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*571 FIND UNITY IN THE SPIRIT AND ARE CHALLENGED TO FIND A CHRISTIAN THIRD WAY

The largest crowd of people to ever attend an AACS summer study conference, 571 fathers, mothers, scholars, students, and children, gathered on the grounds of Fort Erie's Niagara Christian College Friday July 31st, to seek unity in the spirit after long months of separation from each other. The three day conference featured two addresses by Professor C. T. McIntire of Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois, entitled, "The New American Revolution" and "The Coming of Christ's Kingdom in Politics"; and Dr. James Olthuis, of the Institute for Christian Studies, who gave three lectures on "The Old Morality", "The New Morality" and "Toward a New Christian Life Style". Both encouraged their brothers to find a Christian Third way in the contemporary world's deep divisions.

"Experiencing Pentecost"

On Sunday, August 2 three worship services were held. Spontaneous declarations of faith, unity in the Spirit, and the joy of celebration of the Lord's day were prevalent, as well as communal songfests. Christian hymns and psalms and spiritual songs

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Dr. James Olthuis addresses



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were on the lips of everyone, and people were holding hands and dancing out of holy exultation. The sonorous rhythms of "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord" and "Amen" continued late into the night. People prayed, cried together, and laughed and were freely "God's kids" as one fellow put it.

Responding to a lesson in "faith economics" given by Mr. John Olthuis, Dr. Peter Steen, Dr. Bill Kamphuis, Rev. Aren Geisterfer, Mr. Gerry Vandezande, and Dr. Arnold DeGraaff, \$10,752 was donated and pledged by students, many of whom had patches on their clothes, and by parents who were struggling to make ends meet. 26 people decided to become members of the Association. \$1,200 in books were purchased from Tomorrow's Book Club and Wedge Publishing Foundation. John Olthuis: "This is the best conference we ever had; the response is overwhelming, the spirit is tremendous, and the lectures are incisive."

AACS CONFERENCES IN YOUR AREA

Plan now to attend the conference in your area. Write to the AACS for a summer conference brochure, giving complete information about an exciting week-end of inspiration, study, fellowship, recreation and relaxation.

Alberta

Sept. 4-7,
Concordia College,
Edmonton, Messrs.
McIntire & Vrieze.

British Columbia

Sept. 4-7, Cultus Lake,
B.C., Drs. DeGraaff &
Olthuis

Michigan

Sept. 11-14, Teen-
age Challenge
Youth Resort, Hol-
land, Mich., C.T.
McIntire & Dr. B.
Zylstra

Pennsylvania

Oct. 15-17, Pinebrook,
Stroudsburg, Pa., Mr.
C. T. McIntire & Dr. B.
Zylstra.

Washington

Sept. 1-3, Bellevue,
Wash., Drs. Olthuis
and DeGraaff.

Iowa

Sept. 4-7, Walther
League Park, Dr.
Runner and Messrs.
G. Vandezande &
John A. Olthuis.

RUNNER'S FALL PHILOSOPHY COURSE AT ICS A MUST FOR ONTARIO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Dr. H. Evan Runner, professor of philosophy at Calvin College and long-time supporter of the AACS will be a visiting professor at the ICS beginning this September in Toronto. He will teach a course in "philosophical prolegomena (first things)" that will be of value to university students in Ontario for two reasons: first, it will provide a historically oriented, Christian philosophical world-view out of which a student may approach the scholarship

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of his particular discipline; second, Dr. Runner will relate his course to the rise of the revolutionary mind and "the central problems of contemporary unrest". Copies of the Institute 70/71 Bulletin are available from ICS, 141 Lyndhurst Avenue, Toronto 4, Ontario, Canada. Registrations and program consultation will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 17.

Dr. Runner is a dynamically prophetic lecturer who has influenced countless students in the cause of reformational Christian scholarship at Calvin College. An indication of the quality and importance of his work can be seen in the fact that Wedge Publishing Foundation has decided to republish The Relation of the Bible to Learning (1960 Christian Perspectives Series) for the third time. It will be available by the end of August at \$2.50, from Wedge, P. O. Box 10, Station L, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and will be used in the course.

MCINTIRE ADVOCATES SPIRITUAL DISAFFILIATION FROM AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE FOR BELIEVERS AT NIAGARA CONFERENCE

DR. C. T. McIntire told the conferees at the Niagara Conference on July 31 and August 1 that "we Christians must ourselves experience a spiritual disaffiliation from the American way of life. Until we have done this we are one with the spirit of this world. If a new basis or framework for the whole civilization were to be found in Christianity, we would find a total, profound shake-up of Western Civilization. The hope we must offer is total transformation of our lives."

Outright Rejection of American Way of Life

McIntire stated that there is an overwhelming crisis in North America because of the increasing number of young people who reject outright the American way of life. He documented his conviction that the civic religion of America has had its most fundamental challenge in a new revolutionary cultural ideal by reading passages from the controversial book by Tom Hayden published in Ramparts magazine as a "tract for our times".

After ten years of division a new synthesis is emerging out of the three strains of revolutionary religious visions for America--the Maoist-Marxist Black Revolutionaries, the affluent New Leftist Marcusians, and the Hippie Street People. "The Movement" as it is known has entered a new stage of action known as The Resistance, and advocates the creation of Liberated Land, small pockets of counter-culture, possessing one music--folk-rock, one morality--free sex, and one narcotic--pot. "These are a people, with a new conception of peoplehood formed by a utopian vision of the Third World, but coming out of the very guts of the American revolution of 1776, and out of the same spirit," he said.

