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## A LOOK AT THE NEW TESTAMENT PROFESSOR

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1949-50, studied theology, Friedrich Alexander University, Erlangen, Germany.

Ph. D., in history of Doctrine, under Werner Elert, Paul Althaus, and Hans Joachim Schoeps.

Came to the United States in 1950 and attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, for one year;

assistant pastor, St. Luke's Church (Missouri Synod), Chicago, 1951-52; pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Long Beach, New York, 1952-55, and

attended Union Theological Seminary as an auditor;

Assistant Professor of Greek, Capital University, Columbus, 1955-57;

Associate Professor, 1957-58, and acting head of the Religion Department, 1957-58.

Associate Professor of New Testament, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, 1958-61.

full Professor, 1961-64.

Dean of the Department of Graduate Studies, 1961-64.

Post-graduate study, Tübingen University, 1962-63, especially under Ernst Käsemann;

Taught graduate seminar, State University of Iowa, 1963-64.

Articles in Dialog, The Lutheran Encyclopedia (forthcoming), and for the ALC Parish Education Department.

Work in progress: English translation and expansion of Hans Conzelmann's commentary on Acts.

Married (to daughter of a Missouri Synod pastor), three daughters (from 2 to 11 years).

### MT. AIRY PLAYERS PRESENT

### CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY

\*\*\*\*\*TONIGHT\*\*\*\*\* Wednesday, April 8, 8:00 P. M.

also, Friday, April 10; 8:00 P. M.

"An evening of drama in the chancel." See you there.

### TOMORROW EVENING \* \* THE SEMINARY CHOIR

The Choir of the Lutheran Theological Seminary will present a concert at 8:00 P. M. in Ascension Lutheran Church.

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... Shortly after the hunting oath was said, the most important part of the ceremony occurred. Here last year's winner of the ancient arrow award would address the audience. He would tell last year's hunting stories in the best way possible. Not all of the stories were of equal value, but no one from the earliest youth up could miss the treasured Word. It was the story of the life cycle of the cuddly bear. This story was coveted by all because killing the cuddly bear was the best way to win the ancient arrow award.

There was only one topic that was never spoken of during the address. That was the subject of the Being bags. Even the best hunters would not think of mentioning that they were empty. They would not think of mentioning that the men lied to one another about their empty Being bags, much less that they were lying to themselves. It was almost like a model chapel sermon that never deals with the points of contact among the student body...

RG

## LCA PARISH EDUCATION CURRICULUM

Pastor Lawrence Reese, who has been leading the discussion classes for the LCAPEC has asked me to announce that next week's session will be devoted to a discussion of the particular problems involved in both inter-city and rural-small congregations along with problems in developing the New Mission church and its educational program. For this purpose men from the Board who are involved with a specific area will meet with a discussion group to present the problems and their recommended solutions.

This to me seems like the ideal opportunity to find out the problems we will have in the type of church to which we are going and what we can possibly do about them. It may well be the most valuable session of the quarter and all are urged to attend. We will all meet in room 1, Hagan Hall, indicate our interest, and then go to assigned rooms to meet with these specialists. If you have any problems you are facing now in your church in regard to the Parish Education Curriculum, this is the time to discuss them. Russell McIntyre

In his article "A Christian Imperative", Jerald C. Brauer attempts to describe the theological basis of the church's racial and metropolitan responsibilities. In developing his argument he presupposes that there are central insights and affirmations of the Christian faith which are each in themselves, thoroughly ethical (p.91). The first of these affirmations he calls the root of the Christian imperative. Basically it is God's love for the world and his reconciling action in Christ. This presupposes Sin. The ethical significance of this is that the world is God's whether we know it or not.

The second affirmation put forth by Brauer is called "the form of the imperative". Basically it is Jesus Christ and the incarnation. The ethical implication is that "...the church is the primary form through which God wills to reveal and to illustrate to the world the reality of his involvement in and through the world...The purpose of the church is to make clear that there is no ultimate distinction between sacred and secular, or between church and world." The difference is one of function.

The third affirmation is that "...faith is the center out of which both the Christian community and the individual find the freedom to act." The ethical significance, of course, is that there is a basis for action. "It is this dynamic character of faith and forgiveness that frees one to reflect service through love."

At this point I must dare to make a fool of myself. It would be my contention that here at the very crucial point, the point of action, Brauer's theology is misleading. Theologically the term "faith" as the word for describing the basis for action is unsatisfactory. For the person who seeks to act in the midst of our contemporary social needs, the assertion that faith is central makes faith a thing to be grasped prior to activity. I would contend that Repentance is the dynamic key which turns the look for Christian social responsibility. It is out of Repentance that the H.S. enters our midst to enable God's love to find expression in the world through the church. RGrove

HEYER COMMISSION OPENS DRIVE

The Heyer Commission officially opens its annual drive today. This year the funds from the drive are to go to the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tokyo. The goal is \$500.00, and, in order to meet this mark, several campaign innovations will mark the course of this campaign. The first will be a brightly-colored can, especially designed for missionary contributions, and The Heyer Commission, which will be issued to all students; both resident and non-resident. Secondly, the campaign will feature a massive poster inundation, and we ask that none of the posters be removed or defaced, as their purpose is to remind each of you of your own responsibility in meeting the goal.

