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THE CHRISTIAN AND THE SUPREME COURT

The recent decision of the Supreme Court concerning the integration of our public schools has involved the Christian in a dilemma on at least two planes of action: political and ethical.

On the political level, the Christian Church finds itself lined up on both sides of this controversy at the same time; or, to put it in oversimplified terms, the Church finds itself, as so often, caught between the demands of its highest ethic and the controlling mores of its culture.

On the one hand, there are those Christians, who although aware of the duties of the Christian citizen to the government are nonetheless advocating disobedience of the law, as stated by the Supreme Court. This advocacy has not led to violence except in a few isolated instances. For the most part, it has taken the form of community pressure, often expressed in some sort of economic or social retaliation. In a way, the temper of the times in those states that are counseling disobedience is not very different from the kind of "police state" that prevailed in the South for several decades before the War of 1861-65, when no one dared express a thought against the institution of slavery.

On the other hand, let not those of us who advocate compliance with the Supreme Court's decision become arrogant or proud about our own state of affairs. Were we not the same people who 20-30 years ago began to flout the law of the land on a widespread scale by our attitude toward the Prohibition Amendment? Did we not witness the spectacle of the leading industries in the land being counselled during the 30's and 40's that the Wagner Act would never be ruled constitutional, so they might as well disregard it? Let those who have always obeyed every law of the land cast the first stone.

On the second plane, this dilemma raised by the decision of the Supreme Court is due to the very nature of our religion and our spiritual being. In every moment of our every day, we are confronted by the problem of the highest demand of our ethic over against the mass movement we call our culture, or our civilization, or our environment. How to strike a balance or effect a compromise? Or, as some might put it, why compromise? Are there not some points in our lives where we have to say with Luther, "Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise."?

Again, this should lead every Christian, north and south, to a re-examination of his own life, motives, actions. Why point out that a previous Supreme Court decision opened the State Universities in the south to all qualified applicants, leaving the so-called Christian colleges in the south to continue their unchristian exclusivism? Do we not realize that we are but little better in the north? After all, in F and M's long and honorable history, the first colored student entered less than ten years ago.

Are Christian ministers in some states deprived of their pulpits because of their views on the Supreme Court decision? Is that peculiar to the south? Did you ever hear of ministers who moved to another church because their people were not ready for their message? Do some states plan private schools rather than integrate? Did you ever hear of the perfectly legal means of effecting segregation in northern states? Again, let the northerner who has never been complacent about his complicity in his community's segregated pattern of life cast the first stone.

My heart and my prayers go out for every one of our students who are leaving these halls to preach the gospel, north or south. Wherever they go, they have the prophets' mantle, to be spokesmen of the living God. Should they not be ready, then, for the prophets' reward, to be misunderstood and ridiculed and disregarded and slandered and persecuted? Again and again, it will be, it must be, "The way to the Crown is the way of the Cross."

Donald M.C. Englert

-Dr. Englert, Professor of Old Testament

REFLECTIONS

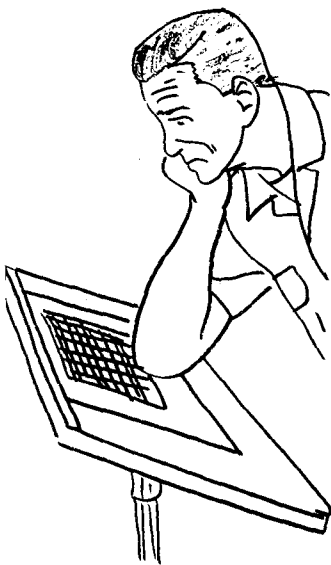
In case you haven't heard, the Faculty party for the Middlers was a big success. Ev one had a wonderful time. The party began with a bang. As we entered the refectory, each of was given three green slips with a number on each slip. After a little chatter, Dr. Bartholom disclosed the purpose of the green slips by placing five different sized packages on the floor Dr. Bartholomew then drew from a bowl the duplicates of the slips handed us. The bowl which h used was none other than one of Mrs. Groff's kettles in which she mashes our potatoes, but it served the purpose. Dr. Bartholomew proceeded to call the numbers and we began to take the pa ages from each other. The numbers were called until the packages were out of circulation. Th individuals who received packages when their third number was called were permitted to keep th and no one could take them away. It seems that the smallest of the packages had the best cir culation, proving that everyone feels all good things come in little packages. Not only studen but also faculty members and their wives are subject to this idea. Both Mrs. Moss and Dr. Vassady tried every means possible to retain the little parcel. Dr. Vassady was so desperate that he hid it under his coat, until it was discovered by a Middler. Shocking isn't it? a Systematic Theologian.