Missionary Activities of U.S. Army

"These revolutionaries have seen, starting especially since 1960, that the

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American Way of Life had major deformities in it. The police repression of Black Panthers, the missionary activities for Americanism in Asia by the U.S. Army, and the corruptness of a rich nation that can't clean up its slums have all convinced them of the necessity for major change."

Destruction of Thousands

Although he believes the revolutionaries essentially right in discovering the deformities of the American way of life, McIntire said that the alternative offered by the New American Revolution was no better, leading to the destruction of thousands of lives through hard drugs, the dehumanization of women through free sex, and spontaneous lawlessness in the name of total anarchistic freedom.

A Third Way Towards a Christian Political Movement

"Christians throughout North America must regain a sense of their own peoplehood in contradistinction to either the American way of life or the New American Revolution. We must work for a Christian non-denominational political movement that will lead to religious pluralism in the politics of Canada and the U.S. We should aim to change the constitution of the U.S. so that persons are represented proportionately as members of spiritual communities, not geographical regions. An independent Christian community that knows its own mind should seek positions of co-belligerence with either the American Way of Life or the New American Revolution to make it possible for the New People of God's Kingdom to have a witness and a place in contemporary society."

OLTHUIS SEES MODERN MAN AS PING PONG BALL BOUNCING BETWEEN OLD AND NEW MORALITIES

Dr. James Olthuis delivered three lectures to the Niagara Conference on the old and new moralities, and the approach of a Biblical life style. About the old morality, held by a majority of conservative Evangelical Christians, he said, "The old morality fails the Christian community.

- a. It reduces the all-upholding, all-encompassing Word of God to one (or possibly two) of its many sides. The Love-Command is called the moral command. This is moralism. No concern with sin as the rooted-in-heart rejection of the Word, but preoccupation with moral sins.
- b. It splinters the unity of the Word into a multitude of (moral) rules -- legalism. Life becomes conformity to moral rules and Christianity comes across as being obsessed with keeping out of "trouble".
- c. It splinters mankind into individual units and a man's life into fragments of obedience and disobedience to isolated moral rules. Rules are seen as 'hitching posts', rather than 'sign posts'. Legalism (the 'old morality') breeds license (the 'new morality').

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Love is a 'Greased Pig'

About the New Morality, the moral position of many liberal Christians, Olthuis gives an equally harsh critique: "Love is the only final norm. Love shoulders aside all codes--codeless love over against loveless code. Love is a 'greased pig' in the New Morality. It has no definition and little meaning; it keeps slipping away. The end result of the 'New Morality' is frustration.

1. The New Morality leaves it to man alone (virtual anarchy); man becomes frustrated.
2. Frustration (anarchy) is the breeding ground for legalism (dictatorship).
3. Modern man between license and legalism, the new and the old moralities, bounces back and forth like a perpetual moral ping-pong ball. Both moralities share a common unbiblical framework.

Love in Marriage is Fidelity

In his lecture, "Toward a New Biblical Life Style", Dr. Olthuis contrasted the Biblical view, which is not new at all, he believes, but only new to Christians because they have not been living it very adequately. "The first thing that we must see is that the Word of God is one; it isn't a bucket from out of which fall drops of a plan. It is more like one large question being placed before man: "Will you serve Me and My people?" To this man must answer, and each of God's norms for every aspect of life are seen in the light of God's love-command in His one Word. Man must respond to signposts pointing towards the coming Kingdom of God. In Jesus Christ we are not authoritarian...Different parts of Christ's Body will be developing a Christian life style as wide as creation. Marital love, for example, is not sex or sentiment, love in marriage is troth (fidelity). That is the Biblical concept." He developed the areas of marriage, family and friendship quite extensively.

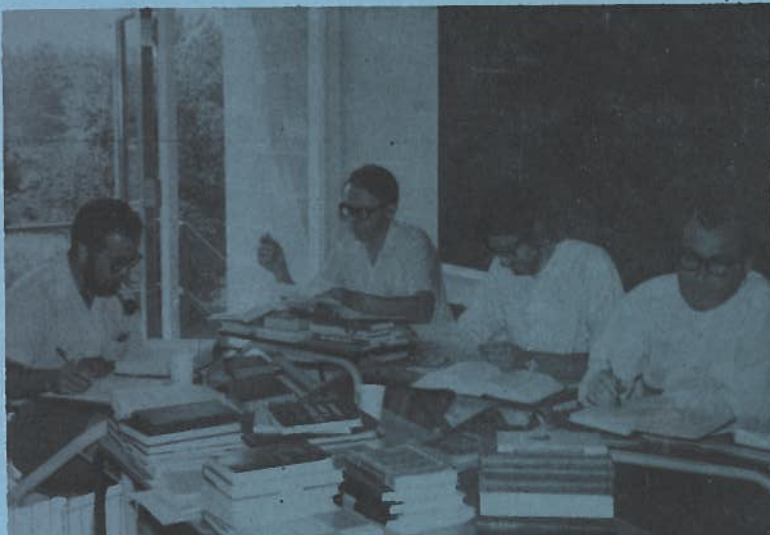
Dr. Peter Steen, professor of philosophy at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Penn., after hearing Olthuis' third lecture, made this statement for the press: "This speech is epoch-making; it is historic--decisive! It is the first public statement on a popular level of what amounts to a complete break with the scholastic view of the Word of God. It is no less epoch-making than Herman Dooyeweerd's 1926 speech at the Free University of Amsterdam on the idea of law as a basis for unity underlying a Calvinistic life style, or of Runner's 1960 lecture at Unionville, "The Relation of the Bible to Learning." Dr. Olthuis' inaugural address, "Let No Man Be Called Teacher", these three lectures, and three more on marriage, family, and friendship are being readied for publication early next year.

