

EDITORIALSHALOM AND RECONCILIATION

Somehow the several religious traditions must get beyond the antithesis between bigotry and indifference. Doctrinal indifference is surely preferable to bigotry; at least it does not burn heretics and unbelievers at the stake. But a tolerance of others based on a lack of conviction within oneself will easily change into intolerance as soon as one acquires some convictions. The antithesis between bigotry and indifference is, moreover, a false one, because the religious zeal which one withdraws from the traditional objects of devotion may attach itself to others and less deserving objects, such as the state or the race or the class. As Emerson said, "When the half gods go, the gods arrive," but it works the other way, too. Having witnessed in our own time the demonic forms that this idolatry can assume, we have special reason to look for alternatives to the Inquisition and to the Enlightenment.... It is necessary, even though it is also depressing to discover how little we have learned, and how long it has taken to learn this even. Truly, "the more things change the more they remain the same." Apparently some stereotyped ideas are so indelibly imprinted that neither religious exhortation nor theological scholarship can erase them.... Right now, thousands and even millions of young Christians are acquiring, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, attitudes toward Jews and Judaism that can stay with them for the rest of their lives--well in to the twenty-first century. If all the factories and sewers in the U.S. immediately stopped

polluting the streams, lakes and oceans, it would still take decades to clean up the mess. This does not mean that we should not try, but that we must try now, before it is too late. Similarly the task of fighting moral and religious pollution had better begin immediately, because even if it does it will take a longtime. Please God, our century may yet go down in history not only as the century of war and holocaust, but also as the century of shalom and reconciliation.

(Jaroslav Pelikan in the forward to Portrait of the Elder Brother, Jews and Judaism in Protestant Teaching Materials, by Gerald S. Strober)

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CLASSES

Frank McConnell teaching Sacred Music  
NOVEMBER 7, 1972  
7:30-9:00

Conference Room-Library-2nd floor  
All seminary women invited to attend !!  
Classes will run for four weeks

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God did not create  
woman from man's head,  
that he should command her,

nor from his feet,  
that she should be his slave,

but rather from his side,  
that she should  
be near his heart.

The Talmud

## BIBLE STUDY

A nation's security does not rest solely or ultimately in the weight of its armament (Ps. 33: 13-17; Isaiah 31:1-5). The psalmist wrote some time after Judah's return from captivity, at a time when the restored nation was attempting to establish itself on more enduring foundations. Something more was needed than a great army or the latest and speediest instrument of death (which in that day was the horse), suggests the psalmist. Isaiah had seen much earlier that Judah's reliance upon the armed power of Egypt would prove unavailing.

Ps. 33:13-17 and Isa. 31:1-3 both suggest that it would be far more helpful for the nation to put its own house in order -- restrain the evil doers, put an end to iniquity; see what was going on--all the sons of men--all their deeds--see them as God sees them--and move to make their nation what God would have it to be.

Few if any would conclude from these Biblical texts that the U.S. should do away with its army, navy, or air force--disarm unilaterally. Americans are generally agreed that nations, and particularly Russia and the United States, should moderate their arms race and not only for economic reasons. A beginning has been made, but only a very small beginning. ... As the International Institute for Strategic Studies reports, the strategic competition continues, and the "qualitative race goes on with the development of new systems and improvements of old ones." Christians surely will support continuing efforts for limitations and reduction of armaments.

Meanwhile the nation suffers from lack of funds for pressing social needs. A fraction of the immense amounts now spent on waging war and in the continuing arms race, preparing for future wars, could go a long way toward solving some or all of these problems. This may well be the major question confronting us as citizens and Christians in the days ahead--

what proportion of our tax funds should go for armaments and what proportion for the solving of our domestic problems? Certainly a nation's security does not rest solely or ultimately in the weight of its armaments.

--Ernest Trice Thompson

"Living on the Brink:

The Threat of World Calamity" in The Presbyterian Outlook.

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Tuesday, November 7 is ELECTION DAY! Exercise your right as an American citizen and vote. This is your responsibility to this and future generations.

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### BOOK REVIEW:

HOW TO BELIEVE AGAIN by Helmut Thielicke, translated by H. George Anderson.

Readers will enjoy once again Thielicke's conversational style and depth of thought--this time on the theme of faith. Thielicke enters into dialog with his readers, tackling the difficult questions raised in the search for faith: What meaning is there in innocent suffering? What is there to pray about? Do God and politics mix? Thielicke suggests answers in the conversations of Jesus and draws out the implications of faith for love and hope.

Helmut Thielicke is Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of Hamburg, Germany.

\$3.95 in paper.

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### PROPERTY TASK FORCE

The Property Task Force of The SCC took a tour of the campus residence facilities at its second meeting on Monday, Oct. 30. The results of the fact-finding tour will be compiled into a priority listing accompanied by the general maintenance budget and presented to the Executive Meeting of the Trustees on November 28.

## A PARTY!

Everyone is invited to attend a party at 7:00pm TONIGHT in the HUB. A variety of refreshments will be available. Greet the College Students who will be on campus today and tomorrow.

