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SYMPOSIUM TONIGHT!

Tonight at 8:00 the second Symposium of the year will be held in Room 1 of Hagan Hall. The subject is "Birth Control" Featured will be Dr. Lawrence of the Lankenau Hospital and Dr. Heinecken.

DR. BERGENDOFF-COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, head of the Board of Theological Education and truly one of the leaders of the Church, will be the speaker at the Commencement of the Class of 1964 on May 15.

While this news may not be so new to those of us here at the school, it should be of great interest to our outside readers.

FROM A SEMINARIAN'S NOTEBOOK

One of the criticisms directed toward Honest to God is that Christians really don't think of God as being "up there" or "out there" somewhere in space. Alec Graham, for example, writes, "it is hard to believe, for instance, that many Christians really do think of divine transcendence in spatial terms." On the other hand I find the following letter written just this month to the editor of a Lutheran magazine (magazine, author and writer left anonymous here):

"Regarding the article 'Are There Other Inhabited Worlds?'...by.... I personally don't think so. Nor does Scripture indicate it.

"In the section on 'Silence'...states that the Bible does not mention life elsewhere, but this silence ought not to be interpreted as ruling out the possibility of life in some other part of the universe."

"If there is life on other planets, that life must be spiritual and not human as we are. Let me quote from

POLITICAL SCIENTIST FROM AFRICA TO VISIT MT. AIRY

The Heyer Commission is pleased to announce that a political scientist from the young nation of Ghana has agreed to address the student body on Thursday, February 6. The speaker is Mr. Emanuel Hyde, who is presently working for a Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Hyde's topic will be "Present Day Problems in Africa," with special attention given on the situation in his own home country.

The program will begin at 7:30 in Room 3 of Hagan Hall. Refreshments will follow. This deserves the interest of each of us.

Notebook....

Scripture: 'The heaven, even the heavens are the Lord's, but the earth hath He given to the children of men.' (Ps. 115:)

What does this mean? It just simply means that God doesn't want us humans from this earth to tinker with his domain--space rockets and space explorers included.

"Therefore we earthmen have no business to trespass in other worlds. God specifically told us humans to stay put on this planet earth and subdue it and not try to go flying around in His domain. If He wanted us to do so, He would have stated so in Scripture; and there are no such orders in the Bible.

Therefore, we earthmen had better obey His command or suffer the consequences."

End quote. What hurts even more than this letter is the answer given by the editors of the magazine which in effect avoids the whole problem.

But rather than simply record what the editors of the magazine said, I would see p. 6

CONCERNING THE REFECTORY

On January 8, 1964, the members of the Refectory Committee, Mr. Elwood Heinbach and Mr. John A. Kaufmann held a meeting to discuss the relation of the cost of the meals at the Refectory and the amount of board charged to each of the boarding students of the Seminary. Also discussed was the relation of the students to the Refectory, the type of meals served, etc.

Among the items discussed was the amount of money that the Seminary charges each boarding student and the amount of money that is paid to the Slater System by the Seminary. It was ascertained that all of the board that is charged to the student is paid to the Slater System by the Seminary, regardless if the student eats meals on the weekend or not. The purpose of "the count" that is taken at each meal is for Slater's own records and for inventory of food items.

The items were broken down as follows: each student pays for board

\$152.00 per quarter
456.00 per year.

The first week of the academic year each student who boards is charged \$15.16. The remainder of the weeks, each boarding student is charged \$14.42.

First week - \$15.16
Remainder - 14.42
Per day - 2.06

A total of 1100 meals are served per week at the Refectory.

The boarding student does not pay for the student labor, utilities, or for heavy equipment in the Refectory. This cost averages to approximately nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) per year which is paid for by the Seminary out of its operating expenses. Therefore, in actuality, each boarding student receives a subsidy from the Seminary of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year. (Plus a donation by the seminary for the Senior Banquet.)

The boarding student dollar:

Labor - 37%
Food - 44-50%
Replacement - 1%
(Glassware, silverware, etc.)
Profit to Slater - 10%
Direct Expenses - 7%

(Linen, insurance, soap, mercantile tax, etc.)

Because of the low number of boarding students this year the percentage of the student's dollar that must go for labor expenses is higher than has been in the

past. There are 83 boarding students this year as compared to 90 last year. Mr. Heinbach reported that with the present kitchen staff the Refectory could serve one hundred-forty (140) boarding students, which if kept at a maximum would decrease the percentage of each student's dollar going for labor. (There is no way of reducing the present kitchen staff.)

