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THE ACPC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS

(Dear Friends: The first section of this Newsletter is devoted to a partial summary of the proceedings of the last meeting of our Executive Council, held here in New York City on October 28th. We are reporting the discussion with the thought that you might be interested in this glimpse of our activities at the national level. Karl Baehr.)

Dr. Samuel Guy Inman, Chairman, opened the meeting at 11:30 A.M., calling upon the Reverend Dr. Howard B. Warren, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Newark, New Jersey, to give the invocation. He then asked the Rev. Karl Baehr to present the agenda for the day and to make his report as Executive Director. As outlined by Mr. Baehr, the agenda provided for a review of ACPC activities at the headquarters and field level, a report on the 1960 ACPC Study Tour, and a discussion of Israel's "Point Four" activities in Africa and Asia.

In his brief statement to the Council, Mr. Baehr reviewed some recent developments in the work of the New York office. He devoted particular attention to the series of "Middle East Institutes for the Clergy" which the ACPC, with local assistance, is planning for communities across the country. After describing this project in some detail, and sketching other aspects of the national program, Mr. Baehr singled out some of the activities of chapters in the field.

He reported that Dr. Paul Schroeder, of Rochester, New York, had written an excellent letter to a local editor in that city calling attention to the need for expanding vocational training programs for Arab Refugee youth. This bears the strong endorsement of the ACPC, he noted. Mr. Baehr expressed the hope that a number of ACPC members would find it possible to make a contribution to the UNRWA. Dr. John Davis, Director of UNRWA, said recently that 500 trainees are now graduated each year, and that he would like to expand the program to train classes of 2,500. Checks should be addressed to the United Nations' Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees, U.N. Bldg., New York City, N.Y., and earmarked "Vocational Training Program."

Mr. Baehr noted that the New Jersey Chapter of the ACPC held a most successful Third Annual Meeting in October. Future projects of that Chapter will be under the leadership of the Rev. Nancy Forsberg, the new Executive Secretary of the New Jersey Chapter. Dr. Stewart Cole, ACPC's West Coast representative, is scheduling a series of programs and seminars for the post-Thanksgiving season in his area.