



PROBLEMS OF TODAY

By STANLEY BEAN

The Church is a permanent factor in a changing world. It is not always apparent, in the immediate circumstances, to what degree the principles of the church are related to the practices of the present generation.

If, as Jefferson stated, each generation has the right to determine the form of government and the law under which it lives, does it likewise follow that each has the right to choose the form and ideology of its religion? Is the church alone, of all social institutions, static? Or is it static only in revealed principles and flexible and adaptable in all its other relations? Again, has the church in this generation alone ceased to produce men of leadership? Calvin could rule a city as well as a church; Luther could council princes as well as organize a religious movement; General Booth could channel the services of devout peoples toward social betterment as well as preach blood and fire. But in our day, while we lament the inadequacy of political leaders, could we envisage the situation were the appointed heads of governmental departments to resign en masse and request their positions to be filled by the outstanding fundamentalist leaders in America? Would it be paradise or confusion worse confounded? One would only have to sit in on some denominational conferences to at least formulate an opinion.

Is the church definitely committed to any one economic policy to the exclusion of all others? It has already existed through the controls of a world empire, the competition of city states, the self sufficiency of feudalism, the early readjustments of the industrial revolution and the dominating monopolies permissible under capitalism. In fact, the church is even flourishing under some modern attempts at economic nationalism and state ownership of public services and basic industries. However, in many circles the church has a closed mind toward any change.

A fixed attitude in an advancing world is relative regression, or if that attitude becomes vociferous it is a reactionary force. The church in America shows in its history a number of periods which were deliberately reactionary:

Some sections of the church championed slavery during the days preliminary to the Civil War.

Church leaders of distinction denounced woman suffrage during that controversy.

Even today some church pressure groups have given themselves to isolationistic nationalism rather than to global thinking. Contrast this with a former period when a religious movement in England pioneered in the emancipation of the slaves, the reform of prisons and criminal law, provision for orphans, extension of political freedom and many other undreamed of reforms.

Does the modern church have to re-think its position in relation to world events, and if so where shall we find our inspiration and leadership for a revitalized, progressive, dynamic, attention arresting and God honouring church for today?

Houghton Debaters To Meet Canisius

Heading this year's schedule for the Houghton college debate squad, coached by Dr. King, is a meet to be held at Houghton, December 12, with Canisius college of Buffalo.

The question under consideration this year is, Resolved: A federal world government should be established.

Other plans of the 1947-48 season include a debate tournament in Pennsylvania for late February and a mid-western trip for March or April. The midwestern trip will include the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and possibly Kentucky.

Prof. Cronk Directs Orchestra In Concert

Under the direction of Prof. Alton Cronk, the Houghton college orchestra will present a concert Wednesday, November 19th, at 8:00 p. m. in the chapel. This concert will be covered by the student activity ticket.

The program will feature the Italian Symphony of Mendelssohn in celebration of the 100th anniversary of his death. The program will further include the Grand Concerto in B Flat by Handel, and a group of shorter ones by more recent composers.

Star Graciously Plugs The Boulder . . .

In French it's *la roche*, in Latin it's *saxum*, in Spanish it's *la piedra*, in German it's *der stein*, in Greek it's . . . (typewriter refuses), but no matter how you say it, it's forever *The Boulder*. In '24, just a quarter of a century ago, the *Boulder* made its debut. A monument to college days, symbolic of permanence and spiritual strength, the name *Boulder* was chosen.

The *Boulder* has played a variety of roles. In its fifth year it assumed the attitude of a riverboat, and the following year it caught the pioneer spirit. Two years later it sallied back to the days of castles and kings in Europe, and then it managed to step into the colonial era in America for the next edition. In a more recent year it was written like a letter to Johnny, and again as a diary. The themes change, but the goal is the same, to recapture the spirit of campus life.

The past twenty-five years have seen the *Boulder* mature into a top-notch publication, even winning national acclaim among college yearbooks in '45. Glancing over the past editions we note a gradual break-down of the set standard pattern of yearbooks, a trend toward a more integrated presentation of Houghton.