It is interesting to note that the contract with the Slater System states that the number of boarding students is not to be lower than 80 students. If this were to happen, the deficit would have to be paid to the Slater System.

There is only 66% participation in meals at the Refectory (due to students who do not board at the Refectory on week ends). The amount of money that these students have paid for board is still turned over to the Slater System. This money is then turned back into the weekly meals, the Canteen, and for visitors.

Mr. Heinbach also reported that the meat is purchased from the Meat Department located on Lombard Street and is of fine quality. Vegetables are purchased from the Slater Produce.

Slater also has a "Control Portion" per person per meal which Mr. Heinbach does not rigidly adhere to. The "Control Portion" is 2 1/2 oz. of meat per person. The portion which the boarding student receives varies from 1/2 oz. to one ounce above the "Control Portion." Plus the fact of seconds on vegetables.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC MUSINGS

Let us remind you once more of a new tool for you in the library. In the Reference Room is a bound list of all periodical holdings of the library. This will save you much searching in the catalog and on the shelves.

Another four books have been shipped overseas, this time to a Lutheran School in Ethiopia.

Henry Scherer,
Librarian

COMMENTARY ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Another Folcroft ??

The date for the second Philadelphia area "Folcroft incident" is set. The date is FEBRUARY 3. The place is Levering School, Roxborough.

Today I would like to point out what an impending racial situation looks like. Further, I would like to suggest that if the Roxborough churches wanted to prevent a racial situation in that community, the time for preventing it is now past. If a situation occurs, all the church has to say will be denouement. Therefore, this article is a plea that seminarians and pastors learn to recognize the signs of a racial situation.

THE FACTS:

1. William H. Blair, principal of Levering School has agreed to the bussing of 110 pupils from the Stokley School at 32d and Berks Streets. Currently, the Stokley School is on split sessions because of overcrowding. The neighboring schools have the same problem, so there is no solution in the immediate area. They already are bussing 10 classes to nearby schools.
2. In the words of the principal: "You will have to believe me that they couldn't go to the East where there are other problems; to the South where there is a heavy population, or to the West where there are even greater problems. So, of course they have to move North." In moving North two choices were possible, Levering or Dobson. The choice was made by Dr. Kohl, superintendent of district 6. The reason is that Dobson is too small an organization for the job.
3. Levering has an enrollment of a little over 600, but the capacity of the school is over 1,000.
4. A taxpayers suit has been begun by the citizens because the "proposed transportation is unconstitutional and unreasonable."

THE EMOTIONS:

Don Evans, a member of a fourth generation Roxborough family asked Blair "if Levering School is equipped to handle the new children, what sort of disturbance do you expect in the school itself beside parental interference?"

The response to the question was shouts of "How about lunchtime?"

Gerald Reidy started off his question by stating "that I am a taxpayer." He said that his grandfather owned property here and helped build the schools and his father helped maintain them with taxes and so does he. "I don't like people who come on the scene and tell us what to do, Reidy declared. "They tell us how our tax money is to be spent. I don't like it."

OBSERVATIONS:

1. Mr. Blair has acted responsibly in his office as principal. I regret that he has tried to pass the buck to Dr. Kohl, for a decision that his office demands he make.
2. If the church was to take a stand, it should have been against the taxpayers suit, and not against racial violence after it occurs. (assuming it does). In the civil realm the evidence is not always as clear-cut as it is in this case. It is the responsibility of the "state" to administer the best possible public school education for the public. In this case the state has intended to act for the sake of the best interests of the public. Therefore, a public taxpayers suit against responsible public action can only be taken as an irresponsible action.
3. February 3 the bussing begins unless the taxpayers case is upheld or violence delays the action.

