

which he said was "still of paramount importance to Great Britain." Expressing concern for the security of the oil deposits in Iraq and the Persian Gulf area, the speaker also laid stress on the need for preserving British influence in Africa: "We feel the Middle East is the backdoor to the African continent and we are naturally at pains to insure that friendships built up [there] are not subject to any erosion by Nasser or other nations entrenched in the Middle East." In a reference to Israel, he described it as "probably the only state in the area which measures up to our idea of democratically elected governments." Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Howard has spent the last several weeks on a lecture tour of Canada and the United States. Dr. Frank Kingdon, the well-known columnist and lecturer, was Chairman of the meeting; the invocation was delivered by the Rev. Joseph B. Flotten, Director of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, St. Albans, N.Y.

Rochester Seminar and ACPC Award

The Rochester ACPC chapter held a one-day seminar on the Middle East on April 8th. Well attended by local members and friends -- and well received by the press -- the seminar was also distinguished by the conferment of an award on Dr. Paul Schroeder, Chairman of the Rochester ACPC, by the National Committee. Dr. Schroeder, also former President of the N.Y. Council of Churches, was presented with a silver cup and cited as "a valiant laborer on behalf of Israel reborn and of a democratic Middle East." Speakers participating in the conference included: Dr. Nasrollah Saifpour Fatemi, Professor of social science at Fairleigh Dickinson University; Dr. Paul Orvis, Director of the State University Agricultural and Technical Institute, Alfred, New York; Rabbi Philip Bernstein, of Temple Brith Kodesh; and the Rev. Karl Baehr, Executive Director of the ACPC.