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(Upper left) Mike Welton, from Vancouver, tells his Eastern friends the way it is at the Niagara Conference.

(Upper right) Niagara Conference students smile and clap their hands for joy as they sing, "We are one in the Spirit...we are one in the Lord."



(Middle left) Left to right, Mr. Jim Tuininga, Mr. Bert Witvoet, Mr. Bob Koole, and Mr. Bill Suk slave away at the new integrated Biblical Studies curriculum.

(Bottom right) Left to right, Dr. Arnold DeGraaff, Dr. Marion Snapper, and Dr. James Olthuis talk it over during lunch at the summer school for teachers co-sponsored by AACCS, OACS, NUCS and Calvin College.



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ONTARIO CONFERENCE HOLDS MOVING WORSHIP SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

On Sunday, August 3, the 571 persons attending the Niagara Bible College AACS Study Conference spent $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours in worship and celebration of unity in the Spirit of Christ. The morning worship service followed John Calvin's Strasbourg liturgy of 1540, making extensive use of Genevan psalms. Rev. Morris Greidanus, Campus Minister of the Christian Reformed Church for Hamilton and Toronto, Ontario preached from Ephesians 4 on the topic: Unity in the Spirit.

Sunday afternoon the conferees spent an hour in small groups discussing how the conference theme of unity in the Spirit was expressed in the book of Philippians and how this might be worked out in the concrete problems with division and lack of unity experienced in the fragmented contemporary church. After this all the groups gathered for a spontaneous communal celebration of the Lord's Day, and for a series of reports about the discussions held. Dr. James Olthuis led in song, testimony, public individual confession of the Spirit's presence, and for one sentence prayers by several worshippers. Children's singing and an affirmation of an early church creed highlighted the $3\frac{1}{2}$ hour gathering.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS OCTOBER 7, 8, 9, 1970

Notice to members: The Board of Trustees of the Association for the Advancement of Christian Scholarship will hold its fall meeting Oct. 7, 8, and 9, 1970. If any member wishes to bring something to the attention of the Board, he should write to Mr. John A. Olthuis, executive director, AACS, 141 Lyndhurst Avenue, Toronto 4, Ontario, Canada.

BEN VANDEZANDE LEADS 15 STUDENTS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF A CREDIMUS AT CONFERENCE

Mr. Ben Vandezande, teacher at the St. Catharines Christian High School, led 15 students Sunday night, August 2, in a "Credimus" (a public, communal dramaturgical confession of the central motives of God's Word) along with nearly 400 participants. Tracing the great biblical themes of Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Communion in the Holy Spirit, the Credimus players staged an impressive light and darkness drama with stark candle-lit readings from the history of revelation. The performance, which was designed to dramatize the work of the Christian youth magazine, included Mike Van Hartingsveld as Adam, Elsie Lammers as Eve, Frank Lesage as Satan, Ann Kamminga and Dell Lammers as guitarists, Mr. De Weerd as drummer. Candle light speakers were Carol Sluis, Rick Jongejan, Cal Jongsma, Henry Westendorp, Jack Van Dyke, Jasper Lesage and Sid Hielema; Bob Koole was helped with lighting effects by Eve Koole. Credo subscriptions can be purchased at P. O. Box 272, North Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.

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FORTY ATTEND FIRST BRITISH CONFERENCE OF THE AACCS HELD JULY 17-19, IN BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND:

ROBERT KNUDSEN -- "A TOWER OF STRENGTH"

Forty people attended the first British Conference of the AACCS held July 17-19 at St. Peter's College, Birmingham, England, reports Ruth Perry, a philosophy graduate of Manchester University and presently teaching Mathematics and Philosophy at Millfield School in Somerset. Ruth Perry inherited the British AACCS book agency from Dr. Richard Russell, now teaching philosophy at Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois. Besides disseminating AACCS literature in Great Britain, she organized the July conference at which Dr. Robert Knudsen, professor at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, spoke on the crisis of our age, the Reformed response to that crisis, and the necessity of not presenting easy alternatives or cliches, which is always a danger. Miss Perry reports that Dr. Knudsen was a "tower of strength" in his lectures and preaching.

Also speaking at the AACCS Conference were Mr. Danie Strauss, a pre-doctoral student at the Free University in Amsterdam in Mathematics, who gave "a masterful analysis of the Formalist and Intuitionalist positions in mathematics and demonstrated why each leads to inevitable antinomies because of a confusion of modal concepts", and Mr. Arthur Jones, a pre-doctoral student at Birmingham University, Birmingham, England, who applied Dooyeweerdian philosophy to Biology and was able to show how strong and dynamic the Christian position is here.

Miss Perry states that this first conference "was a triumph of the Lord's purpose".

