



## John Raleigh Mott

*Significant dates  
in the life and career  
of a world citizen*

- 1865 — Born May 25, in Livingston Manor, New York.
- 1879 — Converted under influence of the Quaker Evangelist, State YMCA Secretary of Iowa, J. W. Dean.
- 1881 — Attended Upper Iowa College, Charter Member Student YMCA. College Trustee 1930-1955.
- 1885 — Entered Cornell University. Inspired by English Evangelist, J. E. K. Studd. Active Student Christian Association.
- 1886 — Cornell representative, Mt. Hermon, Mass., Conference called by Dwight L. Moody. One of 100 who agreed to serve on mission fields, the beginning of the Student Volunteer Movement. Chairman of Executive Committee 1888-1920, Honorary Chairman Board of Directors 1950-1955.
- 1887 — President, Cornell Christian Association. Largely responsible for raising funds to build Barnes Hall, campus Christian center.
- 1888 — Graduated from Cornell University. Became Student Secretary, International Committee of YMCA's. Was Student executive until 1915.
- 1891 — First visit to Europe, World Conference of YMCA's Amsterdam. Also 1894 on invitation, Voluntary Missionary Union of Great Britain.
- 1895 — Vadstena, Sweden, a founder of the World's Student Christian Federation, General Secretary until 1920, Chairman until 1927, Honorary Chairman 1927-1955. First World Tour.

- 1898 — Secretary, Foreign Department, International Committee of YMCA's.
- 1901 — Associate General Secretary for Foreign Work International Committee until 1915. Second World Tour.
- 1908 — Chairman, Foreign Missions Conference of North America, now the Division of Foreign Missions, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Also Chairman in 1936 and Honorary Life Member 1942-1955.
- 1909 — Elected Member of World's Committee of YMCA's.
- 1910 — Organized World Missionary Conference, Edinburgh. Chairman Edinburgh Continuation Committee, appointed by the Conference. This Committee became the International Missionary Council in 1921 at Lake Mohonk, New York. Dr. Mott Founder and Chairman 1921-1942, Chairman Emeritus, 1942-1955.
- 1911 — Founder, Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students.
- 1912 — Third World Tour.
- 1915 — General Secretary, International Committee of YMCA's to 1931; member of Committee 1931-1955.
- 1917 — Member, Board of Trustees of the National Board of YMCA's, 1917-1955.
- General Secretary National War Work Council of the YMCA's, World War I. Received U. S. Distinguished Service Medal; decorated by 15 Governments.
  - Appointed by Woodrow Wilson on Root Mission to Moscow and Mexican-American Joint Committee.
- 1926 — World Conference of YMCA's in Helsingfors. Elected President, World's Alliance of YMCA's; served 1926-1947. Honorary Life President, 1947-1955.
- Chairman, War Prisoners Aid, World War II.
- 1928 — International Missionary Conference at Jerusalem. Fourth World Tour ending in 1929.

- 1937 — Founder and Member, Inter-Seminary Movement, 1937-1944.  
— World Conference of YMCA's in Mysore.
- 1938 — Elected Vice-President, Federal Council of Churches, 1938-1940; member Executive Committee 1941-1948. (Now National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.)
- 1944 — Honorary Chairman, United Student Christian Council, 1944-1955.
- 1945 — Received the Prince Carl Prize.
- 1946 — Received Nobel Peace Prize award.
- 1948 — World Council of Churches, First Assembly, Amsterdam; elected Honorary President, 1948-1955.
- 1951 — Centennial International Convention of the YMCA's of the United States and Canada. Citation as renowned leader and honored statesman of the Young Men's Christian Association.
- 1955 — Passed away at Orlando, Florida, January 31; interred in the Chapel of St. Joseph of Arimathea in the Washington Cathedral. Joint Memorial Service, Christ Church Methodist, New York, February 25, 1955.