Greg Shannon

BIBLIOGRAPHIC MUSINGS

A most interesting visitor to our Seminary Library on April 6, was Professor D. Nirmal of Madras Christian College, Tanbaran, India. Mr. Nirmal is a fourth generation Christian from our India Lutheran Church. He chose some books for his school while with us. Prof. Nirmal is working on his Ph. D. in American History at Pennsylvania.

Gifts since our last writing have included 5 books to Wittenberg University, 59 periodicals to Pacific Lutheran Seminary, 12 books (a set of Schaff-Herzog) to Nommensen University in Indonesia.

Both attendance and circulation for March have been a little below the 1963 figures, but the year to date is larger:

Through March of	1963	1964
Attendance	11,142	12,076
Circulation	10,329	12,220

Henry Scherer, Librarian.

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WIVE'S CLUB NOTES

Dr. Martin J. Heinecken will speak about the meaning of the sacraments at the next meeting to be held on Monday, April 13, at Mrs. Ted Tappert's. Starting time is 7:45 sharp. Please be prompt as election of officers will take place at this time.

Congratulations to the following parents! Marge and Hank Dierk became parents of their first child, a boy. The Craig Landis' and Paul Hagedorn's became parents of their second child each, both girls.

Sinone Gothberg and Joyce Bagnall will represent The Wives Club on the Student Housing Commission.

NEWS OF THE SEMINARIAN QUARTERLY

For those of you writers who work best under pressure we have established a deadline: the lucky thirteenth of this month, next Monday. We would like to underscore the fact that this is a literary journal, the works must be of artistic nature. We want expressions of your experience of life as it is in totality -- its wisdom and its folly, its sorrow, its madness and its inner joy. It was 'the Philosopher' who said, "in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow."

So all of you who are vexed or sorrowful or just plain bugged, express yourself!

(Doesn't anyone know how to salute an ikon?)

Carl Heckman

Religion and Labor Conference-- says that the primary message of Judaism was one of social justice. His pamphlet is a case of pure eisegesis. Vistor Reuther made a reference to "seeing Jesus Christ in a picket line." which was particularly offensive to me and to several others in the group.

I thought that the conference was worth-while when economic and social issues were being discussed, but as soon as they began discussing God and the Church, then I felt uncomfortable.

Greg Shannon



COMMENTS ON THE RELIGION AND LABOR CONFERENCE AT ATLANTIC CITY

On the Monday and Tuesday before Easter vacation, Rick Keens, Bill Lee, Karl Schneider, Marshall Valier and myself attended the Religion and Labor Conference held in Atlantic City in conjunction with the United Auto Worker's convention. I would like to describe the proceedings and then give you some of our reactions to it.

We attended the Monday morning session of the UAW convention as observers to the proceedings of an organized labor convention. This session consisted mostly of the UAW's policy statements concerning social, economic, and political issues of our day. Their position, as you can imagine, was liberal all the way. Perhaps the greatest emphasis was upon Civil Rights; other items not entirely divorced from the civil rights resolution were; the war on poverty, education, medical assistance for the aged, as well as the indorsement of the liberal attitude on foreign policy and international trade. The highlight of the morning was a speech by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Since the press covered the speech well, I will make no further comments, other than to say we were all impressed by the rousing enthusiasm (three standing ovations) for Mr. Johnson, and also by the extremely heavy protection given the President by the police and the Secret Service.

Monday afternoon's session was highlighted by an address by Secretary of Labor, Willard W. Wirtz. Mr. Wirtz spelled out some of the details of the President's plan for the war on Poverty. Mr. Wirtz said that although employment increased last year, so did the unemployment. This unemployment is heaviest today in the depressed areas, minority groups, and teenagers. Nearly three-fourths of a million unskilled teenagers are dumped on the labor market each year, and our economy cannot absorb all of them. Mr. Wirtz felt that our compulsory public school education laws should be increased two years in order to 1). take the teenagers out of the labor market; and, 2), provide them with greater education to better equip them for employment. Racial discrimination in employment only hurts our economy, as it cuts off skilled men (in some cases) from jobs in which they could produce more and contribute to the growth of our economy.

There were other addresses given to us by several of the union officials, most notably, Vistor Reuther, President Walter Reuther's brother. These addresses highlighted some of the problems of the economy with which they deal in collective bargaining; improved working conditions, use of T. V. for supervisory purposes, and work rules. The conference ended with a panel discussion by leaders of the Auto Worker's Union, a Jewish Rabbi from Detroit, and the editor of the Jesuit newsmagazine America.

I think that all five of us were impressed with the conference, as we obtained much vital information about the problems of our economy. The conference certainly drove home the point that poverty is a bold reality in the United States. But I would like to say that I was disturbed by the way the church was "used" throughout the conference. It seemed to me that first of all, the Religion and Labor people cannot distinguish between problems common to society and problems peculiar to labor's own interest. That is, I think that the labor people expected the church to endorse their position of work rules and the like, since they think that their position is morally just. The church has endorsed the Civil Rights resolution, which to them is a big issue, and it seems that the church should now endorse their economic views.

