

Burning of File Step to Peace, Berrigan Says

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Like the Biblical Daniel who was thrown into a vast furnace for his loyalty to God, Father Daniel Berrigan related his own "Trial by Fire" in a Boston court for loyalty to his anti-war convictions as over 1,000 people listened Friday.

Speaking as part of the conference on Church and Civil Disobedience, the Jesuit priest explained his actions as "opening alternatives to death as the American way of life."

Last May he and eight other persons burned all I-A and II-A draft records of Catonsville, Md. with homemade napalm.

Just last Thursday all nine were convicted of the charges against them.

Sentencing is set for Nov. 8.

In a press conference Berrigan explained the appeal would probably be based on "an admission by the government, that it may be possible to object to war as illegal and immoral."

Berrigan does not expect to win the appeal, however.

"Prison is the only realistic assumption. We are interested in an appeal only to get laws in the future," he said.

Modern war, he said, does not have to be world-wide to be total. Modern war is total because it makes total claims on the individual, he said. "Totality must be transferred to the peace scene," he said.

Berrigan stressed the need for total commitment to the idea of peace. In a press conference he added that non-violence was the only moral means of protest.

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Berrigan said his actions were to show the powerless minorities—the youth, the poor, the Black—in American society that he and the other eight were willing to take equal risks of suffering, disgrace and possibly death. He urged others to participate in a revolution against "death as a social method, each in their own way."

"I am delighted," he said of Eugene's anti-draft activities last week. "I only hope the intervention and participation increases."

The Vietnam war, is war "exemplary," he said, quoting Sec. of State Dean Rusk, of death as the American way. The war is a testing ground for new weapons and weapon technology, and the civilian population of Vietnam are the guinea pigs, he said. Berrigan termed his trial as "exemplary" also. "It is a first step in the direction of humanization," he said.

Berrigan said he saw evidence of deliberate anti-personnel bombing on his unauthorized trip to Viet nam in 1967. His book, "Night Flight Over Hanoi," was released last month.



Photo by Dean Tonn

MUD PIES went out with paper dolls, but evidently no one has informed this busy co-ed. Her efforts are part of the "First Annual," an activity of the University Student Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture. Other events included toothpick-bridge building, paper airplane design and sidewalk decoration. Creation of a common bond between architecture students was the goal of event. For story see page 8.

Inquiring Student Members Hear Rev. Theodore Gill

An education explosion is "sweeping the earth uncontrollably," demanding a remodeled educational structure which emphasizes matters of moral and human ethics, and the nature and destiny of man.

Rev. Theodore Gill, currently director of the commission on Education of the World Council of Churches, addressed these remarks concerning radical student politics and education to a large audience Friday afternoon in the EMU ballroom.

Rev. Gill was one of five clergymen invited to the University conference entitled "The Church and Civil Disobedience."

With the year 1968 came "an explosion in the educational explosion," Rev. Gill claimed. "Students blasted the bottom out of this phenomenon" of pervasiveness in the educational system.

"They distrusted common values and defied a system which led to inhuman ends," he said. They are "screaming at a plump, smooth parents' society."

This protest which Rev. Gill described as "controlled, deliberate moral mutation," is a "rough rejection of education in general."

The adversary is not the college president or professor, he said, but "that rigid vice-chancellor, status quo and 'academic tradition.'"

"It began in the schools, and

why not?" the ordained Presbyterian minister asked. "Education is the transmitter of culture."

"This passion, this honesty will be contained in this time around us," Rev. Gill speculated. "But it certainly will not be contained finally."

"The divisions are still there festering. Seething has surfaced among students."

The infection is in the thin social skin, he said, and the more it is slicked over, the greater the chance of explosion. "We must not, in the name of reconciliation, insure a later eruption."

Rev. Gill pointed out that these protests most often show up in countries considered most developed. Protest, he explained, has centered in and around education, which underdeveloped countries lack.

For the past several months Rev. Gill has been studying the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a resister of the 1930's in Hitler's Nazi Germany. Rev. Gill said Bonhoeffer told his fellow resisters that "truth and justice would be born of their own blood when they took over," and that there should be "no limit" to what the resistance must be ready for.

Rev. Gill considers draft resistance "an essential means of keeping the pressure on."