Today the *Boulder* is a merited institution as highly advertised as Coca-cola, Burma shave and Anacin altogether. The "courtesy of the *Boulder*" is extended to every corner and phase of our college life. Every year a new management steps in with new determination, new ideas, —and another bottle of

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NASM Representative Examines Houghton Music Department

Executive Literary Board Lists Candidates

The Executive Literary Board has nominated Mary Harris and Jane Crosby as candidates for editor, and Jayne Williams and David Kaser as candidates for business manager of the 1948 *Lanthorn*.

Miss Harris, an English major, is assistant editor of the *Star*, publicity manager of the *Boulder*, president of the International Relations club, and a member of the "Bookworms." Last year she held the following positions: assistant editor of the *Lanthorn*, makeup editor of the *Star*, editor of the sophomore *Star* and secretary of the sophomore Sunday School class during the second semester.

Miss Crosby, also an English major, is the feature editor of the *Star*, and a member of the "Bookworms." She won second prize in the short story division in the Literary Contest last year. During her sophomore year she was feature editor of the *Lanthorn*.

Miss Williams, who is majoring in psychology, is secretary of the *Boulder* and of the Expression Club, a member of the executive board of the "Inasmuch" group and of the junior hockey and basketball teams.

Mr. Kaser, an English major, is a feature columnist of the *Star*. While in the army he was an Army Public Relations representative to the newspapers. For eight months he was a reporter for the "Socorro Chieftain", Socorro, N. Mex.

These nominations will be voted upon by the junior and senior classes Monday, November 17. Further nominations may be made from the floor at that time.

MISSION PLEDGES SURPASS QUOTA

The result of the Fall Missionary Day has been most encouraging. Dr. T. Norton Sterrett, Foreign Missions Secretary of the Inter-Varsity fellowship, presented world missions from his experienced viewpoint as a returned missionary from India.

Houghton is now supporting only one missionary on the field since Mrs. H. Banker has not returned. It is the desire of the school not only to replace this vacancy but to send another while the doors are open. The salary of a missionary is \$850 yearly. Our pledge this year totaled \$3,294.26 and \$406.10 was received in cash.

Faculty Men Consider Meditations Of Aurelius

At Professor Stockin's home the regular meeting of the Faculty Men's club was held on Monday, November 10. Dr. King led the group in a discussion of *The Meditations of Marcus Aurelius*.

Dr. Quincy Porter of the Yale School of Music will visit the campus November 13th and 14th to examine the Music Department as a candidate for full membership in the National Association of Schools of Music.

Dr. Porter was examiner a year ago last February when, as a result of his report, the department was admitted as an associate member. This association is the highest association of music schools in the country.

Committee Plans Evolution Panel

Chapel programs for Wednesday and Thursday, November 19 and 20, will feature panel discussions on *Evolution*.

Those who will be leading the discussion are Dr. Moreland, Dr. Rork, and Professor Hall.

The discussion will include questions from the students, and evolution will be discussed in all phases that time permits.

J. W. Shea Discusses Taft-Hartley Act

Prof. J. Whitney Shea was the speaker at the November meeting of the International Relations club on Thursday, November 6.

In the preliminary business meeting the club decided to inaugurate a weekly news report to be given at dinner on Thursday evenings. This report, featuring the highlights in world news, will be narrated by the different members of the club, and will be approximately five minutes in length.

After a brief resume of world events by Warren Ball, Mary Harris, club president, presented Professor Shea, whose topic for discussion was the Taft-Hartley Act. Mr. Shea introduced his subject by noting labor's progression from a place of repression through an intermediate period of toleration to its present status of comparative freedom.

Mr. Shea also explained the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act of 1935, which was the last important piece of labor legislation before the Taft-Hartley Act. He interpreted the important measures as being: the outlawing of closed shops and the substitution of sympathetic strikes or secondary boycotting; and the clause making it mandatory for labor and management to bargain in good faith.

The International Relations club, which meets the first Wednesday in the month, is open to all students interested in foreign and domestic affairs. Dues of \$5.00 a semester have been instituted to provide a fund for securing outside speakers.