R. Grove

TELEPHONE PROBLEM

EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER BY
TOM McCLELLAN

At the Executive Council meeting of Tuesday morning, the one and only bid ... On the Pan Am flight to Rome (from for the position of Telephone Answering Paris) I met Dr. Pritchard and Dr. Mar-Clerk was opened. An advertisement for vin Pope... In Beirut I met Al Roberts and bids for this position had appeared on some of my old students. It was a wonder-both the Hagan Hall and Canteen bulletinfeful reunion. We spent the evening talking boards for over a week prior to the bid-with Al telling a hundred new jokes and opening date. The one bid which was stories! When I left Al last June in submitted was for \$40.00 a month. This Beirut he was to conclude the sale of bid was rejected, since an amount such our VW on the day of my departure. I as this would mean an annual cost of learned that he was still concluding the \$360.00, which was more than the Execu- sale. Every week he must go to a differ- tive Council was willing to authorize. ent government office for "one last paper

However, the problem of answering or stamp or signature. It took him all the telephone was still discussed by the summer to get one paper from Germany to Executive Council. Since it appears - finish the sale. By the time the paper that the Telephone-Answering-Clerk solu- had come through the law had changed and tion is too expensive, other possible he started all over again. When I left solutions were discussed. The solution him to depart for Jerusalem this time he which was brought to the fore was the said he had only one more office to visit one which was introduced by Art Hahn at and they promised him it would be est- ished. We hope he sells it before he re- tablishing a schedule for answering the ... I finally arrived in Jerusalem at the pay telephone which would be born by all American School only to find it bitter resident students. The plan offered by cold. The next morning we saw snow fall- Art Hahn would make each resident studenting for a while. We decided to drive responsible for answering the telephone down into the Jordan Valley where we were about one-half hour every two weeks. sure it would be in the 70's. We wanted to examine the site and also find a place to live since earlier plans did not work out. What a shock we had! The warm, the hot Jordan Valley was freezing!

Although this plan was defeated, I would like to encourage the students to reconsider it. Since the Telephone Answering-Clerk idea will have to be abandoned, and since other solutions which I have investigated have proven to be impractical, it appears that the only possible solution is the one originally posed by Art Hahn. There was certainly evidenced at the last Student Body meeting, an earnest desire to find a beautiful location. To the north a few hundred yards is Wadi Yahis, which I'm told means "dry valley." We are on the east side of the Jordan Valley. To the west we can see the large groves of trees along the Jordan River. Far in the distance Mount Tabor in Galilee stands out all alone....

Otherwise, the problem will have to be considered insoluble. I would appreciate remarks from the students of their opinions concerning the plan, since in the light of my investigations no other solution seems possible.

Greg Shannon

This all brings us to the time when we actually set up camp and started digging. We live in Camp Italiano, an empty camp for Italian construction workers who helped build the East GJOR Canal. an irrigation project in the valley. It is a beautiful location. To the north a few hundred yards is Wadi Yahis, which I'm told means "dry valley." We are on the east side of the Jordan Valley. To the west we can see the large groves of trees along the Jordan River. Far in the distance Mount Tabor in Galilee stands out all alone....

We actually started digging on the second of January and ... those first few days. There were only six of us then. A local architect made a contour map of the valley. The grid was set up. We then laid out plots of

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Letter from Tom McClellan...

squares. Each of us has two parallel plots to look after. That first day we were lucky because in a pit one of the men found there was a broken plate with strange markings on it. On closer examination the markings proved to be made by a stylus used in writing cuneiform. This is quite encouraging because it may mean cuneiform tablets are in the vicinity. Such a discovery would be extremely important.

....We had Sunday off and left for Jerusalem. We only got as far as Jericho where the Jerusalem road was closed because of the Pope's drive from Amman to Jerusalem. After about an hour of waiting and many false starts, he drove by blessing us all. It was quite an experience. We followed his car only five minutes behind him and we felt as if we were part of the procession ourselves.

The king buzzed back and forth overhead in his helicopter in a grand style. We were routed straight to the Damascus gate where the crowds had just gone wild.

The next morning I had the privilege of preaching and conducting the service in the German Redeemer Lutheran Church, about fifty yards from Calvary where the Pope had said mass the night before.

Immediately after Sunday dinner we drove back to Camp Italiano ready to resume our efforts at Tell Es Sai 'deyeh.

..... Regards to all,
Tom

(We will again publish reports from Tom next week).

CORNELL-MT. AIRY SEMINAR

Plans for this year's seminar are progressing quite well. We have decided to follow the format of last year's seminar which, we feel, was very successful. Dr. Heineken and Dr. Reumann have consented to give the presentations for our faculty and Dr. Tappert and Mr. Sigel have agreed to be the other panel members for the evening session. The men from Cornell have been secured, but as yet I do not know who they will be. By next week I should have this information along with suggestions for reading for preparation for the discussions. These suggestions will be made by both faculties. As announce-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Your landlady will not rent to Negroes. You discover that she has turned away a man who came to look at the apartment, you had agreed to rent for her. What she told him--we don't know. What he felt at that time--we don't know. What she told us afterwards was that she wouldn't know what to do if the Negroes started fighting in her apartment, for she lives alone, and she would be afraid. ...but she didn't have anything against Negroes....and she turned him away.

