



RE Week Speaker Says False Faiths Hinder Truth

Man Must Form Own Conclusions

Religious Emphasis opened Monday night before less than 200 persons. The Rev. James Argue, presently of Little Rock, Ark. was introduced by President Earl Rudder as guest speaker for the week.

House Passes Connally's Bill For Education

AUSTIN (AP)—Gov. John Connally's No. 1 legislative demand, creation of a new and powerful 18-man coordinating board for higher education, won tentative House approval Monday.

Final House action on the measure, which was discussed 2½ hours and amended 18 times, will be asked Tuesday, said its sponsor, Rep. Dick Cory of Victoria. The Senate has yet to vote on its version of the bill.

There was no debate on the bill as a whole and no objection was voiced to its tentative approval.

Connally's bill, sponsored in the senate by Sen. Bill Moore of Bryan, calls for replacement of the nine-year-old Texas Commission on Higher Education by the "Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System."

The board will have power to classify schools as junior or senior colleges and could eliminate or consolidate courses found to duplicate existing courses or start new programs. It could order degree programs started, eliminated or consolidated.

Schools could not use their appropriated funds for programs disapproved by the board—unless the Legislature overrides the board's decision.

Junior colleges would come under the board, instead of the Texas Education Agency. The board could prescribe a "core" of courses at junior colleges that would be freely transferable to four-year institutions.

Major amendments provided that board disapproval of programs could be nullified by a legislative appropriation of funds for the program, and that the board could not revise existing university systems.

The bill does not carry out Connally's recommendation that colleges and universities be grouped into systems, he said.

Argue spoke on "Developing A Personal Theology." He compared individuals with a students entering a seminary.

He said a person's biggest and most difficult job was to rid himself of all false faiths so he could recognize the real truth. It is all too easy to let others do our own thinking for us, Argue said.

He added that one must form his own conclusions from his own thinking and not allow himself to be necessarily persuaded by others, including his minister.

Another problem common today, Argue pointed out, is that church going has become nothing more than a exercise. He said that few people know what they believe or what their church's doctrine holds.

Argue compared religion with an appendix, "exceptable enough when it doesn't bother you but expendable if it begins to hurt."

He said theology is a system of beliefs that help answer the question "What are we here for?" The speaker emphasized that God must be the central sphere of our goal in life, the foundation of existence, and must not be made secondary to anything.

The most frightening thing today to Rev. Argue is not the threat of nuclear war but the increasing loss of morals, the self-centeredness, and the materialism of our society. Argue said today's society is too concerned with what may happen and concerned enough with what God has already done.

He urged students to "play a good part in a great scheme."

Assisting in the program were Don Warren, president of the YMCA, who presided over the meeting, and James Hatton and Mrs. Carol Olejnik. Hatton led the singing and Mrs. Olejnik accompanied on the organ.

Argue is no stranger to the College Station area. He was pastor of the A&M Methodist Church from 1957 to 1961.

He will be available throughout the week in Room 333 of the Memorial Student Center for conferences.

Tuesday night at 6:30 in Guion Hall he will speak on "Theologies Of Today." The meeting will be over in plenty of time for the basketball game.



RE WEEK SPEAKER

Grad Enrollment Up By 17 Per Cent Over Last Year

Graduate College enrollment is up 17 per cent over the spring semester of 1964, Dean Wayne C. Hall has announced.

