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## A MORATORIUM

Rm. 12:12 "Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer"

"How many deaths will it take 'til he knows that too many people have died?"... A day for reflection on the war in Viet Nam began with a chapel service conducted by Larry Smoose. As has been done in so many times, the apathetic of our society were called upon to consider their ways with the seminary community, to worship and ask for guidance and understanding for the reasons of this war.

The hymns that were sung, set the theme for the Morning Service with ones of questioning... Where Have All the Flowers Gone? and Blowing In The Wind - the scripture taken from Lamentations, caused us to remember the woe man subjects himself to, when he turns from the answer to his dilemma and Romans 12 caused us to examine on such a day our own motives as Christians.

The discussion leaders for the afternoon presented the audience with a quantity of information and opinion which could have kept us going for many a day. Mr. William Nelsen, political science fellow at Penn outlined concisely the positions taken by Churches and analyzed their effectiveness from the standpoint of a political scientist. We found his presentation to be straight-forward, and the insertion of his personal feelings was appreciated.

Dr. Lazareth, with his William Jennings Bryant suspenders and white shirt, mesmerized those in attendance with his command and understanding of the subject. He called us not as Democrats or as Republicans, nor as Hawks or Doves, but as Christians, to take a stand - "Is a just war viable, if so will you take a position on Viet Nam, and if not, evaluate a plan to get out." The clarity with which he analyzed the choices before us, was extremely helpful to the process of solidifying our views. He didn't say that one should be a dove, or should not be a Hawk, but the result of coming to a decision without true reflection and understanding can lead to Hawks becoming buzzards, and Doves turning chicken. The Doctrine of Sin should prevent a Dove from making his position into an ideology and likewise, with the Doctrine of Grace and the Hawks. "Love," stated Dr. Lazareth, "tells you why to do not what to do!" He outlined nine points of criteria by which we might judge whether or not this war is just and five options, for withdrawal if one concludes that the war is not just.

A two page sheet, from the LCA Social Statement on Conscientious Objection that was Adopted by the fourth Biennial Convention at Atlanta, Georgia, on June 19-27th, 1968 which states that a man should be able to be a conscientious objector even without a religious affiliation, and as a man who does belong to a religious denomination, should have the right as well, even those outside the Quaker, and Mennonite Sects (which are, at present the only two denominations who specifically state non-violence.)

(See page three for David Myers' topic, HANOI'S SIDE)

With a myriad of mazes of motionless pictures, music and prose, Dave Newhart presented a well-spent hour filling the eyes and ears with pictures of war, death, earth and sky... of cemetery plots, and symphonies, to show the meaninglessness of men killing men, uselessly or otherwise. Dave's sources were coming from Playboy, N.Y. TIMES' advertisement condoning the moratorium; a poem by Gary Kull (John Madison Was Drafted Today) and Letters from Viet Nam. "The Army Builds Men" ... if there are any left...

# OUR COMMITMENT...

AN EXPLICATION & INTERPRETATION OF A CONTEMPORARY MESSAGE:

The convocation speaker for October 15 was The Reverend Doctor Karoly Pröhle, Professor of New Testament at the Evangelical Lutheran Academy (Seminary) in Budepest, Hungary. His talk was set in the context of the day of moratorium to discuss the issues in Viet Nam, but Dr. Pröhle specifically addressed the topic, "Our Commitment in Our Society."

His talk opened with the assertion that he did not flee Hungary following the Second World War because he felt that Christ had the power to maintain him in a communist country as well as in a nation of the west. He proceeded to outline briefly the social, political, and economic changes which have taken place in Hungary since the war in an effort to help us understand the situation in which the Church stands at the present.

The rule of the well-to-do minority came into the hands of the working class which then undertook the task of educating itself and building industry, and today Hungary is managed by capable, well-educated minds.

The Lutheran Church in Hungary is a typical middle-class institution and since 1948, the Christian Church has had an agreement with the government which has provided for their peaceful coexistence. Christians are able to participate widely in communal affairs, including government.

We, as Christians, are members of society no matter where we happened to be born and it is incorrect to say the Church should go out into the world, for the Church is in the world. We are members of our native societies and of the Christian Church, and our responsibility is to both for the very task of Christianity necessarily is involved in the progress of man's existence! The Church cannot isolate itself and be about its pious tasks if it is to remain true to the theological position that Christ is active. He is active in this world through us.

