



Miss Jean Joan Williams tells a young audience about the people depicted by the dolls. Seated (left to right): Diane Keefer, Norman Jordan, Mary Ann Slack and Fritz Frauchiger. Standing: David Keefer, Charles Slack, Bobby Tiller, Richard Reeves and Robert Slack.

stricted to children. They're sung by Fellowship adults, as well, at their dinners and parties and other informal functions. The songs, incidentally, were written by Hy Zaret and Lou Singer, who wrote "One Meat Ball," among other songs. The two were commissioned to write a suite of one-minute "jingles" on the subjects of interracial understanding and Americanism.

The Fellowship is an interfaith, interracial group, started five years ago, and known until recently as the Interchurch Fellowship. Its headquarters are at 1751 N street N.W., but with expanding membership (it now has about 400) and activities, bigger quarters are being considered. Dedicated to the idea that the Nation's Capital should be a working model of democracy, its membership includes Protestants, Cath-

olics, Jews, white and Negro, Chinese, Japanese, Hindus and Indians (Asiatic). Its current president is Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, executive secretary of the Washington Federation of Churches.

Each month members have a "paranda," a fellowship idea from the Spanish people. They visit homes of different national and racial backgrounds to learn about various customs and folkways.

Speaking trios, composed of a Negro, a white Christian and a Jew, are constantly being sent out to spread the gospel of understanding to churches, schools and other organizations.

Each year a basic training course is held at All-Souls' Unitarian Church, wherein members and guests attempt to analyze the cause of the "hate germ," and find a cure. Out of these sessions come suggestions for "incident con-

trol" and as a result members have gone into action, after some incident, to try to eradicate friction.

Fellowship dinners are held each month. Other activities include monthly worship services and "pilgrimages" by members of every creed and color to various local churches and temples, and a 28-voice mixed choir.

The Fellowship, according to Jean Joan Williams, executive secretary, is constantly bringing in newcomers to attend meetings, "even people who disagree with us and to whom sitting with a mixed group is a brand-new experience."

The group, she says, hopes eventually to make its gospel so widespread in Washington that there will no longer be need for it.

"Ultimately," she says, "we want to put ourselves out of business."  
—S. B.



At the "paranda"—an interfaith, interracial gathering — Mme. Tulga (second from left) and her husband explain some of the customs of their country. Others shown are Mrs. Evelyn Stephens (left), Mrs. Margaret Emmons (center), director of the Orientation Center for foreign students and trainees at Wilson Teachers' College, and Mrs. Thelma Rutherford.  
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