

Oscar Cullmann, Swiss Reformed New Testament scholar, professor at the University of Basel and at the Sorbonne in Paris; for the second semester, Eberhard Bethge, director of the Pastors Institute of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rhineland-Westphalia. Named Henry W. Luce visiting professor of world Christianity for the entire term: M. M. Thomas, Mar Thoma Syrian Church in India layman who is the East Asia Christian Conference's secretary for church and society and who served as chairman of the World Conference on Church and Society held recently in Geneva.

Z. K. Matthews, World Council of Churches' secretary for Africa, formerly professor of social anthropology and law at the University College of Fort Hare in South Africa, has been appointed to represent Botswana at United Nations headquarters.

Donald K. Abbott, United Church of Christ missionary expelled from Rhodesia for protesting against repression of Africans by the Ian Smith regime, has been called to the pastorate of integrated St. Andrews United Church in Ndola, Zambia. Abbott, an American citizen, was chairman of the United Church conference in Rhodesia and for 14 years had been a school administrator and superintendent of a mission at Chikore. . . . Two applications to the government of the Sudan have failed to bring permission for Anglican Bishop Oliver Allison to visit his diocese's three southern provinces, where Christians predominate and where virtual civil war has prevailed for the past decade. . . . Interviewed on his arrival for a two-month U.S. tour, Anglican Bishop C. Edward Crowther (see the July 27 Century) said he disagrees with civil rights groups' urging that U.S. investments be withdrawn from South Africa in protest against apartheid policies. Doing so, he insisted, would merely "damage the people we are trying to help by cutting off the tremendous potential U.S. firms have to improve labor conditions."

Alec C. Beasley of British Columbia, a sometime contributor to the Century's letter columns, is in the Canadian news again for refusing to fill out a questionnaire submitted by the government bureau of statistics. Mr. Beasley, a farmer, resisted being enumerated in the last Canadian census ("it's offensive to be questioned under force"). Officials alternately cajoled and threatened and newspapers across the country took up the argument, but Mr. Beasley remained unenumerated and unprosecuted.

James W. Wine, United Presbyterian layman who was secretary of the National Council of Churches before being named special adviser on religious affairs to the late John F. Kennedy

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during the 1960 presidential campaign, later was named ambassador to the Ivory Coast Republic, has been named a special assistant for refugee and migration affairs to Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

Charles Lutz has resigned as editor to *One*, American Lutheran youth magazine, to become the first director of the interdenominational Center for Urban Encounter in St. Paul-Minneapolis, Minn. . . . Director-theologian at the new Lutheran Institute for Religious Studies, with offices in Austin and Seguinte, Tex., is C. Umhau Wolf, archaeologist and pastor for the past 15 years of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Toledo, Ohio.

The Gold Miners

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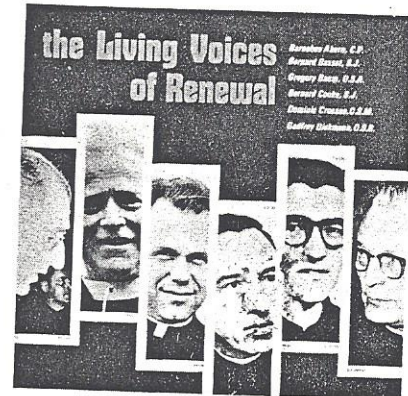
Bulwark of the Economy

When George Harrison, a poverty-stricken British prospector, struck gold while digging on a Transvaal farm over 75 years ago, he set off a chain reaction that ultimately transformed the entire economic and social structure of South Africa. In the process, the character of South Africa's race relations was molded into a rigid, discriminatory cast, the inflexibility of which has become of ever mounting concern throughout the world.

Symbolically, the Langlaagte farm where Harrison made his find became the site of a productive mine, just as the agricultural economy of the erstwhile Boer republics was converted into a mining economy. Today South Africa's income continues heavily dependent upon the unearthing of the country's mineral riches, the most valuable of which is gold.

The gold mining industry in turn is heavily dependent on an adequate supply of black native labor; nearly half a million Bantus are employed in over 60 mines. The specifications for Bantu participation in gold mining were drawn up after Harrison's discovery: natives were welcome to the mining camps, not as owners of claims or as skilled workers but as common laborers — needed in increasingly large numbers. Then taxes were imposed upon the natives in the tribal reserves. To pay his taxes the native was forced to find employment in the white man's world. For those who went to work in the mines the toil was hard and the pay was low, but the mineowners preferred to stress the fact that the Bantu's regular wages gave him more financial security than he ever had in his home kraal, and

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