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## Faculty-Student Conference Had Several Intetresting Features

### R O T C And Racial Discussions Very Heated

By M. L. Cashion

The Faculty-Student Conference held in Detroit December 27-31 was the first national gathering of this sort ever assembled. There had been many studious hours spent on the program which was arranged in two phases. One of these was a general assembly of all delegates where outstanding student leaders gave addresses on topics pertaining to problems of campus, faculty-student relationships etc., by such men as Dr. Niebuhr, Stitt Wilson, Sherwood Eddy and Norman Thomas. There were two of these addresses each day-morning and evening. In the afternoons there were also general assemblies led by Dr. Charles Gilkey, chaplain of the University of Chicago. The purpose of these assemblies was to give assistance on every day religious doubts, problems and living.

Each morning and afternoon the conference was divided into smaller groups or commissions for purpose of discussing all manner of relationships and problems that appear on campuses such as R O T C; cribbing and general dishonesty; relations between faculty and students; relations between men and women; race relationships; the curriculum; social conditions; fraternities and sororities; publications etc.

Probably the most interesting—certainly the most heated—arguments centered around race relationships and the R O T C.

A concrete example of racial prejudice, tradition and difficulties arose within the conference itself where there was a misunderstanding between the executive committee and the management of the Book-Cadillac Hotel as to what constituted "equal right basis" between white and negro delegates attending the conference. Certain discriminations, than those agreed to, were being made. Radical delegates forced the question from the hands of the executive committee who was trying to work out the problem

to the conference floor where a red hot argument raged for twenty four hours over a solution to the particular situation. After threatening to move from the hotel the conference discovered that no other accommodations could be found for so many delegates. The Hotel authorities were both kind and sympathetic as far as business would allow them to act.

This whole event shows that the race problem is as acute in the north as it is in the south; that it can not be solved by ever so vigorous a discussion on the part of student, faculty or Christian groups; that the solution is a process of education which is slow, and effective only in the hands of patient, farsighted and conservative people. The radical will never solve it.

The next topic that came in for critical discussion was the R O T C. Every delegate seemed to have an opinion whether he attended a R O T C institution or not. Some cases were cited where certain organizations on the campus had completely broken with the military element. Details of the situation at the University of Iowa were given where the opposing elements have gone up to the legislature for a final decision as to whether R O T C shall remain on the campus.

The general objections were that it destroyed initiative, developed a decided class complex, its system is conducive to hazing, that it interferes with progress of peace programs, and that its methods are shams where the deeper purposes are hidden by "girl colonels," "display parades," "horse shows" etc.

Points in favor of the military system were that drilling was a means of regular and systematic exercise, that it is more economical, that it subjected a student to discipline which he did not get at home, and that the student probably learned a few points of respect, obedience, etc., that might possibly be an asset.

### Announce Short Story Contest For Students

A short story contest open to undergraduates in American colleges and universities has been announced by The Ladies Home Journal.

For the best short story and the best short story story turned in the Journal will give \$1,000 and \$500 respectively. Short short stories must be mailed not later than February 1, 1931, and short stories not later than March 1, 1931.

In the short story contest a limit of 5,000 to 7,000 words is placed upon the writer, but there is no restriction as to title or subject. Short short stories must be from 1,200 to 2,500 words in length.

The right to buy at its regular rates any story submitted which deserves printing, but which does not win a prize is reserved by The Ladies Home Journal.

Man has been cleverer with his hands than with his head—Leonard Behrens.

Marriage is an art, and now the most neglected of arts. Education should begin not later than at the age of two.—Judge Ben Lindsey.

It is the opportunity for self-government itself which gives training for self-government, not foreign subjection.—Sir Rabindranath Tagore, Indian poet.

There are no truer pictures of human beings than those on passports.—Juan J. Aigura.

It is easy to see that many accepted conventions are disappearing.—Rev. Dr. W. R. Bowie.

IN MEMORIAM

We, The Sophomore class, desire to express our sympathy with out classmate, C. N. Hielscher who was recently bereaved by the death of his father, Mr. T. J. Hielscher, of Beaumont, who met his death in an automobile accident on December 31, 1930.  
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