I object to this attitude, not because of any pro-management views I might or might not have; but because I think that the work rules and the like should be discussed at the bargaining table, and not from the pulpit.

My second objection to the conference, which is in part a carry-over from the first, is their "use" of God and Christ. God to them was a God of Social Justice; the big benevolent daddy in the sky who wants to make right everything on the earth. A pamphlet written by The Rev. Charles C. Webber, seminary director of the Religion and Labor Conference, reflects this attitude. Mr. Weber goes through the Scriptures and pulls out all the "social-justice" passages, collects them, and then

TRY HOLY MASQUERADE --

Melvin A. Hammarberg

## STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

It was unfortunate. I was working on a paper and happened to open Holy Masquerade, still warm from the Bookstore. Within two pages I called a friend to let him savor a taste of this potent prose. A couple of hours later the cover to cover probing was finished --or it was lived through--or did it just begin? You see, I'm still suspended. And the paper is unfinished. Novels don't always have that kind of impact, especially when written by clergy and concerning the center of faith in a sophisticated world. The cover blurb has Union Seminary's Tom Driver give his word: "It has left me a strong impression that I do not think will fade in years to come." Holy Masquerade is by Olov Hartman, pastor in the national church of Sweden. The unmasking is unavoidable--the wife, pastor, parish, and our world. Dare we demythologize? Maybe you and I had better face some further and deeper issues. Try Holy Masquerade for a start.

The Culture Committee of the Junior R.P. Association is sponsoring a "Student Art Exhibit" from May 5 to May 9 in the library. Any form of painting, sketching, photography, cartoons, etc. will be acceptable. Please submit all work as soon as possible, to the library desk, in care of Alexander Jacobs.

Alexander Jacobs

## WELCOME BACK CHOIR

The Seminary Choir returned late last night from their annual Spring Tour. This years Tour found the Choir in concert in Lutheran churches in New England, New York, and New Jersey. Portland, Maine was the furthest northern penetration by the choir (about 300 miles south of Carribou).

The churches in which the choir sang were predominately Augustana in background. For many of the people, it was their first real meeting with a seminary from ULCA background. **It is felt and commonly stated** that the music helped each of us to capture a vision of the real unity and bond which does exist among God's people.

One of the featutes of the concerts was Mr. Bornemann's "brief" explanation (a la Leonard Bernstein) of polyphony.

The choir will present its homecoming concert tomorrow night at 8:00 in the chapel.

DON'T FORGET CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY

TONIGHT AND FRIDAY IN THE CHAPEL

## REPORT ON THE WASHINGTON SEMINAR FOR LUTHERAN STUDENTS

Four men from Mt. Airy participated in the 15th annual Washington Seminar for Lutheran Students, March 22-25. Attending from here were Bob Cornelius, Wes Hamlin, Sandy Jacobs, and Dick Sieling.

While in the nation's capital, we had an opportunity to observe the federal government in operation, discuss current issues, clarify the responsibilities of Christian citizens in a democratic and pluralistic society, and appraise the role of Christians in public life.

Sessions were held throughout Washington in various government offices and in Lutheran churches. About 200 students from 24 states and 36 campuses took part.

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In a keynote address, Dr. Robert E. Van Deusen, Washington Secretary of the National Lutheran Council's Division of Public Relations, told students that for the Christian citizen, "Intelligent participation in the processes of government is not an optional matter."

At the Pentagon, we were given background information on the role of the U.S. armed forces in world affairs, so-called equal opportunity in military service and the so-called "character guidance" programs for servicemen and women. We were given the impression (thus confirming what we have experienced and heard all along) that much of the work of our chaplaincy is done through compromise.

Sessions at the State Department (a beautiful, new structure) centered on foreign relations.

We also attended sessions of the House and Senate. At this particular time, the Senate was debating whether or not to debate the civil rights bill. By and large you do feel and sense that our nation is blessed with many capable and courageous political leaders; but to see these southern senators stand up and harrangue for literally hours on almost anything except the point in question, makes your blood boil. In addition to attending the sessions, we had opportunity to meet with various congressmen. There was also some brief time allotted to sight-see.

Congressman Clark MacGregor (R., Minn.) discussed "progress and problems in civil rights" during a luncheon talk at Reformation Lutheran Church.

Others who addressed the group included Richard W. Reuter, director of Food for Peace, who spoke on the cry of hunger and U.S. surpluses; Julius Cahn of the Senate Government Operations Committee staff who brilliantly described how national policies are formed; Nathaniel Davis of the Peace Corps who told about purposes and programs of this agency; and Ray Scherer, NBC congressional correspondent, who gave a newsman's view of the nation's capital.

The seminar, an annual event, was sponsored by the public relations units of the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod.

All four of us are quite enthusiastic about the seminar and hope that interest in it will continue in the future. We also wish to thank the faculty for granting permission to attend and also the Inter-seminary committee for supplying us with funds for expenses.

W. Hanlin