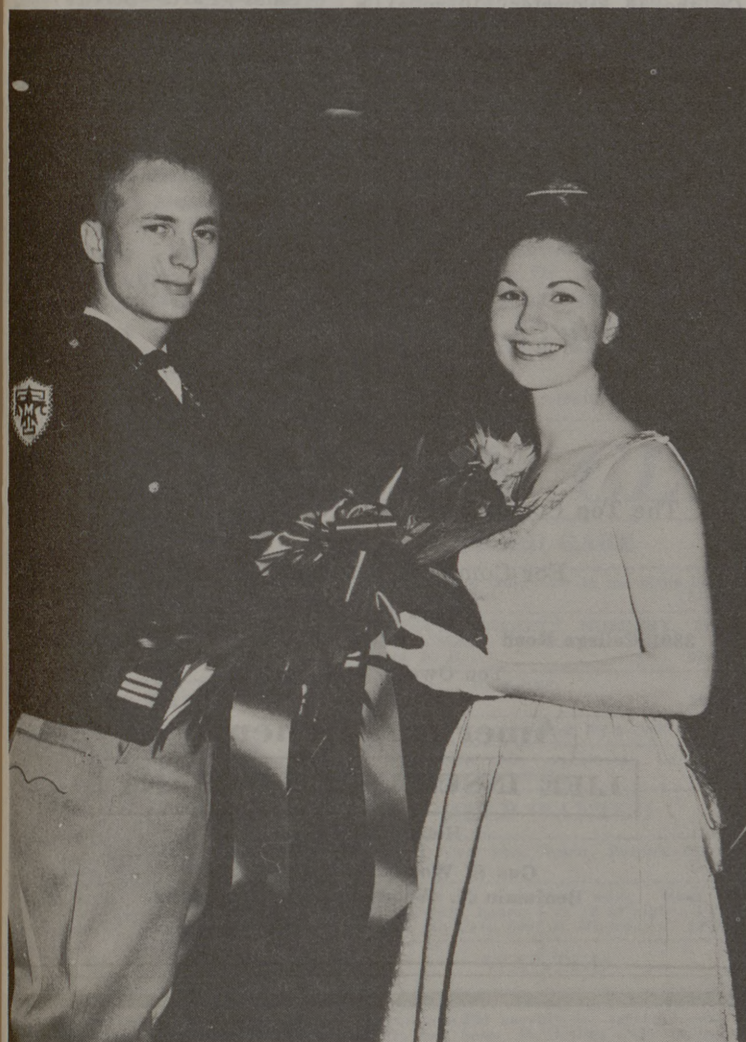
Hall reported 1,453 graduate students now enrolled, an increase of 215 over a year ago.

Spring semester enrollment totals 7,646, a 17-year record, officials announced earlier this week.

"This 17 percent increase in Graduate College enrollment is about what we showed last fall over the previous fall," Hall said. The breakdown among colleges shows 381 graduate students in the College of Agriculture, up 24 over a year ago; 587 in the College of Arts and Science, up 129; 432 in the College of Engineering, up 35; 33 in the College of Veterinary Medicine, up 13, and 20 in the Institute of Statistics, up 14.

Faculty-Staff Fete Set For Thursday

Deadline for individual tickets to the third Faculty-Staff Dinner Club event is noon Wednesday, according to Walter H. Parsons Jr., committee chairman. Tickets are on sale at the Memorial Student Center Main Desk. The dinner-dance will be a costume affair, with Dick Baldauf's Aggeland Combo furnishing the music at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the MSC Assembly Room.



Band Queen Crowned

Judy Franze of Bryan was selected as 1965 Band Sweetheart at the Band Dance Saturday night. Miss Franze, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Franze of 2305 Bristol St., was crowned by John D. Smith, a Houston senior.

STRIKE POSSIBLE

Next Trouble Spot In Steel Industry

WASHINGTON (AP)—With most longshoremen back on the job, federal officials are bracing themselves for the next potential labor explosion - in the steel industry.

While no one is predicting a steel strike, or even whether overt government intervention will be needed, the Labor Department is clearly uneasy over the possibilities.

Spokesmen insist, however, that beside the dock strike and possible steel troubles, prospects are for a generally peaceful year at the bargaining table even though about one-third of all union contracts covering about 5 million workers are up for renewal.

While some longshoremen are still on strike, most major ports are back in operation.

The most immediately worrisome aspect of the steel talks is the uncertainty over the election contest for president of the million-member AFL-CIO United Steelworkers of America.