DISCOVERY II, "PLACE AND TASK OF THE INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH" WILL VISIT 24 COMMUNITIES WITH 15 LECTURERS--THREE TEAMS

John Olthuis, executive director of the AACCS, announces that the Discovery II Series on the theme, "The Place and Task of the Institutional Church" will consist of five lectures to be held in 24 communities in the U.S. and Canada. There will be three teams of five speakers each giving five lectures in each community.

TEAM A

LOCATIONS

Louis Tamminga
John Van Dyk
P. G. Schrotenboer
C. T. McIntire
Gerald Vandezande

Lakehead, Winnipeg, Lethbridge, Calgary,
Edmonton, Iacombe, Telkwa, Terrace.

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TEAM B

LOCATIONS

Hendrik Hart
J. C. VanderStelt
A. H. DeGraaff
John Vriend
John A. Olthuis

Philadelphia, Sioux Center, Manhattan,
Vancouver, Abbotsford, Victoria, Seattle

TEAM C

LOCATIONS

James H. Olthuis
(To be arranged)
Gordon Spykman
Calvin Seerveld
Bernard Zylstra

Brockville, Belleville, Chatham, Sarnia,
Drayton, London, Hamilton, Toronto,
St. Catharines

The five lectures will be given by the members of the teams as listed above and correspond to the topics following: The Institutional Church in Biblical Perspective, The Institutional Church in History, The Marks of the Institutional Church, The Institutional Church in Renewal, and The Institutional Church in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ."

10,000 persons are expected to attend these lectures designed to demonstrate the importance of Christian scholarly reflection for the general Christian supporting community in language that all can understand.

OFFER FOR GAGE BUILDING NOT ACCEPTED: ICS TO REMAIN AT 141 LYNTHURST FOR ANOTHER YEAR

At the Board of Directors Meeting held July 8, 1970, John Olthuis reported that the bid of the AACS of \$200,000 for the Gage Building near the University of Toronto campus was not accepted by those who own the building. The Board decided not to pursue the purchase of the Gage Building at this time; the Institute and Association will use the present building to its full capacity and rent classroom space if necessary during the next year. It is possible that the asking price for Gage will be lowered in the near future.

"MY THOUGHT BORE FRUIT IN DIFFERENT LANDS BECAUSE OF THE RADICAL BIBLICAL GROUND MOTIVE WHICH INSPIRED IT" -- DR. HERMAN DOOYEWEERD

Following are excerpts from Dr. Herman Dooyeweerd's acceptance speech on the occasion of his being awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree from Gordon College, Wenham, Mass., in June:

"I thank God that my defective effort to project a philosophy of a reformational christian character has turned out not to be idle, but under God's blessing has borne fruit in different countries. But this is not owed to my merit, but only to the radical biblical ground motive which has led and inspired my thought.

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"For it is this ground-motive of creation, fall into sin, and redemption by Jesus Christ in the communion of the Holy Ghost which cannot fail to bring about a salutary revolution in our entire philosophic view of man and his experiential world. But this can only occur on the condition that its integral and radical sense is not darkened by the influence of unbiblical motives such as the dualist isms--Christian motive of nature and grace which has ruled the traditional scholastic thought since Thomas Aquinas.

"The spiritual father of the reformed Free ^{this} University in Amsterdam (Abraham Kuyper) was the first to break through dualistic scholastic theme. He did so particularly by rediscovering the radical significance of the biblical revelation concerning the heart, that is the religious center of human existence, from which are all issues of life, from which proceed all sins, and which occurs man's rebirth out of the Holy Ghost.

"It was the rediscovery of this central biblical truth that, age-long darkened by the scholastic Greek view according to which reason is supposed to be the highest faculty and standard of human nature, which became the decisive turning point in my thought."

19 ATTEND SEMINAR IN FOUNDATIONS OF THE NATURAL SCIENCES, INCLUDING 8 PH.D's

Dr. Hendrik Hart, ICS faculty member responsible for organizing the seminar in the natural sciences this summer from July 6-24, reports that 19 persons engaged in scientific research and the teaching of science attended the three week session. He states, "It seems entirely possible now that for the believing Christian a convincing case can be made for seeing the scientific enterprise not merely wrapped up in a Christian packaging, but really having its fibres, sinews, and muscles flowing forth from the commitment to Christ. The integrality of the scientific enterprise in the light of God's Word has become more visible."

Deep Underlying Unity Made Mutual Criticism Possible

Hart also states, "The most important aspect of the whole seminar was that there was a community which worked in a fundamental unity of spirit. Without this fundamental religious unity the seminar could not have been held. Some of the participants said that the highly critical discussions between one another were possible because of deep underlying unity."

Among those attending were Miss Wilma Bouma, Dr. Harry Cook, Mr. Bruce De-Boer, Dr. Charles W. Donaldson, Mr. Gerald S. Gabrielse, Dr. Bernard R. Grunstra, Mr. August Guillaume, Mr. Cal Jongsma, Mr. Rick Jongejan, Dr. Leo Jonker, Dr. Arie Leegwater, Mr. Harmen Leusink, Dr. Ed. Piers, Dr. Ken Piers, Mr. Herman Proper, Dr. Robert E. VanderVennen, Mr. H. K. Vandezande, and Mr. D. Van Reede. Further correspondence will be organized by Dr. Robert VanderVennen, Dean, Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois. Further gatherings will be held.

