

Methodists Asked to Aid During Crisis in Africa

Bishop Gerald Kennedy, of Los Angeles, today issued an appeal to 225,000 Methodists in 450 churches under his jurisdiction in Southern California, Arizona, and Hawaii, to help meet the crisis in Africa.

"The Methodist Council of Bishops has called all Methodists to set aside Sunday, April 30, for a special appeal for Africa," said Bishop Kennedy, immediate past-president of the council.

"IN SPITE of two evacuations of missionaries from the Central Congo, the ministry of The Methodist Church in nine geographical areas in which it is working, is proceeding without serious interruption.

"It is through these mission stations that we must provide food, medicine, leadership, and education. At least \$2.5 million is needed. We are asking Methodists of the Southern California-Arizona Conference and Hawaii mission to contribute generously to meet this need.

"I am much concerned about Africa because of my personal knowledge of the need and opportunity. This is of the utmost importance for the long future of the African people," Bishop Kennedy said.

Mail-Order Quackery Described As the Profession of Vultures

Medical mail-order quacks who victimize people by peddling worthless health treatments are termed "the meanest sharpies in the world" today.

"These human vultures feed on the ignorance and hopes of men and women who yearn for the 'miracles' that legitimate medicine thus far has been unable to provide," says Today's Health magazine, published by the American Medical Assn.

"Peddling useless drugs, fake 'remedies' and bizarre gadgets via the U.S. mails is a lucrative source of income for some of the meanest sharpies in the world," say the expose, written by Harry Kursch.

ONLY THE dedicated vigilance of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service has prevented mail-order quackery from becoming possibly the greatest swindle of all time, the article said.

Despite this effort, however, the American public last year was bilked out of \$50 million by mail-order medical frauds.

"For the most part," the article said, "medical mail-order frauds operate on two related theories — namely, that some people will pay anything for a promised 'miracle,' and that a certain percentage of gullible persons can be found on almost any mailing list, making up the so-called 'sucker' list."

"ACCORDINGLY, high on the gyp parade are preparations and devices that appeal to vanity, and 'cures' or treatments for ailments for which no effective treatments are known. These range from bosom developers and 'dietless' reducing schemes based on pills, tonics and gadgets, to the most tragic of all nostrums, 'cures' for victims of heart diseases, arthritis, rheumatism and cancer."

The mail-order quack, no matter how harmless his cure or gadget, is a potential killer, the article said. Mail-order quackery causes misery, injury and death by delaying early and proper treatment by a physician, it said, adding:

"TIME AFTER time, postal inspectors have seen such delays spell the difference between life and death."

A current danger is the widespread traffic in appetite depressants, promoted and pushed as schemes for dietless reducing.

"Without exception, these mail-order 'diet' plans are worthless, or misleading," the article said. "What's worse, the most vulnerable suckers on the mailing list are those who have ailments frequently associated with obesity — such as diabetes, thyroid disease, and heart, liver, and kidney trouble. For these hapless victims, dieting without a physician's

guidance, like almost any form of self-medication, is fraught with danger."

PROTECTING oneself from mail frauds can be a simple matter of regarding any therapy, device, treatment, remedy or cure sold by mail with suspicion, especially if it makes sweeping claims for success.

"In any case, your best protection is your own doctor," said the article. "If you think a treatment is something he may not have heard about, he can look into it a lot more quickly and reliably than you can."

General Tel Offers New Benefit Plan

The General Telephone Co. of California is to initiate a company sponsored major medical plan for its management employees, effective May 1, 1961, according to an announcement by the director of personnel, Carl Von Hake.

The same coverage will be provided for hourly wage employees, subject to a date now being discussed by the Company and the Communications Workers of America.

"The new major medical plan is based on the theory that most employees can absorb routine medical costs through normal budgeting, but that they require assistance in paying medical bills resulting from unforeseen prolonged illness or serious accident," Von Hake stated.

After two deductibles, including the basic medical plan which is paid for by the employees themselves, and a cash deduction amounting to 4 per cent of the employee's annual base wage, the major medical plan will pay for 80 per cent of the remaining medical expenses up to \$5000 for each disability and up to \$10,000 for lifetime disabilities.

Orthopaedic Hospital Admits Torrance Girl

Michele James, 16-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael James, of 1543 W. 214th St., has been admitted as a patient at Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital it was announced yesterday.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1-Male swan
2-Large truck
3-Demon
12-Collection of facts
13-Son of Adam
14-Piece for one
15-Determined
17-Weaving machine
18-Tense
19-Game at cards
21-Strike
22-Reach across
24-Lubricates
25-Squad leader
29-Vital organ
31-Knock
32-The sea side (pl.)
34-Wife of Zeus
35-Toward the sheltered side
36-Female
37-Private hunting preserve
38-Fairy
41-Fay attention
42-One of the oceans
43-Italian wine measure (pl.)
47-Antlered animal
48-Girl's name
49-Earth's satellite
50-Periods of time
51-Weakens

DOWN
1-Vehicle
2-Number
3-French prison
4-Assessed worth
5-Border on fabric
6-Openwork fabric
7-Railroad cars

8-Land surrounded by water
9-Moroccan
10-Conspiracy
11-Indefinite amount
14-Grain (pl.)
16-Argon
20-Dirty
22-Distance measure
23-Shovel
24-Love song
25-Hermit
27-Unusual
28-Reach across
29-Healthy
30-Prison official
31-Musical instrument
33-Fax on one's person
37-Pronoun
38-Danish island
39-City in Nevada
40-Entrance
42-Comb. form: three
44-Yellow bugle
45-Headgear

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