Dr. Paine and Dean King attended the annual meeting of the State Association of Colleges of New York at Albany, Friday, November 14.

Just in passing

BY R. E. BRAIRTON

In our country today, and indeed throughout the world, there are those who look with favor, or with tolerance, (which is nearly as bad), upon the communistic economic and social philosophy. In substance, modern communism is based upon the principles of dialectical and historical materialism, previously advocated by Karl Marx and now held to be interpreted authoritatively only from the Kremlin.

Examining this doctrine, we find that it admits of only one reality in the world, and that, matter. The blind forces of matter evolve into plant, animal and man. Through perpetual conflict of forces and by a law of inexorable necessity, matter moves toward the final synthesis of a classless society. Under the teachings of such a doctrine, God is obviously excluded; soul and body are not differentiated; there is no hope of life after death.

Believing the world can be speeded toward its final synthesis, the class-struggle with all it entails comes about to curse humanity. Man loses his human dignity, his liberty, and his moral restraint. All private property must be eradicated, for of such is the origin of economic enslavement.

Communists point to Russia's progress in the last quarter of a century in order to show what a classless society can accomplish. The results are only what might be expected when a nation without industry is converted to mass manufacturing almost over night. The exploitation of vast natural resources hitherto untouched, the intensification of industrialism, and the use of the most inhuman and brutal methods to shackle opposition are the causes of Russia's apparent progress—not the communistic philosophy.

There are those who say that a man, under a democratic system, has a right to be a communist. I say that under such conditions no man has a right to be a communist. In giving his allegiance to this political philosophy he is taking advantage of freedom offered to him by one system, in order to promote the progress of an opposed system whose aim is the destruction of all for which the former stands.

No man who claims the name Christian can conscientiously tolerate communism. He cannot ignore it, for it is hammering relentlessly at the very foundation of his belief. He must not sanction it even when some small part of it seems to coincide with a "pet" idea of his. It is a Godless philosophy with terror and brutality as its weapons, and as such must be fought openly and boldly. In this fight Christians must unite to be "... doers of the Word not hearers only, deceiving..." themselves.

The communists are extremely clever in the United States, as is evidenced by a list of organizations published by our Justice Department that are considered "un-American". The high-sounding names of a few of these organizations follow: *Abraham Lincoln Brigade*; *American Congress for Peace and Democracy*; *American Friends of Spanish Democracy*; *League of American Writers*; and *School for Democracy*.

Examining this list, it is easily seen that the subversive elements in the United States are ready to hide behind any name in order to facilitate the infamous



THE RUT

BY CASEY

Dear Boss,

The basketball season opened with a bang and it sure was satisfying to see such a display of spirit and sportsmanship prevalent. I gotta say tho that there were a few cases when the spectators got themselves lost in the excitement of the thing and expressed themselves in terms slightly pink. There is no law that says spectators can't boo, nor is there a rule stating that quiet must be maintained during a free throw, but it is much more sportsmanlike.

Prof. Fancher, after reading last week's *Rut*, came to the word "Aufwiedersehen" in class, paused, stuttered, and then said, "Carbolic Acid."

Our motto in this column is to never pass up an opportunity to bring some small ray of sunshine into the lives of our neighbors.

The other day in anatomy class Dr. Moreland raked this column over the coals. He pointed out that such a column has no place in a college publication. Well, we hold no brief. We aim to please everyone so we're herewith inaugurating a weekly series of short, one sentence items pertinent to the more scholarly side of college life.

The kidney is held in place partially by the renal fascia, which blends with the fasciae on the quadratus lumborum and psoas major, and with the fascia of the diaphragm.

plan of world communism.

With the American public being bombarded by the most subtle propaganda guns in the world, with religious beliefs being attacked by the forces of atheistic communism, it is high time that the Christian bodies joined in the great fight to preserve Christianity and human dignity from the blow of the hammer and the sweep of the sickle.

To those persons who would ask what keeps my glasses on my reply is, "Faith."