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KO MOLENAAR AND DUTCH FRIENDS OF AACS RAISE 4000 GUILDERS IN JULY

Mr. Ko Molenaar, a long-time supporter of the Association and Institute, collected a total of 4,000 guilders from his friends through correspondence and personal contact in the Netherlands during July. Of this amount, fl. 1,000 was given as a special gift by a Dutch company and the other fl. 3,000 was raised through individual contributions. This financial help by those faithful supporters of AACS work in the Netherlands came at a particularly needy time in the growth of Institute and Association work. Those Netherlands who would like to support the work of professors like Dr. Bob Goudzwaard who will be teaching and doing research at the ICS may send their contributions to Mr. Molenaar c/o The Calvinistic World Association, Potgieterweg 46, Heiloo, The Netherlands. Gironummer: 17 75 496.

CO-SPONSORED SUMMER SCHOOL RUNS SMOOTHLY; DEGRAAFF SEES CURRICULUM WORKSHOP AS "HISTORIC OCCASION"

Mr. John E. Top, Principal of the Toronto District Christian High School, and administrator of the summer school for teachers co-sponsored by the AACS, OACS, NUCS, and Calvin College, July 6--August 14, states: "Despite one rumour I heard from just one person that we are fighting like cats and dogs, it's simply not true. An excellent atmosphere of co-operation has prevailed here in the building (Toronto District Christian High School in Woodbridge, Ontario), and also among the professors."

Dr. Arnold DeGraaff, assistant professor of education and psychology at the ICS, conducted an intensive curriculum workshop session for four weeks in which 8 teachers developed an integrated biblical studies curriculum, and 16 teachers concentrated on developing social studies curricula. DeGraaff stated that every room in the high school was filled with dedicated teachers who donated their time and talent to make the production of several course outlines and teacher's manuals a reality. According to him and the teachers, through hard work and communal effort an esprit de corp developed among them.

DeGraaff stated for parents especially: "Why is this important for Johnny--for your sons and daughters? Not because Johnny is going to have a lot of theory and Dooyeweerdian philosophy thrown at him. What is so important for Johnny is that we translate the biblical revelation that God is the creator, and is Lord, and that He ordered creation, and that He gives us a task in it again in Jesus Christ, into the terms of his concrete daily experience, so that it doesn't remain something religious in his heart, but so that he can see what that means as he works it out daily in his life. This means we can start with the story of creation in grade one and then go on to help Johnny to understand concretely what that means today by pointing there, and there, and there in the creation he knows and experiences. That's exciting, and, I believe, historic. We believe we are building on the shoulders of Dr. Jan Waterink, the greatest Reformed professional educator--who first understood the biblical concept of the child's development and nature, but could not articulate that vision into curricula. Now we can begin with many others to flesh out a complete curriculum."

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Those working under Dr. DeGraaff's guidance are: John Vanderhoek, James Tuininga, Harmen Boersma, Ben Vandezande, Miss Coby Koene, W. Venema, Henry Westendorp, Winnie Vlietstra, Herman Stryker, Adrian Guldemon, Lowell Hagan, Robert Koole, Hubert Huyer, Louisa Groenewegen, William Suk; Observers who helped--Linda Boren, Gary Van Arragon, Jopie Span, Christine Aay, Maryse Westerhuis, Marilyn Vander Riet, Bernice Grevers, Lucy DeWeerd, Jim Tuininga, Bert Witvoet, Hilda Brink, Jean Maas, and John De Vries.

AACS GRANTS \$1,750 IN STIPENDS TO TEACHERS WORKING IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Approximately 25 experienced teachers have been paid \$1,750 in stipends for their involvement in developing thoroughly Christian integrated curricula in the crucial areas of Bible and Social Studies. The workshop, directed by Dr. Arnold DeGraaff, assistant professor of education and psychology at the ICS, is an example of how the AACS has been able to co-operate with the Christian grade schools and high schools as well as the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, the National Union of Christian Schools, Calvin College, and the National Association of Christian Schools to foster curricula that are based on a thoroughly biblical philosophy of education.

John Olthuis stated that the teachers were paid: "1. To acknowledge the contribution they could make as writers. They were paid to write curriculum materials; 2. Teachers salaries are usually quite low in Christian Schools--this money made it possible for them to forego working during the summer; and 3. Some of our best teachers had to travel from the West coast of Canada and the U.S. as well as rent homes near Toronto. We doubled their stipends accordingly."

Olthuis also stated, "Most of the money dispersed was donated by Christian schools across North America. \$400 was donated by the Ontario Christian Teachers Association. Curriculum material will be distributed to schools that specifically request it, and samples will be sent to other schools requesting it. Samples will be sent to the NACS, CACS, and Calvin as well as the NUCS.

TO SERVE YOU BETTER, A NOTE TO OUR NON-MEMBER READERS...

The Association has enjoyed a great deal of publicity in recent months in a number of Reformed magazines and journals. If you have read about the AACS in such publications as Torch and Trumpet, The Agenda of Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, or The Standard Bearer, and would like to have more information about AACS policies, programs, positions, and services to the Christian community, please drop a note to Robert Carvill, Perspective Newsletter, 141 Lyndhurst Avenue, Toronto 4, Ontario, Canada.

