

Non-world Realms, A Shaking Earth

Capper-Johnson Poses Crisis-facing Question

"Does it make any difference whether we face a crisis as a Christian or not?" was the leading question explained by Karlin Capper-Johnson in his speech to an audience of over 125 on "Facing the Crisis" Thursday afternoon in the Student Union Dad's lounge.

Capper-Johnson defined the term "crisis" in relation to a person's point of view as a member of a specific nation or as neither a Christian or a materialist. The two main crises facing Christians in the Atlantic area, as explained by Capper-Johnson, were those of power and values.

"American power is obviously predominant in the world today," he commented and presented the idea that Europe's power is gone. In his explanation of a crisis of values, Capper-Johnson pointed out in terms of medieval times that when a man had done wrong for the state as an authoritarian power he had committed a sin, although the state had not.

During the discussion period, led by C. P. Schleicher, professor of political science, Capper-Johnson stated that he would look to the U.N. to bring about the true Christian attitude and action to the crises faced today, and stated that if people could get away from an innate sense of superiority the state would cease to be important and international politics would become easier.

Church, State Separation Will Cause Conflict Within Individual: Florovsky

"Conflict within the individual occurs when the church and state are separated because the church, in the end, is ultimate and absolute," the Very Rev. Georges Florovsky, Greek Orthodox church representative said Wednesday morning.

In his talk, entitled "The Kingdom Not of This World," Dr. Florovsky traced the rise of the church from its beginning as a corporate society apart from the state to its merging with the state in the Middle Ages.

He told his audience that under the theory held in the Middle Ages, the state was one of the existing orders in the world that needed "Christianizing." Under the Lutheran, or modern theory, the church is a special institution of the world of God in a world ruled by kings putting the state first.

When the church and the state

Burger Discusses Catholic Viewpoint

An insight into the Roman Catholic viewpoint and explanation of the points about the Catholic faith which most bother other faith members was given by the Rev. Matthias Burger, professor of scripture and religion at Mount Angel seminary.

Father Burger first took the church's claim to infallibility and said it was nothing more than what any other church believes of its convictions of truth.

The second "stumbling block" for those not in the church is the idea of "outside the church there is no salvation." What the idea presupposes, Father Burger said, is that apart from Christ there is no salvation. Those who are convinced that the way they are following also leads to the same goal will also be saved, Father Burger said.

Gossard Discusses Church, Religion In Germany State

Hal C. Gossard, who recently returned from an official tour of duty in Germany, spoke Thursday morning in the Dad's lounge of the Student Union on "The Church and Religion in Germany."

The two dominating churches in Germany, according to Gossard, are the Lutheran and Roman Catholic faiths. It has been traditional in that country that the religion of the country is that of the present ruler. For this reason, he pointed out, one religion will dominate at one time and the other will come into power at another time. In outlining the educational setup in Germany, Gossard stated that school facilities are usually chosen in direct proportion to the religions of the students. The Bible, Catholic and Lutheran, is an integral part of the German educational program.

Church and state are closely related in Germany. Gossard believes, however, that, if a vote were taken to separate them, only 40 percent of the people would vote in favor of separation.

became united, Dr. Florovsky stated, there was much opposition in the church toward the step. For this reason some church members withdrew from the active world to monasteries.

Spiritual Unity vs. Church Unity Argued at RE Ecumenicity Forum

Spiritual unity versus church unity was hotly argued at the Religious Evaluation week "ecumenicity forum" yesterday.

Five speakers, each representing a different denomination, agreed that ecumenicity—religious unity—was desirable, but couldn't decide what the word meant.

The Rev. Harry C. Meserve, Unitarian, said ecumenicity was like a wheel. God is at the hub, he said, and the different religions were on the spokes.

"The farther we travel toward the center, the nearer we are to God and to each other," he said.

A different view was expressed by the Very Rev. Georges Florovsky, Greek Orthodox, who has been connected with the official Christian ecumenicity movement for 20 years. He said the eventual aim was "one church—one faith."

"If it is, then I don't want it," answered Karlin Capper-Johnson, English Society of Friends. He felt the individual conscience was the main thing.

"What will you do about heretics?" Rabbi L. Elliott Grafman, Judaism, asked Dr. Florovsky.

"Pray for them."

"Praying isn't enough," Rabbi Grafman answered. If you pray for them you're admitting they're different. Ecumenicity means freedom of salvation, according to the

30 Million Have Little for Belief, Maser Declares

Thirty million people in the world today have little to believe in. They are faithless, jobless, and without adequate food, shelter, or clothing, according to Clifford E. Maser who spoke in the Dad's lounge Thursday morning.

"These refugees are the greatest problem facing Western civilization today," Maser said. Twenty-four million are in Europe, alone, and 10 million are crowded into West Germany and Austria.

Maser has a current picture of the situation having recently returned from 13 months in Europe where he worked with the American Friends Service committee, a Quaker organization.

