his chief interests are religion and politics, which he believes to be inseparable, since religion is "a way of life," and he feels therefore sympathetic towards the Russian experiment. He was born in Derbyshire, England, in 1885, and was educated at King's College, London. After serving as a chaplain in France during the Great War, he came out to New Zealand in 1919, being appointed vicar of Masterton in 1922, and of St. Peter's, Wellington, in 1930. In that year he preached his first broadcast sermon and has been on the air fairly frequently ever since. His addresses have punch and intellectual content and he has no objection to making his audience laugh, though he admits that he does not suffer fools gladly. Force and directness are also characteristic of the many articles which he writes for church papers. He enjoys a good argument, a good joke, a good meal, and (so he tells us) pulling other people's legs—but not having his own pulled.

Auckland, Sept. 14:
"Who Wants Freedom?"



PROF. F. SINCLAIR, M.A., was born near Auckland and travelled on scholarships all the way to Oxford. First he went through Auckland Grammar School and Auckland University College, where he was senior scholar in Latin and took his M.A. degree with first-class Honours. Then he went to Manchester College, Oxford, and became prizeman in Hebrew as well as winning a Williams' Scholarship in open competition with the graduates of all British Universities. From Oxford he went to Australia as lecturer in English in the Universities of Melbourne and Western Australia, and in 1932 returned to New Zealand as Professor of English at Canterbury College, the position he now holds. That, at any rate, is the academic story, or the skeleton of it. The personal story he has not yet put on record, and therefore we may not, but if it could be told it would make those who will listen to him next week marvel that he should be standing where he now is.

Dunedin, Sept. 21:
"What About Politics?"



THE REV. H. J. RYBURN, M.A., B.D., is the son of a former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. He was born in 1897 at Gisborne, was dux at Invercargill Middle School and later dux of Southland Boys' High School, and was studying at Otago University when the last war intervened. After active service with the N.Z.E.F. he returned to Otago, and in 1921 won a Rhodes Scholarship. While studying theology at Mansfield College, Oxford, he won a resident fellowship, which in 1924 took him to Union Theological Seminary, New York. After Home Mission work in Canada he was ordained and inducted to the Bay of Islands (North Auckland) charge, going three years later to St. Andrew's, Dunedin. In 1941 he took up his present position of Master of Knox College.

Wellington, Sept. 28:
"Chaos or Christian Order"



THE REV. DR. J. J. NORTH, D.D., has been before the New Zealand public ever since he became minister of the Central Baptist Church, Wellington, early in the century. He has been well known as a preacher, platform speaker, and publicist, and on social issues (especially drinking and gambling) his influence has been felt, while as editor of *The New Zealand Baptist* for the past 25 years he has exercised considerable influence in religious circles. His publications in tractate form have been widely circulated in the Dominion, in Australia, and in England. For the past 16 years Dr. North has been principal of the New Zealand Baptist College at Mount Hobson, Auckland. He is, incidentally, the father of the Rev. Lawrence North, known to listeners both as a preacher and a singer.

ANY QUESTIONS? ZB Variation of "Brains Trust"

- Why does the Archbishop of Canterbury live in a palace?
- Why does the Church follow a hush-hush policy on the subject of venereal disease? Does the Church feel that ignorance is bliss and knowledge an enticement to sin?
- Why does the Church place such emphasis in all its services and music on solemnity rather than on joy?
- Has not the Church opposed many social reforms in the past?
- Why should we teach our children the bloodthirsty war tales of the Old Testament?
- Why isn't the Church more outspoken against such social evils as the control of money by a minority, and the manipulating of foodstuffs for profit and to maintain prices?

THESE are types of the questions which will be asked and answered in a session which it is proposed to conduct on the ZB stations in connection with the Campaign for Christian Order. The tentative title of the session is *Any Questions*, and it will probably be heard on Sunday evenings, beginning on September 13. The idea is borrowed

from the BBC's *Brains Trust*, the most popular radio feature in Britain, enjoying a mail of 3,000 letters a week. The *Brains Trust* (broadcast to New Zealand at 5.30 p.m. on Sundays) consists of three "resident" members augmented by two "guest" members each week. But whereas this group of experts answers questions on any subject, the new ZB session will confine itself to questions about the problems of Christianity and its relation to everyday affairs. And that, of course, is a very wide field, since it can embrace not only religion but also politics, economics, culture, and most of the social problems of the world in which we live. Indeed, it is the hope of the sponsors that the scope of the questions will be as wide and critical and provocative as possible, since it is the aim of the Campaign for Christian Order to interest the average man and woman in the way in which the Christian message has a bearing upon

every aspect of national, international, and private life.

The questions will be invited from the public and will be discussed and answered by a panel of four or five members. The Question Master will act as compère, introducing the panel, announcing the questions, and indicating who should answer first. No attempt will be made to prepare a formal answer. Any member who feels he has something useful to add to the first answer will put up his hand and on being named by the Question Master will make his contribution. It won't be necessary for any speaker to agree with another speaker, and above all, the aim will be to keep the answers as simple, spontaneous, and direct as possible, thereby ensuring the kind of lively, straightforward, and informative discussion that has made the BBC's *Brains*

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