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NAMIBIA: WEEK OF SOLIDARITY

Namibia, formerly South-West Africa, is a nation of 746,329 people, of whom 578,068 are native inhabitants and 168,260 are non-native. Of the native inhabitants the Ovambo tribe comprises more than one half of the population, being 342,455 strong--over half of whom are Lutherans.

Under the guise of "home rule" South Africa has attempted to decentralize the native pressure of Namibia. Blacks have been removed from all the richest land--the land with oil and minerals. In order to work in the mines, a Namibian must sign a work contract, leave his family for up to 18 months and go to a labor camp. The profits from this slave labor go to the minority whites, the government of South Africa, and the mining corporations of the United States.

Bishop Leonard Auala, the head of the Ovambokavango Church, the descendent of one of the original Lutheran Missions in Namibia, has been leading the campaign for human dignity. Because there are no real opposition political parties permitted by South Africa the only opposition to the enslavement of the Namibians has been the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Under the leadership of Bishop Auala the various Lutheran churches have tried to unite, to form synods, to assist one another in providing services and care to their people, but they have been greatly hampered because such unity is illegal under apartheid policy.

Edited by Ray Miller

We at the seminary can express our concern for our fellow Christians in Namibia by writing letters to Dr. Kissinger, President-elect Carter, and members of Congress. I would strongly urge each individual to do this. The Student Body Executive Committee will be sending a letter too. In this situation, it's the number of letters that count.

If anyone would like to discuss this matter further or would like more information, please see me. A sample letter follows. Change or add where you wish. Nancy Anderson

SAMPLE LETTER: As you might know the Lutheran Church in America is participating in the Namibian Solidarity Week. I am extremely sensitive to the present plight of my fellow Christians in Namibia. I am aware of the International Court of Justice of 1971 declaring illegal South Africa's occupation and control of Namibia. I am also aware of the recent United Nations' Security Council resolution No. 385 demanding an immediate end to these illegal

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CPE NIGHT

Time to schedule a meeting of all students who are expected to take CPE next summer. We will meet on Wednesday, November 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the upper rotunda of the library. At that time, everything you ever wanted to know about CPE will be explained. Afterward, you are invited to the Adens for coffee, tea, or milk.

Save Your Labels!!!

Once again, Houston Home and School Association is asking students to collect Campbell Soup and Bean product labels. This year we've also added Post cereal box tops and Mrs. Paul's labels. These labels and box tops will be exchanged for audio-visual aids and playground equipment in the spring.

If you wish to join in, please save the above described items. Either drop them by our house or call me (CH7-6558) and I'll be happy to pick them up.

A belated thanks to those of you who saved labels last year. We've been receiving them all year long and have quite a supply already.

The Houston students thank you and so do I.

Janyce Olson

Equus:review

Equus, the smash Broadway play, is currently appearing in Philadelphia. It is a dramatic experience not to be taken lightly. It provides much to think about as persons and professionals dealing with questions of meaning. See the dailies for information.

Janyce and Rich Olson

THE SEMINARIAN STAFF

Editors: Bill Damrow and Ray Miller
Typists: Ruth Keener and Woody Woodroffe
Stapler: Jeanne Rowan

We plan to publish a special Christmas edition containing solely creative material (poems, stories, and stuff) written by members of our community. You may begin to submit material now.

CONFESSIONS OF THE MASKED HOUSEHUSBAND

Here is the annual parent-fitness test. Match the following.