Dr. Vassady, however, redeemed himself by introducing the next game. This was a qui on men and women of the Bible. For the interest of the student body, the Middlers certainly showed their ability. If you don't believe this, ask Dr. Englert, he'll tell you. Call it pietistic self-righteousness if you will, but we prefer to attribute our knowledge to diligent study and excellent instruction; (to be honest, we are all plugging for "A"s)

The quiz game was followed by a spelling-bee, conducted by Dr. Sayres. It wasn't the normal kind of spelling-bee, however, as we were asked to substitute sounds and gestures for various letters within the word. For the letter "A" we had to raise our right hand, for "R" o left hand, for "I" we had to wink, and for "T" we had to whistle, all the while remaining mute these specific letters. By the way, we are all wondering what Dr. Dunn would do if he ate a cracker and then tried to whistle? Also, Dr. Sayres was disqualifying people because they were misspelling the word "titillating". Many of the disqualified persons spelled it just the way we spelled it in this article. We'll never tell - DR. SAYRES.

Other games followed these, and just before being served some very good refreshments, we were led in singing by Dr. Bartholomew.

It was truly a wonderful evening, and in behalf of the Middler class, the SEMINARIAN staff extends a warm "THANKS" to the Faculty. "Get-togethers" like these enrich our Seminary life, and make memories worth cherishing. Again, our sincerest thanks to you - FACULTY.



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E Seminary #1 basketball team has been idle while Seminary #2
M lost to City #3 last week. This was the third defeat in four games.
I Seminary #1 has a 2 - 1 record. Don't plan anything for the 13th at
N 8:30 p.m., for that night Seminary #1 meets Seminary #2 at the gym.
A This should be a good game. Let's get out and cheer the teams on to
R a spirited victory.
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S Dartball this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Richard's Hall
P gym. Win or lose - those coming out for this "sport" have been having
O a grand time. When you come, bring your hand along. This is one game
R you may "throw".

T The ping pong ladder draws to a close this week. Get those
S games played! A team must soon be chosen to participate in the F&M
fraternity league. Let's really "slam" 'em.

Dr. Englert and Dick Bishop are being pushed by Posy and Flick in the 2nd round in the bridge tournament. Looks like another close finish. These two teams meet during the last week of the round. Someone (or two) may wish to become "anonymous"!

TEAM	POINTS	BOWLING STATISTICS - Feb. 2	
Faculty	15 - 5	Schedule for next week	Five High Averages - Feb. 2
Out-of-dorm	14 - 6	Faculty vs. Out-of-dorm	Rev. Bishop 158.5
Second floor	13 - 7	Second floor vs. 330	Len Sponsler 153.1
330	10 - 10	Third floor vs. first floor	Russ Heintzelman 151.3
Third floor	8 - 12		Don Ely 150.3
First floor	0 - 20		Fred Irwin 141.2

High Single Game - Russ Heintzelman - 212	High Three Games - Rev. Bishop - 512
2nd High Single Game - Don Ely - 204	2nd High Three Games - Fred Irwin - 505

