

Homage Where Homage Due

FROM THE TIME history started there is a record of man trying to understand and pay homage to the supreme creative force behind the universal operation.

While these details form the backbone of the differences between the religions of the world there is an amazing amount of similarity. All of the religions of the world agree there is one creative force greater than any man who was responsible for the establishment and continuance of this world.

Here on the campus of A&M, a need is realized of paying homage to this creative force which we call God. At the same time it is felt there is a need for discussing some of the things which are caused by God.

For one week—one fifty-second of a year—we are trying to carry out the general theme of Godly understanding. The success of the program depends on the interest shown in the program.

Go to the services held at the various parts of the campus this week—you won't regret it.

Internal Revenue Dept. Ponders News Releases

Washington, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The Internal Revenue Bureau is doing a bit of soul searching on just how much information it should give the public.

The question would have lots of tough, complex angles at any time. Now it's doubly troublesome in the spotlight of recurring tax case scandals.

On one side is the taxpayer's basic right to know what's going on in his government; on the other side is the need to guard much of the confidential information a man or a business firm discloses in tax returns; the desire to protect those who make honest mistakes — or those involved in cases where right or wrong is a very close debatable question.

Answers to some of the questions under study may lift, at least partially, what some newspapers and officials have called an "iron curtain" of secrecy surrounding the tax service.

Here are some of the issues under study:

First, it's against the law for revenue officials or employees to disclose amounts or sources of income as revealed in tax returns. There's little disagreement with this basic law.

However, this law has been extended in actual practice to ban release of any information whatever on almost all tax delinquency cases and their disposition, except for the few cases that come up in court.

It is argued in some circles that at least some of the most aggravated tax delinquency cases—now settled in secrecy out of court—should be made public.

Collusion Many of the current scandals involve charges of collusion or fraud in these secret settlements.

The possibility of publicity itself, so the argument goes, is likely to deter would-be wrongdoers in or out of the government.

On the other hand there's the chance that publicity could be grossly unjust to a citizen who only made an honest mistake on his tax return, or where revenue agents were wrong in evaluating a debatable case.

The Office of Price Stabilization announces all its cases of alleged price ceiling violations when they are turned over to the Justice Department for possible court action. Some say the Revenue Bureau could do the same.

But beyond the scope of the secrecy provision of the law some revenue officials concede privately that the tax service policy may have blacked out much information which could be released.

The Bureau announced last November, for example, it would issue a monthly report on its activities as part of a program to keep the public better informed.

The report dealt only in total figures, not specific cases. Release of that first report brought a flurry of publicity of such things as total uncollected tax delinquencies, the number and disposition of tax fraud cases, and the number of revenue employees fired.

Since then the monthly reports have been withheld. Officials said the first report, because of its technical nature, was misunderstood by the public and the Bureau was unduly in a bad light. But now the idea of releasing such a report is being studied.

Still another major question under discussion is how much information should be released about disciplinary action against revenue employees.

In many cases, notably when 30 employees were fired in one swoop last November, the Bureau announced dismissal of workers charged with dishonesty or improper deals with taxpayers. It gave a general description of the charges, but no details.



Noted Speakers Here for RE Week

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Colonel Graebner is a graduate of St. John's College, Winfield, Kan, and Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis. He was ordained as minister of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Youngstown, Ohio in 1927.

Religious discussion leader for Dorms 10 and 12 will be Lt. Col. Herman J. Kregel, post chaplain of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Chaplain Kregel will live in Dorm 10.

He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and received his THB and BD from Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Mich.

He was called to active duty by the Army in March, 1940, and has served as chaplain for a number of Army units and posts.

Denton Pastor The pastor of the First Baptist Church of Denton, Dr. Roger D. Hebard will serve as discussion leader for Walton Hall during Religious Emphasis Week. He is a native of Oklahoma and received his AB degree from the Oklahoma Baptist University in 1931. In 1941 Doctor Hebard received his ThM and ThD from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Doctor Hebard is a member of the Executive Board and the Advisory Committee of the Texas Baptist General Convention; Executive Board, District 12, Baptist Association; Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

A native Texan, Dr. Grady Snuggs of the department of religion, Tulsa University, will serve as discussion leader and counselor for Dorms 1 and 3. He will live in Dorm 1.

Doctor Snuggs received his BA degree from Trinity University in 1930 and was active in the Life Work Recruit Group while a student there. He received his BD degree in 1933.

In the spring of 1933, Doctor Snuggs was ordained as a Presbyterian minister by the Presbytery of Wichita Falls. He joined the staff of the University of Tulsa in 1936 and became head of the department of religion the following year.

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Movietime

'Racket' Lives Up to Name; Takes Movie Patron's Time

By JERRY BENNETT Battalion Staff Writer

"The Racket" starring Robert Mitchum, Elizabeth Scott and Robert Ryan—R. K. O.

"The Racket", now eroding the Palace Theatre's movie projector, lives up to its name exceedingly well by robbing the movie patron of two hours of his valuable time.

Riding on the success of the recent Senate Crime Committee "The Racket" infiltrates into local movie houses throughout the country with such misleading campaign slogans as, "It starts where the Kefauver Committee left off."