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| 1. whispers | A. pollinate flowers |
| 2. rasco | B. Tonto's boss |
| 3. rorace | C. a place to ache |
| 4. nouskotoers | D. breakfast |
| 5. walking lollypop | E. you do it for your health |
| 6. borgit | F. failure to feed can cost you |
| 7. violet inn | G. Jarrod has one |
| 8. poofed | H. not the establishment where Stradavarius stayed |
| 9. superass | I. at a football game |
| 10. wimple wipers | J. what Nixon should have done |
| 11. parking fooder | K. all cats have several |
| 12. cogoo | L. the kind of cheer we give Howdy Doody |
| 13. jogging | M. the red nose friendoor |
| 14. wapplos | N. 100% chance of rain |
| 15. froak | O. where you find a frog |
| 16. stunny | P. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the magic words |
| 17. flug | Q. without them you can't see where it is that you don't want to drive in the rain |
| 18. Long Rangor | R. you get it quickly in your old age (28) |
| 19. Rudo | S. what a child does when you tell him to do something |
| 20. lousy | T. 3 make an overpriced candy bar |
| 21. bunglo bees | U. 1 member of a 60's singing group |

Key: 1-K, 2-U, 3-J, 4-T, 5-I, 6-S, 7-H, 8-R, 9-G, 10-Q, 11-F, 12-P, 13-E, 14-D, 15-O, 16-C, 17-N, 18-B, 19-M, 20-L, 21-A.

whiskers, rasco, crase, muskotoers, football yard markers, forgot, violin, pooped, super S, windshield wipers, parking motor, thank you, jogging, waffles, throat, stomach, flood, Lone Ranger, Rudolph, rousing, bumble bees.

Scoring- 0-6 you are the kind of person parents warn children to stay away from. 7-12 You are a "funny" uncle. 13-17 You are allowed to be related to some children. 18-20 Have as many children as planned parenthood will allow. 21. If you look outside your door you will find 3 small children.

Father John

1st bystander: Who was that masked man?

2nd bystander: I don't know but he left this silver dictionary.

Hi Ho Webster.

THE NEW INTERNS

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church
200 Longwood Drive, S.E.
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

October 4, 1976

Greetings from the "Heart of Dixie" you all. It was good to get my first copy of The Seminarian and get a feel of what is happening this year. I am thankful that the paper is mailed out as a common means of communication for all of Mt. Airy's family.

In reading this first issue I am already looking forward to the football poll (my old domain) and renewed reports of Mt. Airy's success on the football field. Don't forget we go to Gettysburg this season.

Thus far I am having a good year at St. Mark's here in Huntsville. We have a cross-section of people from various parts of the country, living here because of the space program. In addition, we have a sizeable segment of Germans who came over after World War II, and helped in developing our space program. They are Americanized in many respects but still hold to many of their own traditions as well.

There is too much to see and do here and it is a real learning time. I would like to welcome back the seniors and middlers and wish them well this year. And to the juniors I say welcome and I look forward to meeting you in 1977-78.

I encourage the editors and staff of The Seminarian as you begin another year of publication, I as one intern appreciate your work.

I would also like to add my thanks to the faculty and staff whose work in the previous two years has added to and supplied me with much of my abilities and feelings of confidence in many areas of ministry.

Peace To All Who Labor in His Name,
Newell Eabley

PASTOR LEE WESLEY TO SPEAK

Pastor Lee Wesley will speak in the final lecture of the URBAN CHURCH---MINISTRIES AND MINORITIES program Wednesday evening at 8 pm in the Amphitheater. Pastor Wesley, a Mt. Airy resident, has recently been appointed Executive Director of the Lutheran Community Services of New York. Previously he has headed the Philadelphia work of Ken-Crest, an agency working with mentally retarded persons. He worked for the Board of Parish Education and the Board of Social Ministry for over ten years and had a parish in Los Angeles for six years. A native of New Jersey, he was one of the first black pastors of the Augustana Lutheran Church, a predecessor body to the L.C.A.

The Chaplain's Corner

Compassions

Next to Professor John Doberstein's Ministers' Prayer Book, the most useful devotional aid for Lutheran Seminarians of the early 1960's was John Baillie's A Diary of Private Prayer. Most of us experimented with various things but kept coming back to Doberstein and Baillie with regularity. Both books are presently out of print. While Scribners has reprinted Baillie numerous times and may do so again, Fortress could use a gentle nudge to bring out a revised edition of Doberstein's classic. Feel in the letter-writing mood? Maybe a petition would help!