"It is a picture of tragedy," he said. Thousands of people were set up in agricultural areas after the war for reasons that seemed good at the time, he said. Now there is no employment in rural areas, while jobs are going begging in the industrial areas. In these areas, however, there are no housing facilities for workers and their families. "Every square meter is already crowded," he added. They can barely feed or clothe themselves, and subsist mainly on relief packages from America, he said.

Youth faces what is called an "ideological vacuum." When asked what they believe in, they say "nothing." They have no belief in work or education.

"We are forcing the Germans to rearm," he said. "What is better for them then believing in a uniform?" To youth it means belonging, occupation, income and pride. Meserve believes, however, that "armament is not the answer." "We don't want strength of arms, but strength of conviction and belief," he said.

Rabbi. People of all faiths will inherit salvation.

The other speakers quickly agreed that all righteous people could be saved.

"I can't send Mr. Meserve and Rabbi Grafman to hell," Dr. Florovsky insisted, "that's a matter between God and the individual."

Meserve and the Rabbi shook hands across the table. Father Burger said he thought the question of individual salvation was irrelevant.

"But if orthodox church would admit that Jews and others could find salvation, there would be fewer arguments," Rabbi Grafman insisted.

"It must come from the pulpit to the people," he cried.

It does, according to Dr. Florovsky. He reminded that the people censored clerical utterings, especially newspapers. It's often mentioned, he said.

"Not often enough," countered Mr. Meserve.

Each speaker devoted ten minutes to his church's interpretation of ecumenicity.

"There is Judaism in Christianity," Rabbi Grafman said. This does not mean that Christians are obligated to Judaism, but that the two have a common spirit, he said. The spirit stems from Judaism.

Insistence on the sanctity of man, a "spiritual consanguinity" is a Jewish view which will con-

West Europe, Catholics Said Naturally Anti-Red

Western Europe and the Catholic church can not be reconciled to Communism because of Communism's philosophy, the Rev. Matthias Burger told a Religious Evaluation week audience Thursday.

Father Burger, Roman Catholic representative, went on to say that Communism violates two basic Christian principles—man's idea of spiritual being and that men are all created equal from one spiritual source. However, Father Burger said, we "have no ground to disprove Bolshevism as false. We can only oppose materialism with a doctrine of spirituality."

Father Burger made this statement after telling his audience that Communism has two basic concepts — materialism and dialectic materialism. Under the second principle, the father stated, is the process which gives history life. According to the theory, two opposing forces arise, clash, destroy each other and out of the ruins a third force arises. He compared this to the capitalist and the proletariat of Communism, with Communism as the third force.

Communism is a religion which has a scientific appeal to the educated and uneducated alike, Father

Burger said. It varies its program to fit the situation, but in such a way as to promote the "revolution." There is not room in Communism for religion which has international connections, he declared.

At the close of his speech, Father Burger set down five principles in dealing with Communism — maintain armed force to combat oppression; remove social evils, which Communism uses as a pretext for helping people; keep Communists from getting a foothold in important or influential positions in the country; understand Communist philosophy; accurate information on dealings and tactics, and strong Christian faith.

Church Has Part in Formation Of Man's Community: Wright

The church has a real part in the formation of the community which all men seek, according to the Rev. Paul S. Wright, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, in discussing the "Church as a Nucleus of the New Order."

Man is made for community, Wright said, and he contrasted real community (an integrated group in which all feel they belong) with a group at a party or a crowd. Nations and families of nations can also unite for a community.

But, he declared, one can contend that there will be no community on earth until relations

with God are found. Wright listed three functions of the church in helping to form this community. First, the church always exists as a protest that one can never give total allegiance to anything human; second, the church exists as a demonstration of unity and that in spite of superficial differences, all churches are basically one; and third, the church will draw on its power resources for achievement of this unity, although completion of this lies beyond this world.

Judaism Concerned With Earth Realm, Grafman Declares

"Judaism is concerned with the Kingdom of God on earth, and nowhere else," Rabbi L. Elliott Grafman told a religious evaluation audience Wednesday morning.

Rabbi Grafman, who is spiritual leader of Temple Israel, Long Beach, Calif., spoke on "Judaism and the Kingdom of God."

"Every founder of any faith I ever experienced had one purpose, as though God were doing the

The address, "Judaism and the World Crisis," scheduled to be presented by Rabbi L. Elliott Grafman Thursday morning was cancelled when Rabbi Grafman left campus before the close of the Religious Evaluation week program.

speaking," Rabbi Grafman said.

This purpose is to teach two points, he said, that men must know they have a kinship with a God, who is universal to all men, and that God desires men to live by his will.

In due time, he said, the followers always did the one thing which could hurt the leader . . . they would make him a god to his people. The result of this deification was that they turned their backs to his teaching.

"Judaism has avoided this," Rabbi Grafman explained.

Two other points Rabbi Grafman made were: "The way to truly know God is to live by his laws," and "The test for the validity of any doctrine is life . . . does it crush or exalt it?"