We think the *Boulder* staff deserves our congrats for coming thru with the idea of serving punch at the intermission the other nite. We would like to see this practice continued only we hope that next time the punch will have a little less peppermint in it.

The boys have returned from Elba. Dinky, who went to Lebanon, Pa., (rumor has it he knows a little brunette there), seems to think it was B. O. Red "*Veni, Vidi, Victus Sum*," Fraser spent his vacation in Cuba. Paul, Bill and Fred went off to the peninsular state. Most embarrassing moment was in the Shore Club in Detroit when Bill accidentally wiped his moustache off on a roast duck.

Monday, Dougie, one of the progenitors of this column, visited Houghton. When asked when it was gonna be she had this to say, "Well, Uh."

"If Joan D. is in the dining room she has a 'phone call." From where we sit we are assuming that if she isn't here, she doesn't have a 'phone call. Right?

Dr. Gillette tells of this question and answer taken from a high school regents examination. (No, it wasn't the person you're thinking about. This person isn't here anymore.)

O. What effect did Whitney's invention of the gin have on the slave situation?

A. The gin was a machine that took the seeds out of wool

Only thirty-one more studying days until Christmas vacation.

Heard In Bedford

BY NORM WALKER

If you like good harmony by male voices, pass the gym some night after a basketball practice and you will hear just that. The boys have a new ballad that they sing with great feeling. It's title is, "I Wonder What's Become of Joe." It is the lament of Joe Ball and explains the background of Joe and his main trouble while he attended Podunk university.

The first verse tells how Joe began school ten years ago and last year was still classified as a freshman. Joe said that geometry was so interesting he just hated to pass it and thereby be forced to leave it. One line explains how Joe was never able to get a two point grade point. Poor Joe, nobody ever told him people go to college to study. The last lines of the verse say that Joe didn't return due to circumstances beyond his grade point.

The second verse begins with Joe's famous resolution, made after he failed to pass his twentieth test for ineligibility. The bass section sings this resolution with mournful voices, "I'm goin' to do better next semester." The verse then goes on to explain how Joe would divide his time equally (his sense of values were warped you must understand) between basketball and his books. Sung to the tune of "I've Got Plenty of Nothing," his words are, "I've got plenty of time, time for some ball and some books. I'll spend an hour in the gym, a minute with the books—no sense becoming dull." He worked on the principle that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." The verse ends with Joe answering the question as to why he spends so much time in the gym practicing if he isn't eligible. His answer was that he wanted to be in form for the day when he would be eligible.

The third verse begins with all the boys in the locker-room singing at the top of their lungs. The entire verse deals with the remorse of Joe because he had never been in a ball game. The last lines are dedicated to Joe and tell how much everyone misses him. Without Joe—there would have been no one to keep the gym floor clean. He always played in his stocking feet!

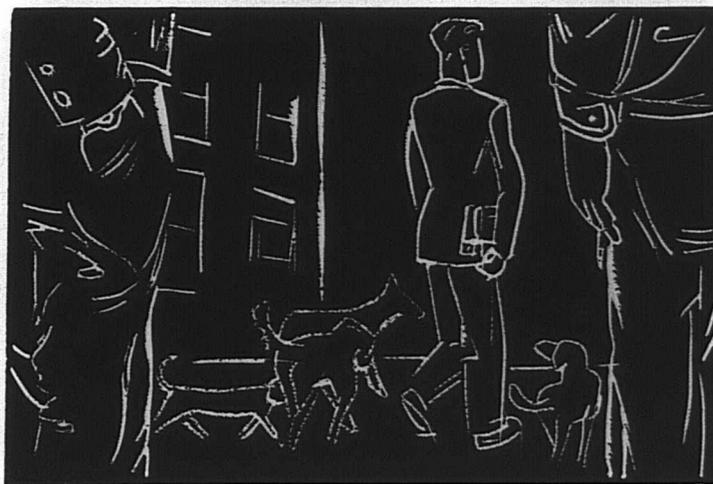
The chorus is sung as if each singer had just had a death in the family. It is sung to the tune of "I Wonder What's Become of Sally." It goes, "I wonder what's become of Joey—that ole pal of ours. He's just the man we need to look at and hope we don't become like him."