Begins Operations

Once it becomes entrenched it starts its nefarious operations of the theatre's screen by first using such names as Robert Mitchum,

Lizabeth Scott, and Robert Ryan to get the sucker to place his bet on its entertainment value. After all bets are collected, it then proceeds to bore the misguided gamblers to death.

WHEN THE conventional cigar smoking, tough talking, pin stripe suited, pugilistic looking thugs appear on the screen, mouthing their oft-heard corny phrases, the customer begins to think that someone's been dealing off the bottom.

Before he can politely pull out, "The Racket" slips Lizabeth Scott into the deck to revive his interest. When Liz starts throwing around her usual throaty dialogue and groaning through a few gravel pit torch songs, he knows the cards are marked.

But "The Racket" is smart. Next it has Robert Ryan, high in the ranks of its insidious combination, knock off a few unsuspecting extras with his thunderous little .38. This keeps the sucker (now 40 cents lighter) in his seat long enough to hear Robert (Sleepy Eyed) Mitchum moralize on a few evils of organized crime that would be obvious to any five year old.

Discussion Topics Picked By Ballot

According to individual student preferences, the discussion group leaders will be certain to discuss the topic "Men and women relations; the human venture in sex, love, and the home."

This one topic is for the second year in a row the number one discussion topic for the RE Week forums.

As a result of a poll conducted by the YMCA a month before the RE Week began, the group leaders were given the topics the students would like to discuss during the week.

In the poll, the topics which drew first billing last year also received a favorable number of votes this year. Of the top six in last year, all are in the top six this year—with only four changing position as a result of the recent poll.

Number two on last year's poll is number six this year and the third most popular topic last year is second choice this year. Number two topic is "Do scientific facts and The Bible agree? Is conflict unavoidable?" and the third topic is "Does College strengthen or weaken religious faith?"

Fourth most popular topic is "What is a successful life?" This was also the fourth most popular topic last year at this time. "What qualities should we seek in our men and women friends?" is the fifth most popular discussion topic for two years in a row.

The discussions will be held in the dormitories.

LEAVING THE theatre, the indignant citizens determines to hold an investigation, but before he can get started, "The Racket" has moved on to set up operations in another unsuspecting American city.

"The Prowler" starring Van Heflin and Evelyn Keyes—United Artists—Guion Hall.

"The Prowler" conspicuously overlooked by critics and publicity ballyhoo, is an outstanding example of cinema art that Hollywood rarely attains.

A frank study in adultery and murder, the subject is handled with such skill that the movie loses all aspects of vulgar sensationalism. The story, filled with surprises and ironical twists of plot, is masterpiece of originality, shockingly realistic and suspenseful.

UNDER THE superb direction of Joseph Losey, stars Van Heflin and Evelyn Keyes give the top performances of their careers. Heflin is excellent as the diabolical fortune hunter who upon tricking his mistress into marrying him after killing her husband, discovers she is pregnant on their wedding night.

Using an unusual dramatic quality of believable naturalism highlighted by his successfully underplaying moments of lust and brutality, Heflin turns in one of the best character portrayals of 1951, worthy of an academy award any year.

MISS KEYES is commanding and sincere in her role as an immoral woman with a strong conscience. Realistic at all time, her characterization never becomes one of complete evil or nobility but only that of a weak lonely person easily influenced.

The screenplay is made impressive by its believable dialogue, free of hackneyed or melodramatic expressions, which never tries to preach or moralize. Lyn Murray's musical score expertly follows the mood of the film as it moves from scenes of exciting suspense to its violent unforgettable climax.

Task Force Smashes Reds In Korea

Seoul, Korea, Feb. 18.—(AP) A strong United Nations tank-infantry task force smashed deep into the old "Iron Triangle" on the Central Korean front today then withdrew after pushing Chinese Reds off a high hill.

Another U.N. raiding party returned to its base last night after breaking out of Communist encirclement east of the Pukhan River, on the West Central front. The party was pinned down six hours by machinegun fire and hand grenades.

Sabres Down MIGs In the air, U.S. F-86 Sabre jets encountered 175 Russian-built MIGs in far Northwest Korea. Several firing passes were made, but the Fifth Air Force did not report any damage to either side.

Sabre pilots shot down three MIGs Sunday. The Sabres were escorting fighter-bombers on Operation Strangle—the continuing assault on Red supply lines. They were jumped by a flight of MIGs.

Operation Strangle entered its seventh month Monday. An Air Force spokesman said the operation had caused the Chinese Reds "terrific expense" and probably had prevented the Communists from attempting a major offensive.

Fighters and bombers plastered supply targets throughout North Korea Monday. The Air Force reported F-51 Mustangs destroyed or damaged 40 buildings in a supply dump near Sibyon.

Associated Press Correspondent Milo Farneti reported from the tank-infantry task force rammed into the old Iron Triangle at daybreak Monday and seized Silver Star Hill south of Pyongyang.

Forum Tonight

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tion for the students and their wives for the remainder of the period.

"The Place of Prayer in the Home" will be the topic of the Wednesday session.

Dr. Denham is a newcomer to Texas, having served the River Oaks Baptist Church since October, 1951. Prior to that he served as pastor of historic First Baptist Church in Macon, Ga.

He served the colleges of the Macon area and became a well known speaker for Georgia youth groups.

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