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The WCC celebrates 50 years of promoting apostasy

British Council of Protestant Christian Churches mounts protest in Amsterdam.



Free Presbyterian ministers, in company with Dr. Brian Green, protesting against the WCC in Amsterdam at the 50th anniversary meeting.

L to R—Rev. Thomas Murray (Markethill), Rev. Stanley Barnes (Hillsborough), Rev. James Beggs (Ballymena), Dr. Brian Green (Feltham, London), Rev. William Beattie (Dunmurry), Rev. Trevor Baxter (Ballynahinch).

Rev. Mark Biddle and Jonathan Larmour from London and Pastor David Carson from Chester and some ladies from his church were also at the protest. The protestors handed out a leaflet (see page 2 for the text of the leaflet) to delegates entering the WCC meeting. The local mayor spoke to our brethren and sisters and congratulated them on their conduct. He even signed some of their protest posters.

of the objective of the WCC to be accurate.

The spirit of unity with Rome has flourished under the leadership of the WCC. We have seen Queen Elizabeth II humbly don black clothing while she visited Pope John 23rd in 1961. Roman Catholic queens wear white. The black clothing of our Queen was deemed to be the garments of penitence for the sins of Protestant England. Numerous so-called Protestant church leaders have gone to Rome and paid homage to the papal antichrist. It is universally believed by such leaders that the Pope is the rightful head of any universal church emerging from the WCC.

The influence of ecumenism upon evangelicals may also be seen in the complete reversal of the position of Dr. Billy Graham since 1948. The late Dr. G Archer Weniger wrote of two occasions when he spoke with Billy Graham in 1948, just prior to the inauguration of the WCC. On those two occasions, Billy Graham told him that he expected the WCC to nominate the Antichrist! Graham was proud of this startling and widely-quoted statement. How different things are today! Billy Graham believes the pope is the world's leading Christian.

The World Council of Churches is fifty years old this year. It was formally constituted in Amsterdam, on August 23rd, 1948. In that time it has promoted rebellion against God and His Word. From within its ranks have come voices unparalleled in the history of Christendom, railing against the truth of the gospel. The cardinal doctrines of the Bible have been denied by those of standing and leadership in the WCC. The deity of Christ; the atoning death of Christ; the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures; the second coming of Christ; eternal punishment -- these and many other vital doctrines have been openly and repeatedly denied by the leaders of the WCC.

From the very outset, its aim was made clear. Dr C F Nolde, a United Lutheran delegate, stated just before the inaugural meeting of the WCC, "In a popular sense the first meeting of the Church Council could be spoken of as a reversal of the trend which began at the Reformation." The years that have followed the formation of the WCC have proved his estimate



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Another evangelical who has completely turned his coat is Dr. Jack Van Impe. He was once a strident opponent of Romanism, but today presents the pope as a modern hero of the Christian faith.

The modern charismatic movement has aided ecumenists in leading their flocks back into the arms of Rome. Organisations such as Evangelical Catholics, led by Paddy Monaghan, have been supported by Methodist, Presbyterian and Church of Ireland ministers and presented as truly Christian organisation. A book, *Adventures in Reconciliation*, containing some 21 "testimonies" of so-called evangelical catholics, has been circulated amongst ministers in Northern Ireland by virtue of the European Programme for Peace and Reconciliation. When I perused the copy I was sent, it was clear that the "conversion" experience, testified to by those whose testimonies are contained in the book, was not that set forth in the Bible. At best, they were lapsed Romanists returning to the fold of popery. No "conversion" that makes a person a better Romanist is of God! The book was endorsed by cardinal Cahal Daly, Rev, Ken Newell (Presbyterian), Bishop Harold Miller (Church of Ireland), Dr. Trevor Morrow (Presbyterian), Pastor Paul Reid (Charismatic), and Dr. Ken Wilson (Methodist). Such Bible-denying ecumenical propaganda is what the WCC has promoted and that very successfully.

The apostasy will continue and the days will grow darker for the true people of God. That is made very clear in such passages as 1 Timothy 4:1-5, 2 Timothy 3:1-5. What is also made clear is the response that Christians must make to apostasy. "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ," 1 Tim 4:6. That is especially the minister's duty. "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them," 2 Timothy 3:1. That is the duty of us all.