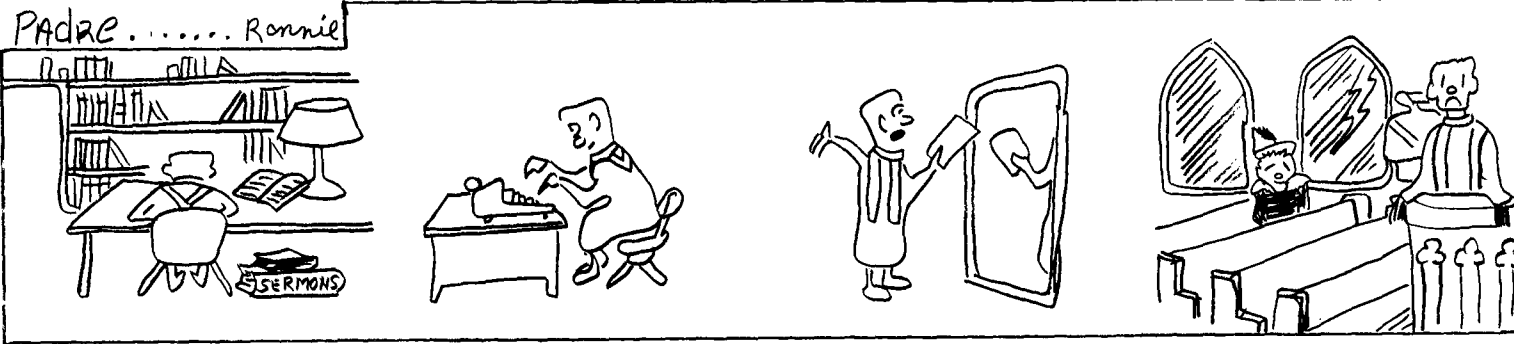
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(Bookstore continued)

With what little foresight I have I believe that the future of the Bookstore is very bright. You may want to have an active part in that future.

If you are interested in applying for the position, submit your name, along with a list of your qualifications and experiences, to Fred Irwin, Secretary of the Executive Committ. Your name must be submitted no later than MARCH 8, 1956.

-Hal Schoup, Bookstore Manager



ASSOCIATION OF SEMINARY WOMEN

Another school year is rapidly moving toward the end. So far the Association of Seminary Women has had a comparatively good year. Our program chairman, Lois Kratz, has done an exceptionally fine job. She has planned programs well in advance and has also borne in mind suggestions which were made by members of the organization. One of the greatest criticism of the organization last year was the length of the meetings. It is the feeling of many of us that we have overcome this difficulty to a great extent.

We are greatly indebted to the members of the faculty who so willingly shared their time with us during the past three Monday evenings. The practice of having faculty classes for the wives was begun several years ago. It is the aim of the organization to have each faculty member present some area of his work at least once every three years. The classes this year have been received exceptionally well. We thank the faculty for their time and the members of the Association for their support.

The regular monthly meeting which was to be held on Feb. 13 will be held on Feb. 20 instead. The program for the evening will be one which should be of interest to all of us: what kind of refreshments can we serve to all those committees that meet in the parsonage? what are some appetizing and easy to make possibilities? what foods can be kept on hand at all times, so that we will never be "caught" when those unexpected dinner guests arrive? You say our meetings aren't practical - well - how can we get any more practical?

The last in the series of faculty classes will be held on Feb. 27. Dr. Moss will speak to the group. Since he will be speaking only one night instead of two as planned, it has been suggested to him that he plan to lead discussion for an hour and a half. Please plan your evening so that you can remain for the entire discussion period.

-Ann Schoup

CRYPTOGRAM by Seqqbm!

Last issue's answer: "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." Philipians 2:4-7

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REGISTRATION for Spring Term courses: Wednesday, Feb. 8, 9:00 to 12:30 and 2:00 to 4:00. The schedule for next term has been posted. An attempt has been made to anticipate conflicts and to arrange a schedule that will not require revision after registration. Any students desiring courses which involve schedule conflicts should discuss them with the dean at the time of registration.

Mr. Paul Denise, representing the World Students' Service Fund will speak in chapel on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

A series of Lenten services will be held on Monday afternoons throughout the season at our regular Assembly hour, 1:30. Offerings will be taken for the benevolent causes designated by the Society of Inquiry. The three class sessions for these five Monday afternoons will run from a quarter after the hour to ten minutes after the next hour.

- Schedule of speakers as follows:
- February 20 - Rev. A. Gail Holt, St. Luke's Church
 - February 27 - Rev. David C. Mark, Faith Church
 - March 5 - Rev. George H. Bricker, St. Peter's Church
 - March 19 - Rev. David Maugans, Hamilton Park Church
 - March 26 - Rev. John C. Raezer, St. Andrew's Church

We hope to have the three accessions to our E & R ministry in Lancaster, viz Revs. Wilbur Trexler, Amos Seldomridge and Wilson Carvell as our chapel preachers in the not too distant future.