THE POWER OF A PENNY: WOMEN'S ACTION FOR AACS PURCHASES \$1600 WORTH OF BOOKS FOR INSTITUTE, HELPS PAY FOR ADDRESSOGRAPH WITH REMAINING \$1800.

Mr. John Hultink, director of development, reports that on October 8, 1968

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the AACS received the first \$600 collected by the Women's Action for the AACS. Since that time a total of \$3400, in pennies, has been collected. Of this total, \$1600 was spent to purchase books for the Institute library. The remaining \$1800 was used as part payment for the new addressograph machine. At the October 10 annual membership meeting of the AACS the Women's Action for the AACS will also hold its annual meeting and donate another comparable sum to the AACS.

This report indicates the power of a penny when enough people are involved in a worthy cause. Three thousand (3,000) women in Canada have the green and white canisters on their sinks and sideboards, and there are several hard-working regional co-ordinators who collect the pennies each quarter of the year from local chapters, sending a check to a central collection point. Many women have toiled for days setting up the organizational system that makes this feat possible. After three years of concentrated effort it is now possible to greatly expand this ministry.

In a day of multi-million dollar projects there is the tendency to forget the power of a penny when a systematic effort is made to save each one. John Olthuis, executive director of the AACS, says, "This is a very important part of our work; it gives ladies an opportunity to show their love for and devotion to the work of the Lord in higher education. I hope our God will lay it on the hearts of other women to start local chapters in their own home town or city so that the vital books for our students and the means to keep our members informed of our activities might be strengthened. Thank you ladies for your faithfulness; may the Lord bless you for it."

If you would like to have a part in this vital work, please write to Mrs. H. Lunshof, Secretary, Women's Action for the AACS, General Delivery, Drayton, Ontario. A penny a day saved in faith can move mountains in today's world.

OLTHUIS ANNOUNCES NEXT STEP IN EQUALITY FOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS: 100,000 SIGNATURE PETITION IN ONTARIO

John Olthuis, executive director of the AACS, and legal counsel for the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, announced on July 31, 1970, a plan to collect 100,000 names from Ontario residents who believe parents should have the right to support the educational system of their choice, including Roman Catholics and Jews, who also are financially discriminated against by the Ontario Government for supporting their own school systems. The culmination of the plan is to present the petition to the government in Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario with 100 school children from throughout the province and full coverage of the event with all the news media present.

Mr. Olthuis, who continually fosters co-operation between the different Christian educational movements, states, "This is the next step in our program to make the matter of injustice in the legislative provisions for financing all public educational systems clear to all Ontario residents. We hope that this desperate plea will be heard by the Prime Minister and his Cabinet.

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Those interested in Ontario should write me, Mr. John Olthuis, 9 Charnleigh Court, Rexdale, Ontario, for further information and directions."

OLTHUIS AND KUITERT: ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE SCRIPTURES

The following quotations are taken from p. 3 of "Ambiguity is the Key" by Dr. James H. Olthuis. First published in the International Reformed Bulletin in July 1969, this publication is available from Wedge Publishing Foundation, P. O. Box 10, Station L, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

"From what I can gather, Kuitert is forced to adopt an inadequate view of the authority of the Scriptures because he shares with many other contemporary theologians the following assumption: according to Kuitert the Scriptures are basically human documents, written by Spirit-guided men of God, which must be 'unpacked' in order that the Word of God can strike home. Structurally, as Kuitert himself maintains (Realiteit, 196), there is no difference between the Scriptures and other sacred writings in the tradition of the Christian Church.

Kuitert Makes Scriptures Problematic

"Here, I submit, the special authoritative character of the Scriptures as the Word of God is made problematic. In this view the Scriptures are in the same class, although perhaps at the top of the class, as other inspired writings. They are not as they ought to be: in a class by themselves. From out of this perspective one is structurally unable to call the Scriptures the Word of God anymore than any other book written by Spirit-filled men such as the Church Fathers, Calvin, Luther, or Pope John XXIII. In this context Kuitert claims that the Scriptures have a special authority because they contain first-hand eye-witness accounts. But this specialness, since it is only one of degree, is insufficient.

Scriptures are Word of God--Period says Olthuis

"The Scriptures differ from other inspired writings in that they are God's Word, that is, they are the authoritative Word of the Author--period. In the Scriptures we have been given an inspired record of God's dealing with His people and of the people's response which was written for our instruction. In this way the Scriptures can be seen as the Canon for the new creation. They are the miner's lamp which lights up the recesses of God's creation.

Exegesis (Interpretation) and the Scriptures

"For every Christ-confessor the Scriptures are the standard for life. And this means not only that the Scriptures have been opened and understood--at least in part--but also that the believer is able to live according to the Word. In short, each believer by the grace of God is an exegete (interpreter). Growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ takes place as one exegetes the Word. This does not usually occur today without the help of theology, but it is not dependent on such help."

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\$450 DONATED FOR SECOND ICS SCHOLARSHIP

Two collections were held on Sunday, August 2 at the Ontario Study Conference to provide a second ICS scholarship; \$450 was donated towards the goal of \$600. At the other study conferences collections will be taken to complete this scholarship and to make other scholarships available.

John Olthuis, executive director of the AACCS, says, "We are trying to develop a scholarship program in which preference will be given to students coming to the ICS from other continents. These students have greater financial need and we'd like to encourage many students from different cultural and racial communities from throughout the world to study at the ICS. The first scholarship was offered to and accepted by a Japanese student, Rev. Koichiro Takariki, a graduate of Kobe Theological Seminary in Kobe, Japan. Rev. Takariki will begin his studies this fall at the Institute."