"Nobody will be able to do a thing until we know who the leader is," said one government spokesman, referring to the contest between President David J. McDonald and Secretary-Treasurer I. W. Abel, for the presidency of the Steelworkers Union.

Abel has claimed victory, but official ballots are still being tabulated. McDonald forces are talking about a court fight if

their man is declared the loser. The union's talks with the steel industry were recessed pending the outcome of the election and several weeks of bargaining time already have been lost. Steel contracts expire May 1.

While rejecting predictions of widespread labor strife the rest of the year, some Labor Department officials concede that any of the major contract talks could erupt unexpectedly.

Aerospace, textiles, rubber, aluminum, canning and construction are some of the big negotiations coming up.

Despite a sharp rise in strikes during the past six months, the Labor Department insists the period looks worse than it really was because 1963 was so quiet.

Department spokesmen say such publicized strikes as last fall's auto walkouts and the current dock strike created a misleading impression of general labor strife.

The walkouts at General Motors, Ford and American Motors accounted for nearly one-third of the 23 million man-days of strike time last year.

While the figure may seem large, the Labor Department points out that the 23 million days were .18 of 1 per cent of total working time in all non-farm businesses and industries. The figure in 1963 was .13 of 1 per cent, a 19-year low.

South Viet Nam Relaxes, Selects Premier, Cabinet

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—Bickering over the makeup of a new Cabinet was reported over come today and Dr. Phan Huy Quat was named South Viet Nam's new premier.

The official Viet Nam Press re-

ported selection of Quat to head the country's eighth government in 16 months.

The announcement said strongman Lt. Gen. Nguyen Khanh also asked Phan Khac Suu to continue as chief of state.

Khanh also was expected to announce formation of a 20-man council of civilians and military officers to act as a legislative advisory body.

Selection of Quat, 55, a former foreign minister, was delayed when Saigon's military men balked at plans to appoint Tran Van Tuyen as interior minister, reportedly because he was originally from North Viet Nam and might have difficulty dealing with the touchy religious groups of South Viet Nam.

Political sources said Nguyen Hoa Hiep, a southerner, would be interior minister and Tuyen would be a deputy premier and minister of planning.

In central Viet Nam, where soldiers killed 15 civilians Monday in putting down two antigovernment demonstrations, a firing squad execution was scheduled for one of the demonstrators.

Brig. Gen. Nguyen Chanh Thi said two of the dead were known Viet Cong agitators, and the prisoner scheduled for execution Wednesday was a Viet Cong section leader.

Bryan-CS Chamber Seeking Members

President Earl Rudder presented his check to members of the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce Monday to officially kick-off the Chamber's 1965 membership drive on campus.

Other Chamber of Commerce volunteers were busy contacting businessmen and individuals in Bryan and College Station in an effort to increase the Chamber's membership to 1,000 and to raise its budget of \$63,558.

More than 100 volunteers gathered at the B-CS Chamber office earlier Monday to receive instructions from Jim Ingram, drive chairman, and L. H. "Hill" Westmoreland, executive vice-president of the Chamber.

This year's campaign is being handled as a three-pronged effort. C. J. Allen is heading the commercial division, Clark Munroe is coordinating the A&M drive and Jerry Barton is in charge of the new membership drive.



CLARK MUNROE RECEIVES MEMBERSHIP CHECK . . . Rudder launches campus C of C drive.

A HARD TASK

Today's Church Must Stimulate New Type Faith

Because of today's complex society, churches in a college community face a harder task than ever before.

This is the conclusion of several Bryan-College Station pastors questioned about the work of the church today.

"Our whole program must be set up to help people analyze themselves in relation to the world," said the Rev. Paul Baumer, pastor of Faith United Church of Christ. "Instead of the old quilting circles, which are good in their own right, we must have discussion groups, Bible studies and seminars, among other things, to benefit the Christian."

