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Executive Committee of the Student Body
The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
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Dear Committee Members:

President Ford and Secretary Kissinger have asked me to reply to your communication concerning South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia and US policy toward that territory.

The League of Nations mandate under which South Africa administered Namibia (South West Africa) was terminated in 1966 by the UN General Assembly because of its disavowal and prolonged violation by South Africa. At that time the UN General Assembly determined that South Africa had no further right to administer the territory and that Namibia was a UN responsibility. The United States supported the UN General Assembly's action, and has continued to support UN resolutions -- most recently the UN Security Council Resolution 385 on January 30, 1976 -- calling on South Africa to withdraw from Namibia. We have also stated our agreement with the 1971 advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice that South Africa must withdraw.

The United States is deeply concerned over present conditions in Namibia. It remains our position that South Africa is illegally occupying Namibia and should remove its administration from the territory as soon as possible. Thus, since 1970 we have officially discouraged private American investment in Namibia, have announced that Export-Import Bank facilities are no longer available for trade with the territory, and have emphasized that any further investment there, made on the basis of rights acquired from the South African Government following the termination of the mandate in 1966, would not receive US Government protection against the claims of a future legitimate government in Namibia. We have urged those American firms doing business in Namibia to conform their employment practices to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

With regard to the current negotiations aimed at resolving the Namibian question, the United States has sought to help the parties concerned speed up the process toward Namibian independence. The United States favors the following elements: the independence of Namibia within a fixed, short time limit; the calling of a constitutional conference at a neutral location under UN aegis; and the participation in that conference of all authentic national forces including specifically

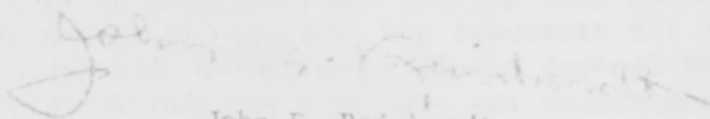


SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organization). Progress has been made in achieving all of these goals. We will exert our efforts to remove the remaining obstacles and bring into being a conference which can then draw up a design for the new state of Namibia.

Until the South African Government withdraws its administration from Namibia it is, in our view, under an obligation to respect the rights of the territory's inhabitants. In line with this belief, officers from our Embassy in Pretoria periodically visit Namibia to look into the conditions and welfare of the people. They make a point of timing some of these visits to correspond with trials under South African legislation such as the one that was recently held in Swakopmund where four Namibians were tried and convicted under the South African "Terrorism Act." We have consistently and repeatedly objected to the application of the Terrorism Act and other repressive legislation to Namibia, and in this instance we have urged the South African Government not to carry out the executions of two of those convicted. The case is now on appeal.

I am enclosing a copy of Secretary Kissinger's August 31 speech on our policy toward southern Africa, which I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,



John E. Reinhardt
Assistant Secretary
for Public Affairs

Enclosure.

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In case you were
looking for this:
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The following poem is belatedly published as Newell Embley's
New Year's gift to the seminary community.

THE VICAR'S LIFE

Vicars are it seems,
Men and women held in high esteem.
We do our job and get much praise,
But seldom do we get a raise.

Sermons on Stewardship touch the hearts of many,
But the church rarely gets an extra penny.
10% now that's the style,
But who will go the extra mile?

Keep abreast, keep informed,
This seems to be the unspoken norm.

Our voices speak with authority, people say,
Except on the council and congregational meeting day.

Things we learned at seminary,
Well, here, they aren't at Mt. Airy.

Factions are often our lot,
As we decide which side to support not.

The jobs we get are often plain
The routine at times seems mundane.

Hospital visits are not a chore,
As we minister to the sick and sore.

Teaching Sunday school can be truly
a disastrous task if the "little angels are unruly.

Keep a diary day by day,
For you seldom run out of things to say.

The youth are entrusted to our dear care,
Because we are thought to be unsquare.
Retreats and outdoor things are to be our forte,
Though roughing it may mean a sore day.

Teach the youth confirmation,
And you win the parent's admiration.
For once the parents get delight,
From 6 to 7:30 each Wednesday night.

Vicars who are married seem extra-harried,
Because at times they seem not married.
For busy schedules keep apart,
The tenderest of loving hearts.

The Vicar's work finally done,
Perhaps it's now time for fun
Until the phone ring-a-lings,
Reminding of other things.

Easter and Christmas are times quite dear,
Our supervisor's presence is always near.
As we prepare to meet deadlines sweet,
With sermon themes incomplete.

And finally as respite comes,
We search about for our Tums.
For we find we have been invited,
To another candlelighted-----dinner.

As the year draws to a close,
Our memories turn bright like a rose.
The Vicar's life it's really nice,
But once in a lifetime will suffice.

Newell Embley

STUDENT BODY MEETING

Tuesday, February 15 AFTER CHAPEL

Amphitheater

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Applications now being accepted for next year's

EDITOR(s)

of

THE SEMINARIAN

See Ray Miller or Bill Damrow if you are interested

ANNOUNCEMENTS

!!!BOOKSALE!!!

There will be a sale of used and duplicate books in the (Krauth Memorial) library from February 7 to February 11. Sale hours are 9 to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. The sale represents an exceptional savings to all.

AND SPEAKING OF THE LIBRARY.....

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday to Thursday.....9a.m. to 5 p.m. and
7 p.m. to 9p.m.

Friday.....9a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday.....7p.m. to 9 p.m.

The library will be opened for studyhall as will be announced from time to time.

~~BEHOLD~~ PREPARE!

The Visitation Retreat (of college juniors and seniors) will be held Sunday, March 6 through Tuesday, March 8.

* Jeff Hedin will be writing a really lengthy article on this next week. We will definitely be waiting for this article. Don't let us down. Now you have to do it. The entire seminary community is invited to remind Jeff Hedin.

Dr. Richard A. Olson

Professor Richard Olson has recently accepted the position of Secretary for Adult Education in the Department of Parish Support of the Division for Parish Services of the Lutheran Church in America. Dr. Olson will take up his new duties on February first. The Division for Parish Services has consented to permit Dr. Olson to teach a course for us during the spring semester, so we will enjoy continuing contacts with him through May.

SYSTEMATICALLY SPEAKING...

On Thursday, February 24, the Reverend Dr. Hans Schwarz, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Capital University will appear on our campus to deliver a lecture at 9:30 a.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church. We anticipate that Dr. Schwarz will be with us until the late afternoon on the 24th to meet in dialogue for a period of 30 to 50 minutes.

- I. It was moved, seconded, and CARRIED to approve the new By-laws as amended.
- A. The standing committees are now:
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| Executive | Student Affairs |
| Finance | Educational Program and Policy |
| Property | Development |
| Faculty | |

B. The number of representatives per synod is as follows:

Caribbean	1
Metro N.Y.	3
New England	2
New Jersey	3
Northeast Penn.	7
Slovic Zion	1
Southeast Penn.	5
Upper N.Y.	<u>3</u>
	25

The synods shall be responsible for getting to the appropriate number of members.

II. Report of the Committee on Faculty

- A. Dr. Rudolf Featherstone will only consider working at Gettysburg and their Washington extension for the Black Studies Program. He will, however, be available for consultation with students here at Philadelphia.
- B. It was moved, seconded, and CARRIED to empower the Executive committee to call a special meeting of the Board regarding the position in Systematics.
- C. It was moved, seconded, and CARRIED to institute a \$20 application fee for the First Professional Degree.
- D. It was moved, seconded, and CARRIED to institute a \$50 non-refundable admission fee upon acceptance, pending Gettysburg's acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Anderson
Student Body Secretary

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