Members and friends who would like to contribute to this worthy cause are encouraged to do so. Gifts should be sent to ICS Scholarship Fund, 141 Lyndhurst Avenue, Toronto 4, Ontario, Canada.

MINISCRIPTS

- * Dr. Sidney Greidanus, Th.D. as a young man served in the Canadian Air Force as a pilot. Later he went to Calvin College and Seminary, and was the recipient of the Diamond Jubilee Scholarship at Calvin. In 1965 he went to study at the Free University in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He studied under and was promoted by Dr. Fret, for his dissertation, now in book form, entitled, "Sola Scriptura: Problems and Principles in Preaching Historical Texts". He has been called to become pastor of the Clarkson, Ontario, Christian Reformed Church, and has accepted that call.
- * Dr. Peter Steen, chairman of the philosophy department at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Penn., received his Th.D. from Westminster Theological Seminary this spring. His dissertation is entitled, "The Idea of Religious Transcendence in the Philosophy of Herman Dooyeweerd: With Reference to Its Significance to Reformed Theology". Correspondence concerning it should be addressed to him.
- * Contact with the University of Toronto has been established by Dr. Bernard Zylstra, Chairman of the Institute staff, concerning future reciprocity in recognizing degrees granted by the U. of T. and ICS.
- * Mr. Hank Aay and Miss Christine Romkema were married July 18. Christine is a Christian elementary school teacher and was a student at Dr. DeGraaff's curriculum workshop. Hank, formerly active in FOCUS, (Waterloo) is now a graduate student at Clark University, Worcester, Mass., studying geography.

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- * Mr. Robert Carvill, who serves the AACS in the area of communications, will assume co-editorship of the Christian Vanguard Magazine with Mr. Bert Witvoet, in October. Information about the magazine, which will be expanded in coverage and format, may be obtained by writing Mr. Carvill, Box 656, Woodbridge, Ontario.
- * Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, president of Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, visited the ICS on July 30 to speak with Dr. Bernard Zylstra concerning the establishment of closer relations between Asbury and the Institute. Asbury College, with an enrollment of 1000 students, is an Evangelical stronghold in the 11,000,000 member United Methodist Church, with which it is affiliated. Dr. Zylstra will address the faculty of Asbury in January when he visits Westminster College, New Wilmington, Penn., to speak. Dr. Kinlaw was in Toronto to speak at Knox Presbyterian Church; he was accompanied to the Institute by Rev. Ross Bailey, assistant to Marney Patterson, the executive secretary of the Congress on Evangelism to be held in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, August 24-28.
- * Dr. K. Runia, a faculty member of the Reformed Theological College, Geelong, Victoria, Australia reports that the Association for a Christian University, 55 Maude Street, Geelong, Victoria, held a meeting on April 8 at which Prof. G. Van Groningen presented an address entitled, "Planning for the Future", which quotes extensively from an AACS publication, "Scholarship in Biblical Perspective", in developing a case for Christian higher education in Australia. The timetable proposed calls for the appointment of philosophy professor in 1975, a professor of languages in 1977, and a professor of history in 1980. A three year arts course will be fleshed out during that time.
- * "Christ's Coronation in Politics" was the theme of the Second Christian Congress held at Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Ill., July 14-16 by the Christian Action Foundation. Mr. John A. Olthuis, Dr. Paul G. Schrotenboer, editor of the International Reformed Bulletin, Mr. John Van Dyk, professor of philosophy at Dordt College, and Mr. Albert Gedraitis, journalist and writer, spoke. A new proposed constitution has suggested The Association for Christian Political Action as the new name of the CAF.

AACS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 10, 1970 IN TORONTO;
DEGRAAFF TO GIVE INAUGURAL ADDRESS ON MORALISM AND THE WORD OF GOD

The AACS annual membership meeting will be held October 10, 1970, in Westview Centennial School, 755 Oakdale Avenue, North York, Ontario (near intersection of Highway 400 and Finch Avenue). The agenda for the morning business session includes an opening address by Rev. J. Joosse, president, the minutes of the May, 1969 meeting, and reports from the executive director, development director, about Institute operations, about Institute campaign, and from the treasurer. The budget for 1970-71 will be discussed and decided. After lunch Dr. Arnold DeGraaff, assistant professor of education and psychology, will present his inaugural address entitled, "Moralism Versus the Word of God in

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Education and Therapy". Following will be musical presentations by ICS students and others.

Dr. Arnold DeGraaff, 37, his wife, Marcia, and their four children reside in Rexdale, Ontario, a Toronto suburb. DeGraaff holds the AB from Calvin College (1957), the B.D. from Calvin Seminary (1960), and the Th.D. from the Free University in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, (1966). The title of his dissertation, The Educational Ministry of the Church, has been published and is available in a Craig Press edition. Since 1966 Dr. DeGraaff has taught biblical theology, introduction to psychology, and developmental psychology at Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois. During the academic year, 1969-70 Dr. DeGraaff taught educational theory and led a curriculum workshop part-time for the Institute for Christian Studies. During this summer he has led 24 teachers in a biblical studies and social studies curriculum workshop at the co-sponsored summer school for teachers held at the Toronto District Christian High School in Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada. Dr. DeGraaff has accepted a full-time appointment in the areas of education and psychology theory and practice at the ICS.