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### DRIVE EXTENDED:

### MEDICAL AID FOR INDOCHINA

November 1, Medical Aid for Indochina Day at LTS, was quite successful. Members of the administration, faculty, and staff have thus far contributed \$49.00. Contributions from students have likewise amounted to \$49.00 thus far (including a \$15.00 contribution from the Student Community Council). In addition, 45 boarding students and one boarding professor, Rev. William J. Walsh, did not take meals at the Dietz Refectory on November 1, thus making a refund of food costs for that day possible. This means that approximately 40% of the Seminary community has responded to the medical needs of the people of Indochina. We will be sending the final amount to MAI in Cambridge, Mass., on November 8. WE URGE THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT YET CONTRIBUTED TO DO SO BEFORE NEXT WEDNESDAY! Please see Allen Kroehler, Fred Barker, David Hartranft, or me.

-- Mike Clark

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### EDITORIAL RESPONSE

This letter is being written to respond to the editorial in THE SEMINARIAN of October 27, 1972. I am pleased to see that it was written. My comments are these: The Spiritual Life Committee who heads up organizing these services has had problems securing an ordained minister for these communion services and thus no services have been held. I wonder why we cannot celebrate and worship our Lord anyway, and not have communion that week. If

the Spiritual Life Committee can only obtain a celebrant once a month, fine. Do it! Don't have a communion but on the other weeks let's have a service, too!

Another problem that enters the picture is that last year several students pushed to get Wednesday night cleared on the calendar and even though they thought they were successful, it looks as though they have failed. There is a class that night and as I read the calendar I have seen meetings scheduled during that time period. I would hope that we as a community could set aside this time to come together and not have to be pressured with conflicts. The administration could clear the calendar for next semester and future semesters so that Wednesday nights could be kept free for those interested in their spiritual life.

What are you going to do this coming Wednesday night? Sit and watch TV? Can you get involved in this community and build some togetherness? If you can and wish to help contact a member of the Spiritual Life Committee. If you would like to be on this Committee and help the committee now and in the future, contact Barry Lohman. Barry has done a lot of work in the past and has helped spur the success of last year's wonderful Wednesday night services. Let's not let our spiritual lives and togetherness melt away in a sea of apathy.

-- Ted Corcelius

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### FROM THE BOOKSTORE

J. Theodore Cuthbertson representative will be on campus all day Wednesday, December 6 in the HUB.

-- Nancy Norris,  
Bookstore manager

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### STAFF FOR THIS ISSUE

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## THE PIGS AND THEIR STY

There once was a group of pigs that had a well furnished sty for their lounging and enjoyment. The director of the sty gave the pigs the use of all parts of the sty. But, it seems that all the pigs wanted to do in the sty was to drink coffee and Coke and then leave their cups and bottles all over the furniture and the floor. There were many trash cans in the sty and when the pigs finally decided that the cups and paper should go in the cans, they would fill the cans and leave them there as an eyesore in the sty. The pigs were always too busy lounging and eating to take their part in cleaning the sty. Some of the pigs went to the director of the sty and asked the director who was going to empty the trash cans and pick up the empty cups and bottles. The director told the pigs that the sty was theirs and they must help to keep it clean and neat. The pigs only turned around and returned to playing in the piles of dirt on the floor. The cans stayed full and the floor got dirtier, until the director told the pigs they were not allowed back in their sty. Thus the pigs had no lounge area and no place to enjoy themselves. This is the end of the story, but let us remember the pigs had another choice and then they would still have their sty.

Paul H. Thompson Jr.

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## THE HUB SO FAR

As co-director of the Hub I would first like to state what the Hub is and who has the right to use it. The Hub is a building on the campus for the whole seminary community. I define community as the students registered at the seminary, the faculty, the administration, and the staff plus their families. It is open seven days a week with a schedule of 7:30 A.M. until about midnight (Monday-Friday), and on weekends usually about 10 A.M. until midnight. If the Hub is not open feel free to ask me to open it for your use. I live in N-305.

This year the Hub is under the direction of Jim Fatzinger and Paul Thompson. We have been asked to co-ordinate the activities of the Hub and we request suggestions and help from anyone in the seminary community. Jim is in charge of the coffee and all complaints in this area should be

directed to him. I am in charge of all activity scheduling for the Hub and anyone who wants to bring in a youth group or have any large activity please check with me to see if the schedule is clear for that time. Also I hope that everyone has noticed that the conference room is again open and I would encourage individuals and groups to use it.

Finally I would like to thank Wayne Strever for sweeping the Hub last week. I wish a few more people would take a little interest in the Hub which they fought so hard to get.

Paul H. Thompson Jr.

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## CURRICULUM TASK FORCE REPORTS

The objective of the task force is to propose a single plan with various options which will speak to each of the issues of professional competency, curriculum competency, and calender. The faculty may then accept or reject in part or in whole this proposal.

We appreciate the proposals from Dr. Glasse and P.T.P. They are being considered.

ALL SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME!

Richard Sauerlender

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## THIS AMERICA

A \$15,000 tomb honouring America's unknown dead of the Vietnam War will be built this fall at Arlington National Cemetery-- even though there are no unidentified U.S. dead in the war. Cemetery planners say they have decided to go ahead, in the event one is found. 'We hope there won't be one,' said Bobbie R. Beller, Arlington's project engineer. 'But with the number of fatalities and the number of missing in action...it's possible one will be found in the final sweep of the battlefield. If not,' Beller said, 'The tomb will not be used.'-----  
St Louis Post-Dispatch (Anne Storer Korr)

(Reprinted from the New Statesman, August 11, 1972.)

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Next week there will be no SEMINARIAN. Articles for the following issue will be accepted until November 14.