In communal life, Dr. Pröhle continued, we must find common actions with unbelievers for we must be about the task of tending to the society of which we are a part. This is our responsibility, both as a member of that society and as a Christian. In essence the Christian cannot divide himself into two spheres. One may not fall back on the excuse that only pure Gospel is to be preached, untouched by the dirty hands of man's social dilemmas. Preaching must speak to a man in his present situation, and if it is not relevant than it is being untrue to itself. It is the task of a prophet to explicate the relevance of the Gospel without losing sight of the kerygma. Therefore our prophetic ministry must commence with a critical evaluation of ourselves before we point the finger toward other methods of rectifying the problems of society. Evangelism in this sense means conversion of those already with the Church. An army is not going to be victorious unless it is well trained and the cowards are either reconstituted or purged from the ranks.

The Church, said Dr. Pröhle, is the most widely spread organization on the face of the earth, and it is through this Church that we as Christians wherever we are abiding, whether in the United States or Hungary, can make an impact on the situation existing in the world. We are brothers in Christ and so he came to this country with such a purpose in mind.

There is the possibility that Dr. Pröhle's title indicated a presentation dealing with our commitment to our local, national, or municipal societies as Christians or it might be interpreted as our commitment to our universal society both of mankind and of the Church. I would speculate that his title was all inclusive for that is how I think he looks at the life of a Christian.

Although Dr. Pröhle's talk was not politically orientated, during the discussion he did entertain some questions dealing with the political views of the Church in Hungary. The main question was what is the view of the Church toward United States involvement in Viet Nam. He stated that the Church was basically opposed to U. S. involvement and outlined their proposal for a settlement. First, the United States should realize what the Geneva Congerence Agreements of 1954 say.

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Secondly, the U.S. should redognize the Viet Cong. Thirdly, there should be a withdrawal of American troops, and fourthly, the United States, the Soviet Union, and Red China should jointly guarantee the independence of Viet Nam. He commented that there is nothing especially Christian about such a point of view, but the church must make decisions concerning world affairs according to world reason and the meaning of the gospel. For the church to remain silent has the danger of acquiescence.

Bill Munz

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PREACHING SERVICES

Normally there will be preaching at the Monday and Friday services. Please observe the time limitations.

CONDUCT OF THE SERVICES

While there is no one way to conduct the services, it is suggested that as a guide the reader use the paper, Reading the Liturgy (prepared a number of years ago by Dr. Luther D. Reed, revised by Dr. George R. Seltzer, and currently undergoing further revision.) Any questions concerning the conduct of the services can be discussed with the chaplain.

(October 15, 1969)

# HANOI'S SIDE ...

After Dr. Lazareth spoke, David Myers, a junior, presented material on the viewpoint of Hanoi. He explained the opinion of Hanoi concerning the Vietnamese nation, the United States, and the war. Dave explained that the views he expressed were those written in the English language newspapers from Hanoi. Among the points that those papers and publications brought out was that North Vietnam and the National Liberation Front are separate entities, and one is not the puppet of the other.

Hanoi also has repeatedly expressed its view that although the large mass of American people are in favor of ending the war, the moneyed classes -- the capitalists -- are forcing the government to continue its "agresion."

Dave also pointed out that the Geneva agreements declared that the 17<sup>o</sup> boundary between North and South Vietnam was only temporary and "should not in any way be interpreted as constituting a political or territorial boundary," according to paragraph six of the Final Declaration of the Geneva Conference in 1954. That "boundary" was to last for only two years, until 1956. Since then, Hanoi has considered itself to be the capital of the entire country.

One of the pessimistic notes that Dave reported from the Hanoi press was that Hanoi was rationally and emotionally prepared to continue their resistance for twenty years or more. Dave's report, if it didn't provide a clue to solving the negotiations dilemma, at least showed that Hanoi was not at all willing to betray any hint that anything but victory would be theirs. Hanoi appears to be as determined as ever.

# BRING ALLY CRIMES...

The chaplain together with the chairman of the student worship committee and the sacristan has revised the guide lines for conducting chapel services. While these are printed on the "chapel assignment sheets" given each reader, they are presented here for the information of the whole student body.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

The reader is to choose and plan the order of service to be used.

If the traditional orders in the Service Book and Hymnal are employed, it is suggested that they be used according to the directions in the Service Book and Hymnal. The concern here is primarily educational, not only to become familiar with the service book we use, but also to know something about our liturgical heritage, the structure of the orders of Matins, Vespers, etc., and the manner in which they are used.

It is hoped that the forms of worship will go beyond the traditional orders in the Service Book and Hymnal, and so readers are encouraged to use other orders and original forms.

In all cases, whether the traditional or other orders are used, the chaplain will be glad to assist the reader.

## LESSONS

To provide balance and variety as well as continuity, a lectionary is set by the chaplain. In addition to the appointed lesson the reader may read a lesson of his own choosing.

