

**Mar. Baptists Will Not Join World Council**

WOLFFVILLE, N.S. (CP)—The Maritime Baptist convention has decided not to seek "for the present time" membership in the World Council of Churches.

Delegates to the 17th assembly, which opened here Thursday, supported the recommendation.

The convention said the majority vote against the affiliation move was based on a conviction that "there would be a disruption of harmony and unity in our convention if we were to affiliate with the W.C.C."

Factors which contributed to the negative vote were "fear of a super church, detrimental effect upon missions, and lack of faith in an organization which tends to disregard theological basis of fellowship."

Advantages and disadvantages were surveyed by a committee appointed in 1962 to study the ecumenical movement as it was related to the world council.

More than 1,000 delegates are attending the convention's annual session.

**FALL OF STRAW PUZZLES CITY**

DARTFORD, England (AP)—Straw fell for an hour from clouds over this part of Kent Thursday, baffling one and all.

Joyce Hyams, wife of a farmer on the outskirts of the community, said:

"I was hanging out some washing when I felt straw falling all over me. I looked up and the sky seemed full of it."

The straw fell quickly spread to the city and soon local residents were busy with brooms and pitchforks removing it from the streets and lawns. The weird phenomenon stopped as suddenly as it had begun.

"We are baffled," said a police spokesman. "There was far too much of it for it to have been dropped from an airplane."

"We are mystified," said a spokesman for the government meteorological office. "We cannot explain the storm at all. It was certainly not what we forecast for this morning—cloudy and scattered rain showers."

**CENTRAL BEDEQUE**

Iewis Wright of Providence, R.I., visited his brother Loren and sister-in-law, also his mother, Mrs. Albert Wright.

Rev. J.B. and Mrs. Estabrooks of Moncton are visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Rev. Horace Eastbrooks at the United Baptist Parsonage, Central Bedeque.

Central Bedeque Women's Institute held a picnic at Chelton beach Monday afternoon with a good attendance of members and visitors. Due to showers the secretary, Mrs. Earle D. Leard invited them to her home where picnic lunch was served, and a social time was enjoyed.

**BEDEQUE**

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gorrell and their two children, have returned to their home in Hanover, Mass., after a pleasant visit with relatives in Bedeque, Tynes Valley, Summerside and Ferrisburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace MacLeod and little daughter, Linda, Sackville, N.S., were recent guests of relatives over the week end.

Miss Rose Scott and Mr. Burns are guests at the Linden Lodge, this village. On several previous occasions they have visited Bedeque.

Ralph Callbeck, Central Bedeque and Sidney Murray, were in Halifax over the week end of Aug. 18 attending a A.O.T.S. men's meeting of the United Church.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Turner, from Ontario, were visitors recently and attended service in the United Church on Aug. 11.

Miss Rose Hamilton and E. W. Hamilton of Waterville, N.S., attended service in the United Church here recently.

The Bedeque Women's Institute held their picnic on Saturday, August 17, at Hammond Bowness cottage, Ferrisburgh. There was a good attendance and the outing was much enjoyed.

**DISGUISED AS PRIESTS**

FRANCISTOWN, Bechuanaland (Reuters)—Two escaped South African political prisoners arrived here Wednesday after making their way to this British protectorate disguised as priests. The two whites, Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolfe, were among four political prisoners who broke out of Johannesburg police headquarters Aug. 11.

**APPEALS FOR CALM**

DURBAN, South Africa (AP)—South Africa's neighboring territory of British Bechuanaland is being used as a channel for political refugees leaving his country, Premier Hendrik Verwoerd charged Wednesday. He appealed to South Africans to exercise patience and tolerance in dealing with British protesters in South Africa as the other two are hospitalized and Swedish.

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