

Philosopher-Educator Smith Conveys Concept of U.S.

Abroad in the world today there is a kind of poison... a concept that U.S. civilization is completely materialistic. T. V. Smith, philosopher and educator, told Tuesday's assembly audience.

Smith was the keynote speaker for the Festival of Arts which opened Tuesday. His talk was entitled "Our Magnificent Century."

Defining materialism as that which fails to provide for the improvement of man, after a late Chinese statesman, Smith said that in this light, the U.S. could not possibly accept the charge of materialism.

"This day is not one day too early to get over accepting this charge... this corrupt charge that there is a civilization more spiritual than ours," Smith declared.

"To look anew without fear" is not to emphasize our progress in gadgeteering but to look at the broad sweep of the century, including art and religion, Smith continued.

Defines Art and Religion
Tying art and religion together, Smith defined art as "dealing with objects worthwhile in themselves" and religion as "concerned with virtue in its own sake."

"I myself am not blind to conveniences. I love every single gadget," Smith said, "but I prefer to think not merely of productive and distributive achievements, but of the general cultural atmosphere in which these achievements are made."

According to Smith, the challenge of the century is "the magnificent possibility of making spiritual life the flowering of productive energy."

By doing this we shall no longer "be proud of superstition or shamed of our great productive surplus," Smith said.

It has not always been possible to define religion in this way, Smith continued, "because people have not always been able to recognize and solve their problems."

Three Duties Listed
Smith gave three duties and privileges which Americans should follow to refute the charge of materialism. They must solve problems, resolve predicaments and absolve oneself

from a sense of guilt which prevents doing the first two.

According to Smith, problems and predicaments are two different concepts. Problems can be solved, and are made to be solved. Predicaments, which constitute most human difficulties, cannot be solved, but only resolved. Science cannot be applied to predicaments.

"I never have gotten any help from science and I never expect to," Smith declared.

Predicaments are most noticeable on the international level, Smith continued. They arise when two or more intelligent, honest people have diverging viewpoints and each thinks the other view is "cockeyed." He cited politics as the most notable example of a predicament.

Compromise Described
"To recognize that politics deals with predicaments and not problems, should enable us to concede to the different viewpoints," Smith said, "and to reach the high arc of human compromise."

Actually, "legislatures just mess up old problems" in trying to resolve their predicaments, in Smith's view. They do not recognize that problems are not casual, hence there is no solution.

Religion provides one way of absolving ourselves from un-

necessary guilt, as the third "privilege and duty of man," Smith stated.

Smith cited suicide and psychoanalysis as other ways in which modern people try to solve their predicaments, when they come to the realization that their best is not enough to solve even the smallest of the world's predicaments.

Whoever has found in himself the ability to laugh at trouble and to realize that he himself is as cockeyed as he believes other people to be is on the path to living with predicaments and problems, instead of trying to solve the insoluble Smith concluded.

Campus Calendar

Noon	Jr. Panhel	111 SU
	French Tbl	112 SU
2:00	SU-Ed Act Bdgt Com	337 SU
3:00	RE Wk Lect Dadsrm	SU
4:00	Oregana	334 SU
	SU Adv Bd	337 SU
6:30	Canoe Fete Com	315 SU
7:30	Newcomers Brdg	110 SU
	Hunter Lect	201 SU
	Sq Dance	Gerl Annex
8:00	FTA	334 SU

Campus Briefs

● **United Independent Students** will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union. Plans for the regional Independent Students association convention to be held here Feb. 18 and 19 will be discussed, according to Len Calvert, president.

● **The steering committee** for the canoe fete will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in Student Union 315, according to Bob Schooling and Jim Light, co-chairmen.

● **Members of the Student Union** advisory board are to meet at 4 p.m. today in Student Union 337, according to Bob Pollock, SU board chairman.

● **Infirmity patients Tuesday** were Donna Glaske, Jari Mary McCann, Shelia Fitzpatrick, Janet Kneeland, Marilyn Moore,

Marcia Tamiesie, Georgia Olsen, William Freske, David Tang, Alan Dale, Theodore Leonard, Gary West and John Prag.

● **Joanne Hardt**, Panhellenic standards chairman, will speak to the meeting of the Junior Panhellenic at noon today in the Student Union.

● **All members of the AWS** executive council are to meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Pi Beta Phi, according to Janet Wick, AWS president.

● **The YWCA International** Affairs commission will meet Thursday at 4 p.m. at Gerlinger hall.

● **The University of Oregon** Alpine club will meet today at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union.

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- 7:30 Radio Nederland
- 7:45 U.N. Story
- 8:00 Campus Review
- 8:30 Radio Workshop Players
- 9:00 Kwaxworks

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