Dr. J. Allen Ranck, General Director of the Joint Commission of the National Council on Missionary Education has been named Schneder lecturer for next September.

The date for the annual Middler Banquet has been set for Wednesday, April 25.

The questionnaires, filled in by our 22 E & R Seniors have been sent to Dr. Wagner's office. They disclose that their average age is slightly under 26. Ten give urban fields as their preference, nine prefer rural ones and three, "small towns."

The Youth Fellowships of the Rock Springs Congregational Church and the Bethel E & R Church, both of Arlington, Va., led by their respective pastors, Revs. Paul Hunter and Philip Anstedt, and accompanied by Rev. William H. Simpson and some of the young folks of St. Andrew's Church, this city, visited the seminary and other points of church interest on Jan. 27. They filled the front section of Santee Hall at the chapel hour.

Recent chapel speakers were Rev. Robert Breth of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches Committee on the Understanding and Use of the Bible (Jan. 24) and Rev. Kenneth Kohler, Executive Secretary of our Churchmen's Brotherhood (Feb. 1). Other recent visitors, coming for class sessions and for interviews, were Mr. Henry Tani (Jan. 25) and Miss Ethel Shellenberger (Jan. 26) Directors of Youth Work, and Rev. Hartland H. Helmich of our Church's Campus Ministry (Jan. 26)

TAKE NOTE!

Tonight at 8 p.m., the Seminary family will be hosts to the Seminary students and Faculty of Lincoln University, in a pre-lenten fellowship in Santee Chapel. Dean Andrew Murray of Lincoln University will offer the meditation. Dr. Dunn will be the liturgist.

A reception will be held in the Alumni Hall after the service; coffee and doughnuts will be served. The entire Faculty and student body, families included, are invited to the service and the reception.

Several years ago, Bill Rader attended the Lincoln University Seminary in an exchange program. Charles Thomas represented Lincoln on our campus. Two years ago, a joint day of prayer was held on this campus; last year we returned the visit. Because of the Inter-Seminary Conference being held here next month, this year's program has been slightly curtailed. Nevertheless, this evening is set aside for us to take advantage of the wonderful Christian fellowship our brothers from Lincoln bring with each visit.

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Once again, some lucky members of the Seminary Family have been cornered here and there on the campus, and their opinions have been extracted (forcibly and otherwise) in regard to the problem of the Single Church vs. the Multiple Church Charge. A preference was asked for, and along with it, the one great benefit which was seen in that choice.

ARTHUR ROBERTS, Senior:

"A Multiple Point Charge usually means a rural church and I would choose this. I believe my reason for doing so is the reward of richer experiences and a close contact with the people in such a charge."

JIM GOLD, Middler:

"I would prefer a Multiple Church Charge. It seems to me that in this type of charge, there is more widespread opportunity for evangelistic work."

HARRY NICE, Junior:

"I would prefer the Single Church. I've never belonged to a single church charge, however, but it seems to me that the pastor's time, work and energy would be more concentrated in a specific area in such a single church."

LEONARD SPONSLER, Senior:

"I would consider either of them, taking into consideration the needs, interests and spirit of the people involved in the two types of charges."

JOE CLEM, Middler:

"I think the field is wide open in the Multiple Point Charge, and as for my preference, I would choose this since I was raised in such surroundings. I think the youth in the rural sections of our country, as compared with the closely-knit urban youth groups, need more attention than they are now getting. That is the field to which I would like to devote a large part of my time and work."

BRUCE WICKKISER, Junior:

"I'm not in favor of having Multiple Point Charges. Probably the reason for this is that I would like to concentrate my work in a specific area, rather than spread it over a large geographical area. This, in my opinion is a major drawback to multiple point charges."

CARL KREPS, Senior:

"I can see the advantages and disadvantages of both, but I think that I would prefer a Multiple Point Charge. The fact here is that you, as a pastor, have the advantage of greater lay leadership; whereas, quite often in a single church, the pastor is expected to provide the majority of leadership. Thus, in the multiple point charge, responsibility is spread out over a wider basis."

