

Notes from Robert A. Cook

Robert A. Cook Years in Youth for Christ 1948-1957

Lowest point was at the beginning. I saw Youth for Christ as being fragmented, with our best leaders establishing their own ministries—Billy Graham, Cliff Barrows, TW Wilson, (Billy Graham Evangelistic Assoc), Bob Evans (European Bible Institute), Bob Pierce (World Vision), Paul Freid (Trans World Radio).

Of course, from the perspective of half a century, one can see that God was sending His choice servants out to places and ministries He had prepared for them.

We had considerable financial pressures as well, and I was thrust into the task of raising up funds and leaders--But God saw us through!

The highest point—hard to pin point.

- a) The world congress, and the vision of "one country at a time" that came during a night of waiting with God while I was at Sioux City.
- b) The development of YFC clubs (now Campus Life.) under Jack Hamilton with the Bible quizzes—a thrill to see my own two daughters competing successfully, having memorized whole books of the Bible.

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1. Guard your own spiritual life. Success or failure begins at the place of prayer, not in the pulpit or before the microphone
2. Use prayer as a leverage to get things done. Don't call a committee meeting, call a prayer meeting! (Shorter, too!)
3. Prioritize each day's tasks, and then take the most important one first, etc.
4. Go for souls. All the benefits of Christian service follow from evangelism. You can be united with disparate groups in New Testament evangelism.
5. Keep the world on your heart and in your vision.