After the last chorus everyone faces the spot on the wall where a mirror used to hang. They then try to comb their hair by the touch method. When this fails, everyone yells for Mel Lewellen to let them use his head, which produces a fair substitute for the missing mirror.

As each man leaves the locker room you can hear them humming the main tune from Joe's lament. You can also catch each man's words which run along the line of "I'm goin' to quit this stuff and hit the books." About then I joined in with a loud "you can say that again." —to which Mel said—Drop Dead!

Attractive Personality

By Kal



"All the dogs on the campus have been following Stulpenglotz since his roommates fried hamburgers on his flatiron."

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Ode to dem Golden Basketball Rumors are flying, that the freshmen are climbing. I am surmising, That it's not surprising. The juniors are plying, That they won't be crying, When the coach goes out buying. *Dedicated to the class of '47 who tried hard.

The frosh proved true to expected form (read the Oct. 31st issue) when they edged out the fighting sophs. The free throw circle was the deciding factor in that the sophs could have won on the score book if they had made all their penalty shots. This fact indicates two definite weaknesses that will have to be worked out in practices before the games improve in calibre. One shows that the sophs need to improve their free throw shots. The other gives evidence of loose play by the frosh. The latter will probably concentrate on defense in their practice. It was an exciting game to watch, however, and both teams put everything into the game. Teamwork will soon be evidenced as the series roll along.

PROGNOSTICALS . . .

. . . The juniors should roll over the seniors and frosh in this week's two basketball engagements. They may play one of their teams in one game, and the other of the two teams in the second fray. It could happen, you know.

. . . The house league will start with the newly formed T. S. I. Boys (The Twin Spruce Inners) in full command of the situation. Such stars as Dave Kaser, Walt Thomas, Walt Fitton, Bob Vining, John Ferro and Chuck Shickley will rub elbows with whoever are brave enough to play against them.

. . . I have just been handed a dispatch from Gismoe. Mits and Clyde Braymiller have challenged the T. S. I. Boys in a house team dual. The two "big boys" of the campus will take on their opposition alone. Clyde will be the offence. (He can run right through the defence). Mitzie will handle the defence. (Tudo will come in handy again this time). Now you know why this league has often been called the "Black and Blue League".

. . . Cortland State Teachers college should win their homecoming game against Springfield college having tamed nearby Alfred university 37-0 Saturday. . . . Wheaton college should roll on the winning road after losing the game and the traditional "old bells" to North Central in their "big game".

. . . Claire (Lefty) Leffingwell who is now at Hope college, Michigan, made the cheerleading squad, and is rooting for her football team in the mid-west.

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No wonder the team has a hard time concentrating on the field when she's "playing the field".

. . . Notre Dame will no doubt finish the season undefeated after bowling over Army in their last game of their long rivalry. Talk about spirit, there was so much spirit of rivalry between these two teams that they agreed to call it quits after it grew too big for them.

. . . The Houghton Indians (the town team) haven't the same team they had last year. In fact, if they break even with at least a .500 average this year they will be doing well. Most of those who played with the Paposos last year will compose the big team this year. Dick Hamilton, Ian Lennox, Lowell Fancher, Paul Paine and Bobby Barnett are among those who are better known here on the campus and who will be defending the county championship. Good luck; you will need it with your eighteen game schedule.

. . . The sophs should have *The* basketball team this year. After all, look who they have on the team. Girls! The soph gals jumped to an early start, but then, the senior game should be the deciding factor.

. . . On the basis of season records and reasonable expectancies, here's the way the "Bowl" games shape up for January 1:

Rose Bowl—Michigan and Southern California.

Sugar Bowl—Georgia Tech and Texas.

Cotton Bowl—Southern Methodist and Duke.

Orange Bowl—Penn State and Virginia.

Soup Bowl—Tomato Soup for Lunch.

. . . That's all folks except to remind you of the "Big" game tonight at Bedford gym. Let's cheer (not jeer) the house down.

STAR PLUGS BOULDER . . .

