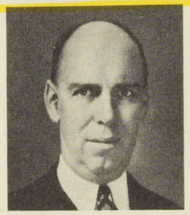
S. Ralph Harlow, intrepid pilgrim in the quest for intercultural comity and interracial amity, has by pen, speech, and act followed the teachings of the Nazarene. To two generations of collegiate youth in the Near East and in the United States, he has been both gadfly and guide, beloved in both roles. His was the conviction that the forces of good were strengthened by the Zionist pioneers in Palestine and the legions of evil augmented by detractors of the Jews and their accomplishments in modern Israel. The never flagging faith of this Christ-like man has held up the arms of his comrades in their common cause.

S. Ralph Harlow

Samuel Guy Inman

Samuel Guy Inman, vice chairman of the ACPC, has devoted a lifetime of distinguished scholarship and Christian idealism to the objectives of international justice and good will. In the emergence of the new Israel, he finds a noteworthy parallel to the peoples of Latin America who also threw off the yoke of foreign rule and, like the Israelis, defied political oppression and economic hardship, to lay a firm foundation for ever greater measures of freedom, independence and liberty.



Owen Brewster

Owen Brewster, co-chairman of the ACPC, has through the years given valiant leadership in Congressional circles for bi-partisan support of America's oft-reiterated commitments to encourage Zionist aspirations. Repeated visits to the Near and Middle East have strengthened his belief, reflected in word and deed, that Israel's democratic example is an indispensable ally, both ideologically and militarily, in the free world's struggle against Soviet incursions of the strategic Mediterranean.

Moment of Commemoration

We of the American Christian Palestine Committee have felt keenly the loss sustained by the families of the following men: Eduard Lindeman, William Green, Philip Murray, Thomas Sugrue, Francis J. McConnell, Robert Wagner, Frederick Kershner, Claude Sprouse, Serge Koussevitzky, Arthur Vandenberg, and Robert Taft. All of these men were warmhearted, devoted friends of the American Christian Palestine Committee, serving in various capacities. *Senator Robert Wagner* was the founder of the American Palestine Committee which joined with the Christian Council on Palestine in 1944 to become the ACPC. Another founder and honorary chairman was the beloved and courageous *Bishop Francis J. McConnell*. Among our vice chairmen were *Mr. William Green* and *Mr. Philip Murray*, presidents of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations respectively. Another vice chairman was *Senator Arthur Vandenberg*, architect of the bi-partisan approach to foreign affairs, who joined with *Senator Robert Taft* in insisting upon a truly just foreign policy friendly to *all* peoples of the Near East.

Members of the executive council, whose deaths left us sorely bereft, were *Dr. Eduard Lindeman*, professor emeritus of the New York School for Social Work of Columbia University, *Mr. Thomas Sugrue*, distinguished Roman Catholic layman and author of *Watch for the Morning*, the saga of Israel's birth, *Dr. Frederick Kershner*, dean of the Butler School of Religion in Indianapolis, Indiana, *Dean Claude Sprouse* of the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral of Kansas City, Missouri, and *Dr. Serge Koussevitzky*, director not alone of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, but of another orchestra to which he brought renown and distinction, the Israel Philharmonic. We can do no more than be deeply grateful that we knew these men, walked with them in a common cause, and were enriched by their gifts of mind and spirit. We miss their courage and their counsel.

The Holy City

by ALBERT N. WILLIAMS

New York: Duell, Sloane, and Pearce, Boston: Little, Brown and Company. 1953. Illustrations by June Kirkpatrick; 486 pages; $6.00.

WHEN Thomas Carlyle finished his manuscript on the French Revolution, it is reported that he handed it to his wife and said he did not know what the world would do with it and added, "But this I can tell the world: 'You have not had for a hundred years any book that comes more direct and flamingly from the heart of a living man.' "

The Holy City by Albert N. Williams surely came "direct and flamingly from the heart of a living man," for none else could have recounted historical data and facts covering 30 centuries and recorded along with them the heart beats and heart throbs of the people in the midst, so that even a casual reader will find his heart beating in rhythm with their sorrows and sufferings and their occasional jubilant triumphs.

Mr. Williams begins the story of Jerusalem with its founding on Mount Zion in 998 B.C., the site wrested by David "in one of the most important military exploits in the world's history, . . . making the remote mountain fortress the world's most sacred and revered city from that distant day until our own time."

The book gives convincing reasons—in both logic and ethics—why the Holy City cannot and should not be internationalized, reasons that can be neither refuted nor denied. Jerusalem was a sacred city from its beginning 3,000 years ago, made holy by David himself and so held in reverence by the Jews through the centuries. Now after long years of wandering and persecution, they have returned to their home city. It is their capital city—the holy capital of their holy land. The Founder of Christianity recognized it as a holy Jewish city. And no recognition of Israel can be truly given without the recognition of Jerusalem as its historic capital.

To one who was sent to Jerusalem as a member of a fact-finding commission to study the internationalization of the city and recognized the impossibility and needlessness of such a project, there are agreement and accord with the author's statement: "Such a recognition [that Jerusalem is Israel's rightful capital] could lead to a productive and permanent peace, a rational and logical peace built upon the economic sufficiency of Israel in the heterogeny of the Middle East, and upon the pride of her people to reside, again, in the very city where their great prophets laid the moral foundations of the Western world."

Reviewed by MRS. M. E. TILLY

Mrs. Tilly, leader among Methodist women and director of the Southern Regional Council, was a member of the President's Commission on Civil Rights.

The Palestine Problem Today

by CARL HERMANN VOSS

Boston: The Beacon Press, 1953. 64 pages and 16 pp. preface, with maps, photographs, and index. $1.50 hard cover; 75¢ soft cover.

TO a genuine understanding of the key problems of attaining peace in the Near East, Carl Hermann Voss makes a remarkable contribution in his honest, concise, direct presentation, *The Palestine Problem Today: Israel and Its Neighbors*.

He takes up one by one the questions that have been asked by those who want enlightenment on the Near East complex. Here, indicating the way in which Dr. Voss undertakes his task, are some of the questions answered by him in single fact-packed pages:

Did the Arabs accept the Balfour Declaration?
Why did Arab armies invade the new State of Israel?
Has Israel received more financial assistance than the Arab States?
What caused the flight of Arabs from Israel?
How can the Arab refugee problem be solved?
Has the U.S. lost the friendship of the Arab world?
Why does Israel oppose the internationalization of Jerusalem?
Is there possibility of permanent peace between Israel and the Arab world?

As anyone can well realize from these several of the fifty questions encompassed by the book, Dr. Voss does not shy away from any facet of the problem. Rather he faces each aspect head on and he gives answers that go swiftly and directly to the point. It is amazing how skillfully he presents so much basic material in so few pages —only 80, including a powerful, moving preface; two handy, clear, simple maps; five full-page and two double-page pictures (not only apt illustrations, but exceptional photographs, as well); an index; and a suggested reading list.

Any newspaper, radio or magazine man on the foreign desk or in the editorial office is bound to find this an indispensable mine of quick, vital, complete and documented information. In fact, anyone who is interested in equitable solutions of the Near East conflict will find the book easy, absorbing reading, and will want it on a handy bookshelf.

Dr. Voss has given us a significant book of careful scholarship and literary skill, written with a Christian concern: fairly, sympathetically, and, I am glad to add, hopefully.

Reviewed by HARRY W. FLANNERY

Mr. Flannery, Roman Catholic layman and author of *Assignment: Berlin*, is editor of the *News Reporter* (American Federation of Labor).