

RE WEEK BACKGROUND

Staines, RE Coordinator, To Present Final Address

The Rev. Russell B. Staines, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Seattle, will serve as coordinator of the Religious Evaluation week speeches.

Mr. Staines will present a summary of the week's activities in his address "Man, Religion, and Society" at the closing session Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Dad's lounge.

Mr. Staines and the six other guest speakers on campus for RE week all are outstanding religious leaders. The six are Edwin Halsey, instructor in religion and humanities at Reed college; the Rev. Charles T. Leber, general secretary of the board of foreign missions; Rabbi Julius Joseph Nodel, leader of Temple Beth Israel in Portland;

Harry R. Rudin, professor of

history at Yale university; the Rev. Martin Thielen, director of education of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland, and Frank G. Williston, professor for University of Washington.

Hastings Chairman

General chairman of the 1955 RE week is Bob Hastings, senior in speech. Gail West, junior in education, is vice-chairman, and serving as secretary is Pat Cauvel, special student. Treasurer is Regina Hannon, sophomore in journalism.

Committee chairmen include Rose Warner, senior in philosophy, classroom; Inga Shipstead, junior in art, firesides; Sonia Edwards, junior in liberal arts, hospitality; Dick Allen, sophomore in business, publicity.

Chairmen Listed

Margie Harman, sophomore in liberal arts, and Marlene Grasseschi, sophomore in English, promotion; Stewart Johnson, sophomore in pre-dent, Sunday night dinner; Carole Beech, sophomore in journalism, worship, and Shirley Bostad, sophomore in English, special events.

Faculty adviser is Milton Dietrich, assistant professor of music. Serving as executive is Russell Walker, YMCA executive secretary.

Sponsoring organizations are the University Religious council and the Religious Directors association.

School Girl Wins Ike's Apologies

REESE, Mich. (AP)—Elaine Solgat received President Eisenhower's apology Monday for the length of his Jan. 7 State of the Union Message to Congress.

Elaine, 16-year-old junior at Reese High School had to copy the 7,700-word speech in long-hand as punishment for talking while her history class was listening to the President's talk.

It took her nearly a week to complete the task. Then she sent it to the President.

"I thought he might have covered the same ground with fewer words," she said.

Elaine got the copy back Monday. Written across the top of the first page was this message:

"To: Elaine Solgat — With profound apologies for the length of this speech to one who was given the task of copying it. With best wishes from Dwight D. Eisenhower."

Stock Market Pushes High

NEW YORK (AP) — Exceptional strength in many key issues, especially in steels and aircrafts, pushed the stock market close to an all-time high level Monday.

Steels and aircrafts were in brisk demand right from the first, and other divisions joined in the rise.

Some issues shot ahead between 5 and 7 points, and there were frequent gainers of 1 to around 3 points. Losses were scattered.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was up \$1.10 at \$156.60, a new high for the year, topping the previous high of Jan. 3 by 20 cents.

Volume on the rise came to 3½ million shares. That compares with 3,290,000 shares traded Friday.

Bill to Proceed Despite Critics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore) said Monday he will press for passage of his bill to lower the social security retirement age for women despite criticism of a Republican Oregon state senator.

Neuberger, in his first bill, proposed lowering the women's retirement age from 65 to 60 years.

He said Monday State Sen. John C. F. Merrifield, in a letter released to newsmen at Salem, Ore., had accused him of a "complete lack of understanding of the purposes of social security."

Neuberger said a change such as he proposes had been urged as early as 1949 by Arthur J. Altmeyer, one of the authors of the Social Security act and its first director.

He asked if Merrifield regarded Altmeyer also as "guilty of a complete lack of understanding of the Social Security Act?"

Neuberger added that Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis) introduced an identical bill three days after his and asked:

"Does Mr. Merrifield believe the second-ranking Republican in the U.S. Senate is likewise guilty of 'Socialism'?"

The Oregon Democrat said he would "emphatically challenge your (Merrifield's) statement that my proposal 'would increase the tax bill on all for the primary benefit of those who make no attempt to care for themselves.'"

"This misstatement of yours is an insult to the millions... who contribute regularly from their salary checks toward social security benefits as an earned measure of support in retirement."

The lowered retirement age for women, Neuberger said, would cause an additional payroll deduction of one per cent—one-half per cent by workers and a like amount by management.

Major labor unions, he added, have announced members' willingness to pay their increased share.

Norblad Urges US Friendship With Finland

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore) Monday urged State Department action to keep Finland as a friend of the United States.

He said in a letter to Secretary of State Dulles that he is "becoming very concerned over the constant and increasing efforts of the Soviet government to virtually place Finland in the status of a satellite."

Norblad said the great majority of the Finnish people "without question... are bitterly opposed to any such action, but under certain of their present government leaders, they seem to be slowly drifting to this direction."

Recalling the strong feeling of friendship which has existed between Finnish peoples and the United States in the past, Norblad urged Dulles to use his office to "counteract these moves and do all within our power to reverse the trend and help to keep that brave republic free and a close friend and ally of ours."

Extension of Wage Increase Approved

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — The 7½-cent hourly wage increase in the Pacific Northwest lumber industry apparently is to be extended to Northern California.

The Pine Industrial Relations Committee and the Northern California District Council of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers agreed over the weekend to recommend the increase.

Local unions will negotiate with employers on the matter.

The 7½-cent pattern was set by a governors' panel to settle the pay dispute that led to a Summer-long strike in the Northwest last year.

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