## HYMNS AND PSALMS

Hymns, psalms and canticles for the service are to be chosen by the reader. To avoid undue repetitions and to have as full and varied use of hymnody and psalmody as possible, be sure to check the hymns and psalms you plan to use in the annotated hymnal (located in the sacristy). Please give your choices of hymns and psalms to the sacristan at least three days before the service.

## MUSIC AND CHOIR

The choir is ready to help lead in all services. When the reader desires to do something special or different involving the music of the service he should consult with the choir director well in advance of the service.

## COLLECTS AND PRAYERS

The collect for the day is the collect for the previous Sunday or for the special day being observed. Additional collects and original prayers may be used. When using three or more collects, use the long ending for the first and the last.

# DIE STRASSENBAHN SPALTE

Last week it was promised that a presentation of the Urlinien<sup>1</sup> W, C, and S was in the making. I will indeed present such material, such as is available, in this space at some later date; this week I see no other option than to answer my critics. It seems that various fanatics and non-believers who insist on making life miserable for the streetcar have constantly been plaguing me with pointless questions, and it has become clear that they will not be silent until the whole issue is straightened out for once and for all. Let me say at the onset that I do not intend to engage in pointless speculation about such absurd concerns as "What is the liturgical significance of the various colors of the trolleys?"<sup>2</sup> "Where do the trolleys go at night?" "How many trolleys can fit on route 23 (or any other route for that matter)?" and that perennial nuisance "How do you determine the sex of the trolleys?"<sup>3</sup> It is and always has been the position of this writer that one is to begin, work with and confine oneself to the system as one finds it. Otherwise, engaging in off-the-top-of-the-head type discussions about the above-mentioned medieval concerns, while perhaps interesting in itself and good training for future theologians or literary critics, serves no purpose here; rather, we are to confine ourselves to the revealed trolley system as it has existed in the past and still exists today for anyone who takes the trouble to wait on the corner at a designated car stop.<sup>4</sup> It may or may not be true that trolleys reproduce sexually,<sup>5</sup> that they are divided into low- and high church factions, that they carry on an existence all their own separate from the one familiar to us, but it is not our task to deal with such problems here. There is much more important work to be done in this area, and therefore such concerns as reflected on the one hand by the radical school of Tochterman and on the other hand by the ultra-conservative school of Shankweiler have no "relevance" here. We shall remain true to the system as we find it, and wish to formally announce that we are no longer available to engage in debate, be it public or private, with such klotzes. One would either have to be some kind of person blind to the truths of the system or else have to have some kind of chicken brain to engage in such useless scholarship as do Mssrs. Shankweiler and Tochterman. It may or may not be true that these things exist, but I still do not feel that the issue is worth the trouble. Rather, one should spend one's time riding trolleys or organizing field trips to the various barns.

NEXT WEEK: (for the second time) The protolines W, C, and S.

<sup>1</sup>A glossary of foreign terms appearing in Die Str. Spl. is forthcoming.

<sup>2</sup>However, one is compelled to admit that a large amount of impressive, if otherwise useless work has been done in this area. See esp. the "Festschrift für Albert Ambrose", Elwert Verlag, Marburg/Lahn, 1968.

<sup>3</sup>Spelling of perennial (perenial) is incorrect.

<sup>4</sup>It is, however, of utmost importance that one be provided with the correct change. Otherwise, the attempt to ride the trolley may turn out to be in vain, regardless of one's good intentions and private plans.

<sup>5</sup>It is the opinion of the author that trolleys are asexual. However, see R. Ursin, "One Night behind Germantown Carhouse" for an equally convincing argument for sexual reproduction in trolleys.

# AROUND CAMPI

Many thanks to all those who arranged and participated in the day of Moratorium. All involved used the day for thought, reflection and prayer on the war in Viet Nam..

The past weekend produced 2 car injuries...Frank M. lost all four tires and John M. lost a muffler... New Contest: Name the Carl S. disease! Just what did you have Carl? The Mt. Airy Saints take to the field again. With some student support - they could win!!

## HEY!

Attention all persons interested in improving Chapel. We are compiling a collection of Prayers, Hymns and Worship Orders to be used as a reference source for those conducting Chapel services.

Any contributions and/or ideas will be greatly appreciated.

R. Rodriguez Room 10 N Dorm

*From the student body,  
wishing you, Dr. Aden,  
a quick recovery -  
and hoping to see you  
in the classroom, and  
on the tennis court.*

# AYE PILGRIM

There is a need  
To take a stand  
On what you will  
Live for  
On what you believe  
To be right.  
To stand up and be  
Counted isn't enough  
Anymore  
What kind of children  
does this world breed  
Anymore  
Is the breast milkless  
A hollow mound filled  
With hate  
Children of love and  
Hate; free, expensive  
Useless  
It's burns this, tear  
this, burn that,  
Baby the world is ours  
Its cards and people  
And buildings  
Oh there's the otherside  
perverted as it is  
(hang ups and all)  
There's good times  
For all let's make it  
Baby  
And I suppose it  
will all hang out  
Sooner than we think  
What are people  
trying to say; are  
They saying the right  
Things  
It's a good thing  
There is escape even  
For a little while  
With you.