AL BRINKER, Middler (Pastor):

"It is my opinion that a single church is much more to be desired, but a multiple church charge has its benefits, too. From three years experience in the multiple point charge, it is my opinion, that, from the point of view of time to be spent in visitation, this type of charge is not too beneficial. Visitation is the life blood of the congregation and I feel that a single church is better suited to this."

JIM RUMLEY, Junior:

"If I were graduating now, I would definitely prefer a single church. From my own experience, I've seen churches grow better and faster when they have had the benefits of a full-time pastor."

If statistics could be based on the answers given here, the final results would look something like this:

- a) two-thirds of the Senior class prefer Multiple Church Charges,
- b) two-thirds of the Middle class prefer Multiple Church Charges,
- c) The Junior class allies almost 100% with the Single Church Charge.

Obviously, no such statistics can be drawn, but a cross-section of the classes, taken at random, reveals that there is a great deal of difference in opinion concerning the type of charge to be preferred.

-Ronnie Whitebred



BOOK STORE CO-OP NEWS *****

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* It is hard to realize and accept the fact that it
* is already time to be thinking about the next school year.
* was impressed by this fact when I noticed in the Bookstore
* Constitution that the annual meeting is to be held "no later
* than the last full week of March." It is at this meeting
* that the Manager and Executive Committee Representatives are
* elected for next year. Moreover, the candidates for the position
* of Manager must submit their names to the Secretary of
* the Cooperative at least fourteen days before the annual meeting.
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With this fourteen day requirement, February being the shortest month of the year, and one week of vacation in March for which to allow, it is quite apparent that we must begin to act in a very positive manner. It is for this reason that I wish to bring to your attention the following sections of the Constitution of the Bookstore Cooperative:

Section 6. Term of Office of the Manager.

Item 1. Upon election the new Manager shall sign a contract presented by the Executive Committee for his term of office. He then becomes Assistant Manager until the following September (at the beginning of school), at which time he shall assume the duties of Manager as defined herein.

Item 2. The term of office as Manager shall be from September (beginning of school) until the next September (beginning of school).

Item 3. Upon the expiration of his term of office as Manager, he shall be subject to temporary recall in case of an emergency by the Executive Committee upon a majority vote of the members of the said Committee.

Item 4. In case the Manager shall withdraw from the Seminary, for any reason whatsoever, his office shall be considered vacant and his contract voided, exclusive of the clause concerning his liability to call before the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Duties of the Manager.

Item 1. The Manager shall manage the Bookstore in accordance with this Constitution and By-Laws and be responsible to the Executive Committee.

Item 2. He shall present monthly financial statements to the Executive Committee at the monthly meetings, one duplicate copy of each to be filed with the Secretary.

Item 3. He shall present an audited annual financial statement to the Executive Committee at its March meeting and to the Cooperative at its annual meeting, one duplicate copy of each to be filed with the Secretary.

Item 4. He shall maintain a regular schedule of store hours which shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

Item 5. He shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committee.

Item 6. He shall occupy no other responsible position in the Seminary.

Section 5. Meetings of the Bookstore Cooperative.

Item 2. ELECTION OF THE MANAGER

a. Candidates for this position shall be Juniors who have completed at least one term of academic work at the Theological Seminary.

b. Candidates shall submit their names to the Secretary at least fourteen days previous to the annual meeting.

c. The Secretary shall submit the names of the candidates as nominees to the Cooperative at its annual meeting.

d. Should there be fewer than two candidates for this position fourteen days previous to the annual meeting, the President shall appoint a committee immediately to study the matter and make recommendations to the Cooperative at the annual meeting. At least two candidates must be recommended.

e. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

f. A majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the Bookstore Cooperative shall be required for the election of the Manager. If the first ballot does not give a majority vote to the leading candidate, and there are more than two candidates, the candidate with the smallest number of votes shall be removed from the list of nominees and a second ballot cast. When two nominees remain, neither of which has received a majority vote, ballots shall be cast until one receives a majority vote.

I wish to encourage all Juniors to consider the possibility of applying for the position of Manager of the Bookstore Cooperative. The responsibility is considerable, the hours long, the remuneration comparatively small (\$375 a year, \$53.57 a week), but to be entrusted with such is a position I esteem a privilege and an honor. (Bookstore, continued)