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THE OXFORD GROUP

NATIONAL HOUSE PARTY

AT

CHRIST'S COLLEGE - CHRISTCHURCH

January 19th—25th, 1937

DIAGNOSIS: *Modern civilization vainly striving to build security on the quicksands of individual self-interest.*

REMEDY: *An army of life-changers building a new World order on the bed-rock of God-directed personalities.*

THE QUESTION

New Zealand faces a new wave of prosperity. She faces too, far-reaching economic change. In referring to political legislation in New Zealand "The Times" (London) said that it had produced economic changes which, in other countries, would have led to revolution. Will prosperity and economic change suffice?

"I EXPECT A BUSINESS REVIVAL. But only a spiritual awakening among the people can make it enduring. The Oxford Group is the John the Baptist of such a renaissance."

ROGER BABSON
(*Founder Babson Statistical Organization*)

"The cause of the world's state is not economic; the cause is moral If I may use a phrase which is common in a great movement which is taking place at this moment in this country and elsewhere (the Oxford Group), what you want are God-guided personalities, which make God-guided nationalities, to make a new world. All the other ideas of economic adjustments are too small really to touch the centre of the evil."

LORD SALISBURY (House of Lords, March, 1936)

"You cannot reform the world merely by machinery; you must first reform the men who work the machinery."

CANON STREETER

"No greater thing could come to our land to-day than a revival of the spirit of religion—a revival that would sweep through the homes of the nation and stir the hearts of men and women of all faiths to a re-assertion of their belief in God and their dedication to His Will for themselves and for their world. I doubt if there is any problem—social, political, or economic—that would not melt away before the fire of such a spiritual awakening."

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
(Feb. 1936)

"Is there a way out of the present world crisis? The answer is a courageous 'Yes'! What is needed is the changing of lives through new spiritual power so strong that it reconciles dangerous conflicting forces and produces brotherly love and solidarity. It is in attaining this goal that the Oxford Group sees its task."

R. MINGER, PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS REPUBLIC
(*Welcoming a team of 500 to Geneva*)

"I have just seen a miracle . . . or rather, a thousand miracles. You may have heard of the 'Oxford Group'. If you had asked me what it was a few days ago, I should have said: 'A sort of religious revival, isn't it?' That was what I thought it was when I went to Oxford. When I came away, after only a few days, I knew that I had caught a glimpse of a new world.

The words 'religious revival' are utterly inadequate to express what the Oxford Group is doing. The word 'Oxford' is utterly inadequate to describe its scope. I should need a whole issue of this newspaper to give you any conception of this astonishing movement. It seems to me, without exaggeration, one of the most important things that is happening in Europe to-day."

BEVERLEY NICHOLS
(*In London "Sunday Chronicle."*)

THE ANSWER — SPIRITUAL MOBILIZATION

At an hour when human wisdom has failed, God-controlled leadership alone can give the answer.

Miracles of science have been the wonder of the age; but they have not brought peace or happiness to the nations. A miracle of the Spirit is what we need.

Divine guidance must become normal living for every man and woman. Definite, accurate, adequate information can come from the mind of God to the mind of man. This is normal prayer.

There must come a spiritual dynamic which will change human nature, and remake men and nations. There must come a spiritual authority which is accepted everywhere, by everyone. Only so will order come out of chaos in national and international affairs.

If such an authority is to come into the world, some nation must find God's Will as her destiny, and God-guided men as her representatives at home and abroad.

Some nation must find a new leadership, free from the bonds of fear, rising above ambition, and flexible to the direction of God's Holy Spirit. Such a nation will be at peace within herself, and a Peace-maker in the International Family.

Dr. Frank N. D. BUCHMAN,
Elsinore, Denmark, Whitsunday, 1935.
in a Radio Broadcast from Kronborg Castle.

THE OXFORD GROUP means a quality of life embodying:

1. RELEASE from fear, worry, ineffectiveness, conflicts, self.
 2. POWER to achieve what before has been impossible.
 3. PURPOSE in changing lives and so making a new world order under God's control.
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The House Party at Christchurch is planned under the guidance of God in the belief that it is part of His programme for a new society. Its special purpose is to train life-changers in the genius of team-work and fit them for united action in world-changing.

PLACE: In Christ's College. The Big School, Chapel and classrooms will be at our disposal for meetings.

ACCOMMODATION: This will be arranged in College Hostels, Boarding House or Hotel according to your desire. Reduced rates have been arranged. Please return the enclosed card as early as possible to

ROBERT MARSH,
Box 62,
CHRISTCHURCH.

Accommodation will then be reserved and further information sent to you.

DATES: The House Party will begin with dinner at 6.30 on Tuesday night, 19th January, and will continue until after breakfast on Monday, 25th January. Since the life of the House Party grows from day to day, we urge you to come for the entire time.

COST: Approximately 10/- per day inclusive in College Hostels and Boarding House. United Service Hotel, £1 per day. A registration fee of 2/6 is payable upon arrival.