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# TO THE SEMINARIAN:

I would like to clarify the objectives of the present student life committee, of which I am chairman, since I felt the reporting of our objectives in the October 8th issue of Seminarian needs some amplification.

As stated in the article on the present student body meeting, "...the main objective toward which this committee will strive is to work for direct participation of students in all faculty committees."

We are eager to have the opportunity for students to participate in areas of responsibility and power that directly influence them, but as yet there has been no decision about the extent of this participation. The statement in the article carried an amplification of extent of involvement that was not contained in the committee report. This committee at this point, certainly does not see as its objective to push for direct student involvement "... in all faculty committees."

We have had no formal discussions on this matter with either our committee or faculty so such a premature outline of intention could endanger what otherwise could be very fruitful talks.

Sincerely,

Martin M. Roth

## BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday	1 - 3
Tuesday	1 - 3
Wednesday	1 - 3
Thursday	1 - 3
Friday	1 - 3

## DID YOU KNOW...?

The uvular trill, or a strong fricative ("uvular scrape") articulated at the same point is regular for Parisian standard French, and is also common in Germany.

The merganser is any of several fish-eating, diving ducks of the temperate regions of North America and Europe, having a hooked, slender bill and a crested hood.

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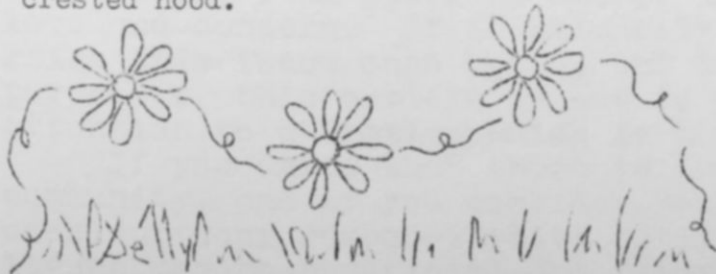
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FOOTBALL POLL STANDINGS

SMOOSE	22-8
BOYER	21-9
SEM.	20-10
LOHR	19-11
WHALEN	19-11
BOMGREN	18-12
SWANSON	17-13
LEE-REU.	17-13
SCHLOTTER	16-14
NEWHART	10-20

The Mount Airy Saints lost a close one to Holy Trinity Church by a 41-13 score. Once again we would like to thank all of our loyal fans!

This week the Saints take on the Alumni at Westminster's field. Kick-off time is 10:00 A.M. October 18. All fans are welcome!

TENNIS FINALS WILL BE PLAYED THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20. TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED!

GETTYSBURG

OCTOBER 31!

THE SAINTS SHALL PREVAIL!

	BOYER	SCHLOTTER	LOHR	SMOOSE	SWANSON	BOMGREN	NEWHART	WHALEN	LEE-REU	SEM	YOU
DENN ST.	X	PENN ST.	PENN ST.	PENN ST.	PENN ST.	PENN ST.	X	PENN ST.	PENN ST.	PENN ST.	
SYRACUSE											
MICHIGAN MICHIGAN ST.	X	MICH ST.	MICH ST.	MICH.	MICH.	MICH.	X	MICH.	MICH.	MICH.	
NOTRE DAME USC	X	NOTRE DAME	USC	NOTRE DAME	NOTRE DAME	NOTRE DAME	X	USC	USC	NOTRE DAME	
ALABAMA TENNESSEE	X	TENN	ALA.	TENN	TENN	TENN	X	TENN	TENN	TENN	
UCLA CALIFORNIA	X	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	X	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	
LAFAYETTE BOSTON UNIV.	X	LAF	BOS.	LAF.	BOS.	LAF.	X	LAF	BOS	LAF.	
RUTGERS NAVY	X	RUT	RUT	RUT.	RUT.	RUT	X	RUT	RUT	RUT.	
KANSAS NEBRASKA	X	KANSAS	NEB	NEB	KANSAS	KANSAS	X	NEB	NEB	NEB	
PACIFIC RAMS	X	RAMS	RAMS	PACK	RAMS	PACK	X	RAMS	RAMS	RAMS	
REDBIRDS GIANTS	X	SKINS	SKINS	SKINS	GIANTS	SKINS	X	SKINS	SKINS	GIANTS	