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aspirins. Each class works for a new formula, a new flavor, added zest and sparkle. This fall rumor had it that the "Boulder" was all (white) washed up, but judging from the activity centered around that veritable hive known as the Boulder office and from the "footprints" left by those ingenious publicity men, we'd say that the *Silver Anniversary* edition will merit silver tongues and silver bells. That's the '48 Boulder, friend!

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SOPH GIRLS BEAT FAVORED FROSH

In the women's first basketball game of the season, the sophs overcame a slightly favored frosh team to come through with a 28-24 victory. Leading in every period, the sophs had to keep ahead of their opponents by scoring four points more than the frosh in each quarter.

At half time the sophs had an 18-10 advantage but had to be content with a four point lead as the game came to a close.

High scoring honors went to Jo Fancher and Margie Helfers with thirteen points apiece. For the frosh, Davis and Fitton were the chief basket-buzzers, each with eight points.

HOUGHTON BULLETIN EXPLAINS FINANCES

In the October issue of the *Houghton Interpreter*, Houghton's bulletin for members of the Wesleyan Methodist church, the following statistics were published.

An analysis of college income and expenses reveals that in the year 1940-41 the per-student cost of operation was \$344.00. By the year 1946-47 this amount had increased to \$445.00 per student, or an increase of \$101.00 for each student.

During this same period the cost of maintaining the physical plant had increased by 270% because of the heavier use of buildings by the increased number of students, higher cost of labor, and greater expense for materials.

The college's income from gifts during this period has increased by only \$7,519.00 or \$10.44 per student. Tuition has been raised only 37%, and room rent in college owned buildings has remained the same. The cost of food has doubled, and yet the board charge has only been increased 86%.

Teacher, Students Involved In Accident

Miss Vera Barker, teacher in the Houghton prep school, was involved in an automobile accident along the Olean highway Friday, November 7, when, in the blinding rain, the car she was driving hit a telephone pole, turned over, and landed on a front lawn.

Miss Barker, Miss Roughton, and five high school girls were riding in the car when it turned over, but no serious injuries were sustained.

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Frosh Edge Sophs In Initial Game

In the initial basketball game of the season, the frosh edged the sophs 35-34 in a spectacular, thrill packed fray. Leading most of the way through the game, the frosh broke a last minute tie when they made good on a free throw with seconds to go. The sophs spurred up to a tie after trailing up until a few minutes of the end of the game but could not favorably break the tie. The factor most predominately noticed at the game was the failure of both teams to capitulate on foul shots. This fact caused the sophs to lose out on the scoreboard in the final analysis.

Neither team could score in the first four minutes of the first quarter. The sophs drew first blood when Kay Perry made good on a free throw. Bob Guest retaliated for the frosh with a field goal. The frosh did not relinquish this lead until the fourth period when the game became tied. Norm Jones helped the soph cause with two more baskets, but in the meantime the frosh were garnering seven points to stretch the lead.

In the second period the teams doubled their score with well placed set shots. Keith McPherson sank a field goal for his soph team as his team-mate Don Strong hung up two more from outside the foul circle. However, the frosh forged ahead with Milt Trautman accounting for four points. Roosa got loose for three more points for the frosh and Guest brought the first half to a close with a foul shot that was good.

A rejuvenated soph team came back at half time to outscore their opponents in the third quarter. Putting up a desperate fight, the sophs came within five points of tying the frosh. Jones placed two shots while Perry and Maycumber rang one apiece but to no avail. Roosa added two more baskets to the frosh total and Guest pulled the lead away again with two more baskets to his credit. Phipps finished the scoring of the next to last period with a free throw.

In the last and deciding quarter of the game, the sophs put on a power drive that ended with a tie score with only minutes to play. Roosa was fouled as time was running out and was given a chance to put the frosh ahead for the last time. His shot was good and the sophs could not overcome the lead to leave them one point deficient as the game came to a screeching halt.

Joe Guest and John Roosa were the high scorers of the evening with twelve points apiece. High for the sophs were Kay Perry and Norm Jones with ten points.

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