In the meantime, a contemporary version of the Baillie format has appeared. Augsburg, in 1975, published a Diary of Daily Prayer by J. Barrie Shephard, Pastor of Westminster Church, and Campus Pastor to the College of Wooster, Ohio. While Shephard admits in the Foreword that "Baillie's works will never be replaced or superseded", his own prayers come as close to being genuine successors of the original prototype as anything I've seen.

Here are prayers for all the mornings and evenings of a full month. The prayers are to be regarded as aids to devotion; they are not intended to replace Bible reading or more individual prayers for yourself or others. On the blank left-hand pages, further intercessions or quotations can be noted. After coming clean about his own "hang-up" in using (misusing, he suggests) the name of Jesus in prayer, Shephard concludes his Foreword with a plea for the use of dialog in prayer through what he calls "waiting silence".

I have found Shephard's prayers stimulating. Perhaps you will, too. With a little gentle arm-twisting, the bookstore will probably order you a copy. A sample appears below.

(Incidentally, Pastor Jan Walker, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Staff, introduced me to Diary. A pastor of that Synod first shared his copy with Jan. In a field so loaded with "trash" as the area of devotional literature surely is, we need to share what we find helpful with each other.)

YOUR TOLERANCE

For this new day of promise and possibility, Lord
I want to praise you not only with my lips,
but with my living.

Teach me to share this day with others
in a true spirit of celebration, openness, and grace
In every hour preserve me
from the smooth and easy answers of intolerance.
Deny to me, Father, the idle luxury
of venting my frustration and rage
upon the usual, carefully selected scapegoats.
Help me to recognize within my own heart
all the potential for racism and bigotry,
for blind violence, brutality, and repression,
that I am swift to point out in others.
And let me see that this inner potential finds
its most immediate, and perhaps its most destructive

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"ONE-ONE"

A program would like to get under way between the students at LTSP and the Martin Luther Home at Silver Springs. The program is entitled "One-to-One", where each seminarian involved will be assigned a child, and then there is no set amount of time that the seminarian must spend with the child. The seminarian can then pick what time(s) he/she can spend with their particular child. It is almost like an adoption process, and the program will run from this month until May of 1977. Hopefully these juniors who get involved, will carry this program on to next year.

The children from the home are mostly those assigned to Martin Luther Home by the Courts, because they are the victims of child abuse.

Mrs. Ritter, who is head of this particular program, and the Martin Luther Home, will be attending "Guest Night" in our refectory on Thursday, November 11. After dinner, Mrs. Ritter will be available for anyone who is interested in asking questions concerning this program.

The Social Ministry Comm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>BUDGET 76-77</u>	<u>EXPENDED (10/28)</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Athletics	\$ 100.00	\$ 5.30	\$94.70
Contingency	75.00		75.00
Publications	600.00	252.30	347.70
Social Activities	750.00	112.00	538.00
Social Ministry	150.00		150.00
Spouses Club	50.00		50.00
Student Administration	50.00	41.23	8.77
Women/Men in Dialogue	75.00		75.00
Guest Night	100.00		100.00
	<u>\$1950.00</u>	<u>\$410.83</u>	<u>\$1439.17</u>
			529.47**

** \$135.91 has been expended from the Operating Principal for permanent athletic equipment.

Paul Scheitlin, Treasurer

NAMIBIA (Continued)

practices.

As a result of the above and in accordance with these landmark decisions, I want you to know that I support the people of Namibia in their struggle for freedom, and I urge you to work for their full independence and self-determination. Sincerely, (Your Name)

ADDRESSES: The Hon. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State, U. S. State Department, Washington, D. C. 20520. The Hon. President (elect) Gerald R. Ford (James E. Carter), White House, Washington, D. C. 20520.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER (Continued)

expression in the scorn and contempt I reserve for those who dare to disagree with me.

Teach me to value all with whom I spend my time as fellow human beings,

your precious gifts to me this day.

Fill me with your tolerance--

no empty, indiscriminating acceptance of everything, rather a difficult, testing tolerance,

a tolerance that combines

a basic, non-negotiable respect for all individuals, with a self-sacrificing quest for justice and truth.

