

A Thought

BY BEVERLY SIEVERS.

Many thoughts were conceived and expressed at the student Christian Conference held in Oslo, Norway this summer. I have had the opportunity of hearing some of them, but the one which made the deepest impression on my mind was the one made by a Norwegian student who had been in both the resistance movement and a concentration camp. He said, "you in the United States have a much more difficult time holding your faith than we."

The statement seemed absurd. It sounded as foolish as the blanket statement also made at Oslo, "All you Americans are so wealthy." The first impression is that someone has been grossly misinformed but when evaluating the statement you realize that in relation to the peoples of the world we are rich beyond their most fantastic dream.

This is, of course, a material wealth and it is in this material wealth that we place our faith. The faith which we have goes no deeper than new cars, a multitude of sweaters, a matching tie or a season ticket to the football games. One of the students from abroad was heard to say that although she was better fed, and clothed in our country, she would be happy to return to her native land where there was a lack of food, shelter and clothing because she would be returning to a land where there was still a high value placed on religious faith.

If we lost all our material wealth would we as students, or as a nation, have the courage and desire to go on?

We sit in our opulent complacency and say, "We are powerful, well-informed, and wealthy," but in our smugness we overlook the fact that we lack roots. Our society is built on shifting sands. We have no faith in ourselves when not surrounded by our material gains. The shame is beginning to show.

Your Church

Episcopalians.

The Morning Prayer and sermon will be held at the University Episcopal church with Father McMillin officiating.

Unitarians.

Professor Arthur Dunning, from the department of Social Service will lead the discussion titled "The Odds are Against You" or "The X step to Marriage." The group will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the Unitarian church at 12th and H sts. Refreshments will be served.

Lutherans.

Bible hour will be held at 9:00 a. m. Sunday at 1200 No. 38th street, and the Lutheran Student Association will hold their regular Sunday evening meeting, Oct. 5. The city campus L. S. A. will meet at First Lutheran church at 17th and A streets at 5:00 p. m. The bus leaves the Lutheran Student house at 1440 Q street at 4:45 p. m. The Ag L. S. A. will meet at 6:30 p. m. at 1200 No. 38th street Pastor Alvin Petersen will speak on the subject "The Student's Devotional Life" Supper will be served.

Baptists.

Rev. C. R. Howells will lead the Bible class which will be held at the First Baptist church, 14th and K st., at 9:30 a. m. The Baptists Student Fellowship meeting will hold a communion service at 6:30 p. m. Sunday as a part of the world-wide communion Sunday. The meeting will begin with supper at 5:30 p. m.

Presbyterians.

The Rev. Sam Maier will speak on "A Creed for College Students" at the Forum discussion group which meets at 5:30 p. m. at the Presby House, 33 No. 14th. Supper will follow at 6:15 and the social hour will then be held.

Methodists.

The Methodist Students will meet at 5:30 at St. Paul church and proceed from there to the picnic grounds. The Rev. Gordon L. Lippett will lead the out-door service.

Methodist Students at Ag will meet at the First Christian Evangelical United Brethren church, 33rd and Starr street. Following supper and a social hour, discussion on "What Am I Living For?" will be held.

Lutheran chapel services will be held Sunday, 10:45 a. m. in room 315 of the Student Union. Rev. H. Erck, University pastor, will preside at the service and speak on the topic, "What Think Ye of Christ?" Elaine Otto of Seward will be the accompanist.

We readily admit, even exploit, the fact that we have the highest standard of living, the most automobiles, and the fastest means of communication in the world. We tend to look down our noses at peoples who are not highly mechanized and who do not have the latest scientific knowledge. We have a great deal on our side in the way of mechanical power, but to make this power fulfill its greatest potentialities we must also gain a faith in something better and higher than ourselves. Our knowledge of the material world has grown to spectacular heights, our spiritual faith has become stunted and puny. If we as individuals, or as a nation, are ever to attain the full stature which was planned for man, our development must be balanced.

To grow in religious faith, you must know what you do and do not believe and why. Your beliefs are your most precious possession. Take three minutes and see if you can satisfactorily outline the principals of your faith. It's a challenge which each of us should face if we are to become a truly complete person or nation. This completeness must be realized or our material gains will merely constitute a veneer and never gain the scope which they could as a part of a greater faith.

Berman . . .

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visibility to wait for one year. The office that is to be set up will contact the 100 members of the contact the 100 members of the National Commission for UNESCO, members of Congress, five hundred colleges and universities, Hollywood celebrities, and outstanding individuals and organizations in an attempt to determine the amount of co-operation and sponsorship that can be obtained from these sources. Volunteer staffs will be recruited from interested students to assist in the work.

Berman to Report

A complete report concerning the selection of a location, the suggested year for holding the 'Culturale' and estimate of active participants and observers, as well as a report concerning State Department and UNESCO sponsorship will be made by Berman at the December meeting of the NSA Executive Committee.

As the originator of the idea, Berman stated that "the 'Culturale' can be the means of stimulation and exchange of ideas by travel and contact with American college students. It may also serve as a focal point for the international good will which must follow in the wake of a similar exchange with students of other countries."

PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

The newly appointed Publications Board will meet in the faculty lounge of the Union Saturday morning to select a Daily Nebraskan society editor and a managing editor for the Cornhusker, it was announced Thursday by Dr. W. F. Swindler, director of the School of Journalism.

Ambassadors . . .

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"Differences in religion make no more basis for political units in India than they would in America. Imagine America divided into as many states as it has denominations!"

Vivacious Nina Kaswina of Bolivia brought in a South American viewpoint on United States influence upon her continent when Argentina's dictator Peron and his actress-traveler wife were mentioned. Brushing Eva Peron aside with a giggling "I saw her in a movie once and she was no good," Nina went on to say that other Latin American nations "up to a certain point" support Peron, despite his being fascist, "as a counterbalance" to the United States. "If it were not for Argentine, all of South America

would in effect be annexed to the United States."

Marjorie Morris and Beatrice Suiso feel that Hawaii has an excellent chance of admission to the union in the next congressional session. "However, I should think Alaska would pass more easily, being already within the continent, and having no racial element in the picture," Marjorie commented.

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