The Rev. William Oxley, rector of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church said "There is a growing need for churches to rise with the level of thought and maintain a well-balanced program that will challenge our students to reach and sustain individual dedication to God."

More than 50 churches within the Bryan-College Station area open their doors regularly each week to all who desire to worship. And they do so with an intellectually oriented membership in mind.

To reach these college-level members, the churches sponsor activities designed to help students and lay workers to gain a deeper insight into their religion as well as into current problems of the world and how to face them.

"Since man requires the feeding of the mind, heart and will," Oxley said, "it is necessary to build a skeleton of sound, Biblical convictions on which dedication may grow. This basic framework, if it is to remain sturdy, must be built by individual study and participation in activities that contribute to the Christian life."

"We can't force a person to mold elements of dedication into his life. He must do it out of his love for God. All we can do is show him the way."

The church must reach the point where the students turn to it for help, said the pastor. This way the church can tap the potential of individual conviction. Students today are looking for a mature Christian attitude with basic principles bare of hypocrisy that will assure the "truth-seeker" a continued interest and dedication.

"For example, five College Station churches are beginning a School of Christian Study soon," said the Rev. Walter Allen, campus minister of the First Christian Church. "This 10-week school is designed to inform Christian laymen and students to help them become more effective individuals able to help others in the Christian life."

Others participating in this effort—only one of many joint efforts—are Faith United Church of Christ, the Presbyterian Student Center, the Wesley Foundation and St. Thomas' Episcopal Church.

The church is approaching the period where it can no longer ask the masses to give and be loyal, the ministers concluded. It must teach them about the supernatural and how to serve God. And though the people have the Bible at their fingertips, there are questions to be answered such as "What is this thing called religion and how does it affect me as an individual? What effect does it have on the World?"

These questions are among the big ones today in the college community church. People are looking for facts. Since faith is the principle factor involved in Christianity, churches must show their members the way of faith.

It may come in individual dedication or in daily experiences. The age-old life principle of right vs. wrong is also a working element that the church must instill in the lives of believers.

"A society, whether it be a college campus or a village of country folk, usually retains a moral fiber in its atmosphere that will serve as a starting point for individual dedication to God," said Mr. Thomas J. Seay, minister of the A&M Church of Christ. "Our churches, though not presently doing the best possible, are trying to retain this atmosphere and serve as a guiding light for those who would serve God. This is our goal."

"We are just beginning," he added. "There is much to do."

Probably the essence of the conclusions of college community pastors would be the famous words, "The serene silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world next to the might of the Spirit of God."

The World at a Glance

By The Associated Press

International
SAIGON, South Viet Nam—Troops from five Communist North Vietnamese divisions have infiltrated South Viet Nam since 1959, the Saigon government charged Monday.

It was officially estimated that 39,000 Communists have made the crossing and that 65 per cent, or 25,350, of these ranked as squad leaders or higher.

VIENTIANE, Laos—Communist forces in northern Laos, said to have been backed by North Vietnamese troops have knocked out the last remaining Laotian army stronghold in the area, an Army spokesman in Vientiane reported Monday.

National
PITTSBURGH—The forces of I. W. Abel will have the upper hand when it comes time to settle vote disputes in the United Steelworkers election, the opposition said Monday.

Election tellers and the majority voice of the union's powerful executive board are aligned with the Abel camp, said Howard Hague, union vice president.

Texas
GALVESTON—The government makes a third effort Tuesday to send striking dock workers back to their jobs at West Gulf Coast ports.

Assistant Secretary of Labor James J. Reynolds headed the efforts to get a settlement from shippers and International Longshoremen's Association negotiators, hung up on the size of work gangs.

BRYAN—Lawyers began screening a special venire of 200 Monday in an attempt to obtain a jury in the murder trial of Rudolph Coffey Jr., 21, of Cocoa, Fla.

Coffey is accused of the slaying of Elgin Police Chief J. M. Mumford in 1963. The state indicated it will ask the death penalty.