Above all, Father, fill me with the one power that can bring people together by attraction, and not by compulsion--the power of your love.

In that power may I spend my self

in healing, in reconciling, in binding up this splintered world.

SEMINARIAN WRITES BOOK REVIEW

Ruth Keener, a junior in the MAR program and a member of THE SEMINARIAN staff, has had a book review published in the November issue of LUTHERAN WOMEN.

DORM COUNCIL

At a meeting on Oct. 29, 1976, the dormitory council developed the following policy regarding the use of dormitory facilities: Any organization wishing to use the dormitory facilities should make the request known to the council in writing two weeks prior to the date, indicating the nature of the gathering, the number of people involved, the time and the group responsible for cleaning up. One person should be designated as being responsible for the event. The dormitory council will consider all requests and reply in writing. Also considered at the meeting were the concerns of dormitory residents regarding housekeeping. In the near future, every resident will receive a questionnaire regarding these matters. It will be helpful if you would complete the questionnaire as soon as possible. If you have any concerns, please contact us.

Billie Wright (CHM), Sam Zeiser, Phil Gustafson, David Gerber

THE POOL TABLE HAS ARRIVED!

See it in the student lounge of Hagan Hall.

THE NEW INTERNS

From Chris, a sojourner for the Lord in the land of JFK International's flight pattern, Macy's outlet stores, and at least 10 of the 12 tribes of our Jewish brethren; To the brothers and sisters of the Mt. Airy community, on campus and abroad, and especially my fellow sojourners:

Warmest greetings and I hope the year is going well for all. As an ex-editor of the Seminarian who have made constant pleas for letters from interns, the guilt pangs have finally won out. It has been good to hear from my classmates through this paper, and having seen some of my fellow interns at the Symposium last weekend, I realized there were some ~~tothess~~ with whom I needed to communicate -- Hey Mark English, where's the cassette? -- Hey Rusty and Paul, did you think those shirts were a gift? -- Hey John Hugus, I hope it rains for 365 days straight in the Virgin Islands!

Faith Lutheran is a church in transition, which makes it more than exiting as a place to learn and get my feet wet in the feeding and care of a congregation. It almost makes me think the Church and Community course was worth it! Seriously, I have already found myself thankful a hundredfold for the solid preparation I received at Mt. Airy -- no, I don't have a casebook to which I can refer in every situation, but I do have confidence and security that must slowly have been building in spite of my doubts. I have to agree with the words we all received from you, Marie: there are ups where I will bang on my supervisor's door late at night to share a triumph; and there are downs when I literally tumble into our basement apartment and don't feel like coming out for a week -- but learning to ride that roller coaster is exactly what I was looking for in the internship experience, and I'll be damned, it works!

Other than that, my wife Chris and I have been trying to soak in as much of the culture and the area as possible; drives to the end of Long Island and up into Conn; shopping in N.Y.C.; taking the youth group in to Broadway; and all the while feeling like we've cheated the devil just once more every time we get off the Long Island Expressway alive again.

And I guess I wouldn't feel like this letter was complete unless I got my own 2¢ in. As I watch from a distance the changes occurring at the seminary, I almost hear the words of Mary Hartman's mother in my ear: "that's the price of progress, I guess." I am going to miss Rich Olson and Oliver Olson -- they both added something to my experience at Mt. Airy that is now a part of me -- but their losses will seem all the more absurd if I find myself returning to a campus with at least three vacancies, not to mention those professors who choose to take leave. In short, I would hope that the search process has begun by yesterday -- is this an insult to men who have served so well? Dr. Lazareth's resignation was received a year ago, and we haven't plugged that hole in the dike yet. I don't know if I want to be around for the flood.

God's peace to all. To Keith and Nancy and Bev, Chris and I send our prayers. And to my fellow sojourners -- don't forget to take a deep breath before you head into Thanksgiving, 'cause you can't breathe again till New Years!

Love in Him,

Chris Matthy