"But don't let us forget what the issue is," he demanded. "You can't let the debate die,

Confab Critic Attacks Ethics

By STEVE SMITH
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"There is an emerging public church, transcending denominational lines and consolidating all religious apologists for the status quo," declared noted social critic William Stringfellow, Saturday.

Addressing an audience of 900 the final session of the conference on "The Church and Civil Disobedience," Stringfellow emotionally attacked the cultural totalitarianism in America today.

"American society is presently dominated by three social ethics," he said, "the ethic of white supremacy, the ethic of violence and the ethic of greed. It is often difficult to separate one from another."

Stringfellow, a New York attorney, attacked white society for its attitude towards the Black revolution.

"White supremacy is the original social ethic," said Stringfellow, "permeating every institution, aspect and facet of our life."

According to Stringfellow, most civil rights programs addressed themselves to the continuance of White supremacy.

"The whole concept of integration was that the Negro problem would solve itself, because the Negroes would simply vanish."

The war in Vietnam has contributed immeasurably to the institutionalization of the second social ethic, violence, according to Stringfellow.

Externally, the burden of the war is placed on the Black man. Internally, the urban police forces have become military organizations opposed to those who oppose the war.

"Violence which has occurred in the last 25 years has been institutionalized in many guises," he explained, "most recently under the guise of 'law and order'."

The White majority, according to Stringfellow, replied to the non-violent movement of the Black man with white violence.

When the Black revolution takes an occasional violent turn, he explained, the white community replies with "a simply massive mobilization of force."

"The decisive initiative of the racial crisis has been seized by the Pentagon," he declared, "Almost the whole burden of the Vietnam war is placed upon the Black soldier."

"There is a threat of exterminating the entire Black community if the military solution is allowed to go unchallenged."

Stringfellow saw little chance for present religious institutions to oppose the totalitarianism of society.

Institutional churches will do little to dissent, "if they are kept servile to the management of their own debts and endowments," he said.

The alternative, according to Stringfellow, is a public church similar to the confessing Christian movements which formed in other nations.

Stringfellow's church would be associated with non-Christians, and would actively oppose totalitarianism.

"There must be resistance of all means against the status quo. That may mean even death," he said.

The third ethic attacked by Stringfellow was greed.

"Greed," he explained, "is the insatiable necessity, the inherent attribute of all institutions, to feed upon human life."

Stringfellow offered the American university as an example.

"The university has become a servant of the military establishment," he said.

However, the effort of students to overcome the status quo, for all their talk, is often "facetious and terribly superficial."

Despite present social conflicts Stringfellow does not foresee total revolution.

"The prospects for revolution in this land, I am sorry to say, are quite remote."

Architect Asks Better Planning

"In Eugene there is no transportation for children, the sidewalks have been narrowed and the present sewer system is overtaxed, serving as a storm drainage control."

Architect Otto Poticha, commenting at mayoralty candidate Paul Hoffman's Town Meeting, said he feels it is now time for urban renewal instead of perpetuating old structures.

Dave Hunt of the Eugene Renewal agency spoke of closing parts of Broadway and Willamette streets to motor traffic to create a mall. The project would more than double the tax base in the financial area, Hunt said.

Vince Farina, a downtown merchant and former member of the parking commission and head of the City Planning Commission, questioned the practicality of the 12,000 parking spaces to be placed on quadrants adjacent to the proposed mall. Moving all of those cars will be a problem, Farina said.

Student Uninjured In Plane Wreck

A University student and a Navy recruiter parachuted to safety Friday afternoon when the light plane they were riding in developed engine trouble over Fern Ridge Reservoir approximately 10 miles west of Eugene.

Lt. Comdr. Drew Jones, stationed at Sand Point Naval Air Station in Seattle, was giving a flight demonstration to John Simpson, 19, of Klamath Falls when the plane developed engine trouble over the south shore of the reservoir and crashed. Both Simpson and Jones were uninjured.

Immediately after the incident Jones flew to Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane to be with his wife, who has been hospitalized with a heart ailment. Mrs. Jones died later Friday night.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Foggy Monday.
Increasing clouds afternoon
and evening
High 60, Low 43
Chance of rain 0%