What do you do?

What does Matthew Manuya do when he wants to rent an apartment? What does Mr. Rodriguez do when an apartment owner refuses him rental? In light of the national, public racial problem, what do you do? In light of the personal, private fears and mistrusts of the landlady, what do you do?

In one sense this is our problem. We must ask in what ways we have failed this woman at this time. We must ask why we are allowed to live here now. We must ask where in our lives and where in the life of a Mt. Airy hair dresser, our landlady--where is justice and where is mercy and where are their intersections.

In another sense this is everyman's problem. How do we in any situation reach beyond our apartment walls and over dormitory walls? How do we even ask the right questions? Mt. Airy is a changing neighborhood and her people are becoming increasingly sensitive to these problems. To be studying theology in the midst of these problems is, among other things, to share and to learn from these neighbors for whom these changes are no small affair.

Bruce Johnson

Seminar...

ced, the topic is "The View of Man in Light of Modern Psychology."

Russell McIntyre, Chm.

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Notebook....

ask you this, how would you answer this person were he a member of your congregation or you were the editor of the magazine. Give it some thought. Perhaps even try to write down an answer. And if there is enough interest, I will include in next week's column the answer given by the magazine editors.

Dick Sieling

ST. CHARLES REVISITED

Upon reflecting on the visit of about forty of us to St. Charles Seminary on January 16th, I wonder what impressions we left on the men we met behind those walls. It was obvious that we were greeted by the students with enthusiasm. After only brief conversation it was apparent that they were flattered by our presence and anxious to know what motivated us to break our ordered lives to view their ordered lives. They seemed amazed that our lives were not ordered in the manner in which their lives are. We have a freedom which they seem to admire but reject as not conducive to training for the priesthood.

Evangelical books were excluded from the book shelves but they were willing to add any of Luther's works which are not on the Index. They showed amazement upon learning that our library has a large number of Roman books and that books by Roman Catholic authors were required for some of our courses. Gradually they came to realize that we were "free indeed." Can it be that they scratched their heads wondering if they had not really had them hurried in the sand?

This visit was one of encounter with fifteen students who had volunteered. Evidently they were not hand-picked this time for their skill in polemics. These men had given up study for a New Testament exam. In honor of the visit of the Lutherans they were told they could forget about Galatians. Gently we reminded them that such a forgetfulness might be possible for them, but not for us.

A great interest on their part was expressed in our freedom to marry. When one learned that I was single and not addicted to tobacco and alcohol, he in-

Visit to St. Charles...

formed me that I would fit well at St. Charles. Slightly amused, I declined his kind invitation. That seminarian has visited the church in which I did my Middler assignment because he was attracted by the Romanesque architecture. At our departure he shook my hand warmly and said I should observe the congregation closely some Sunday morning because he planned to visit again.

We turned and left St. Charles through a large rear window. He said they use that window often.

Harry Goos

Bowling:

WHAT'S IN STORE!

Those of us who have been keeping tabs on the E.B.L. know what next Monday night (Feb. 3) will bring: It is the night which marks the mid-way point in the seminary bowling classics. It's an opportune time for players and fans alike to examine themselves and their teams. For Mark and Matthew the key words are "confidence" and "stanina." For John, they ~~have~~ one foot in the "canon" and the other outside, showing a 10-10 record. It might be added that there is still one more team in the league although they probably doubt it. This is Luke with a frustrating 4-16 record.

Mark took the honors last Monday night with a three game average of 735 and high bowler for the night was Hirth of Mark with a 192. Let's hope and pray that in the second half of the season the Perfecost cones soon for the more "spiritless" rollers

Our Changing Neighborhood...

Your attention is directed to the letter from Bruce Johnson (p.5). We thank Bruce for bringing this matter, which should be of interest to each one of us, to our attention. Here is a situation "close to home." It deserves our thought...and our action. Anyone desiring to work in this area please see Bruce Johnson or myself.

W. Hamlin