He states concerning the theme for his inaugural address: "I have chosen a topic straddling the fields of education and psychology. The Word of God gives one a non-judgmental approach to education and therapy, while moralism prevents one from doing justice to either education or therapy. To the degree that one is moralistic, to that degree he is prevented from teaching and counselling."

MINISCRIPTS -- Reactions to the Natural Science Seminar

- * Dr. Hendrik Hart: "I have discovered that if and when a group of able, committed, philosophically aware scientists engages in persistent, time-consuming, hard work, in that case we can break through much quicker--one generation could come through with the solid empirical units of this approach."
- * Calvin Jongsma: (math teacher, Kalamazoo, Michigan) "The best part of it was getting together as a Christian community. Everybody knew we had to get down to work. It was more educational than pioneering. The spirit was uniquely one."
- * Rick Jongejan: (high school math teacher, London, Ontario) "It will be of benefit to me when I sit before my 9th graders because I have gleaned some hidden insights into the danger of falling into philosophical traps set up by non-believers. I immediately sat down and wrote out how I could change things in my class...I'm a math teacher, an example of my new insights? For instance, there is a theorem in the new math: 'An ordered set is a relationship.' If this Christian philosophy I've learned is true, that theorem isn't...Hart's lectures on epistemology (How we know) were very worthwhile for everyone there. That influences your whole way of thinking about things, you know...Since there was nothing else for us to go to in North America, we came. And I'm sure if there was something like it again next year we'd come again."

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Reactions to the Curriculum Workshop

- * Dr. Arnold DeGraaff: "This will be very important for little Johnny in the class-room because we needed to translate common understandings of the Christian life pedagogically for the first few grades. We've made a definite start on this in Biblical Studies and Social Studies."
- * Adrian Guldemon: (high school history teacher) "We are creating a coherent curriculum with an integrated Christian perspective. This is a reaction against history as a product of nationalistic bias and classicist loyalties, the two main traditions in teaching high school history. This produces the current departmental curriculum which emphasizes the Graeco-Roman intellectual heritage and the humanistic nationalisms of the 19th century. Consequently, these traditions completely ignore the cultural power of the coming of God's Kingdom in Western society."

We think history teaching in the high school must show that positive force. And it is around the coming of that Kingdom that we designed our curriculum. That gives it its integrating and Christian character. For example, the fall of Rome, which is greatly lamented by all the humanists as the disappearance of the classical ideal, is historically speaking, of very little significance compared to the positive workings of the Church in Roman society."

- * John Vanderhoek (social studies teacher for grades 6,7,8: "I agree with Dr. DeGraaff, who says, 'What we do today is give kids a travelogue of different areas of the world in our curricula; whereas the new attempt is to give the child an understanding of what time it is in the process of God's unfolding creation.' This will help the child become aware of the world in which he lives, and will provide him with a Christian perspective by which he can prepare himself to take a place in life."
- * Lowell Hagan (high school history teacher): "There's a limit to how far you can go by yourself. You have to argue about things and revise and get new ideas. This sort of thing can't be done individualistically--it must be done communally. So far the co-operation among Christian scholars has been very haphazard; now we are beginning to work in scholarly community here."
- * Gary VanArragon (starting to teach high school history): "We are all agreed that we should work together again next year with a couple of professional historians to help us...This has been a real starter for me. I went to a Canadian university and I never had any clear idea about how Christianity and history were related. Now I've got at least some solid basis for a Christian view of history."
- * Bob Koole (high school Bible teacher, working in O.T.): "We are stressing the meaningfulness of the one Word of God in the books of the Bible and the implications for our students' lives. The Bible is not just a set of many separate books..Believe it or not, something like this has never been done before in Bible. This is just the start."

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AACCS HELD MAY 16 AND 17, 1969, IN CALGARY, ALBERTA

- Article 1. Friday evening's highlight was Rev. B. J. Haan's address, Christian Education: the need of the hour. After Mr. M. Vander Meulen, the president of the AACCS's Calgary Chapter and a national Board of Trustee member, opened the meeting, Mr. John Olthuis, the Association's executive director, introduced us to the Rev. B. J. Haan. Rev. Haan, who is the President of Dordt College, made it very clear, that now is the critical moment for us to stand up for Christian integral education.
- Article 2. Saturday morning entailed the business part of the meeting. We all were happy to have with us the Association's President, Rev. J. Joosse of Newmarket, Ontario, who opened the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer.
- Article 3. Rev. Joosse extended a word of welcome to all present and introduced the agenda for the day.
- Article 4. The executive director, John A. Olthuis, reads last year's minutes. They were approved as read.
- Article 5. Roll Call.
- Article 6. Report of the executive director is read. Mr. Olthuis shared our thoughts when he showed how our faithful God has again bestowed His riches on the AACCS over the past year. For the first time in its history the AACCS could support the Institute with its teaching staff of three dedicated scholars. This increased teaching power, along with the excellent work of the publication committee, has allowed positive contact with Christians of various denominations from many parts of the world. The full text of Mr. Olthuis' report was printed in the July, 1969 issue of Perspective magazine.
- Article 7. Rev. Joosse expresses thanks for J. A. Olthuis' report.
- Article 8. John Hultink, the director of development, reads his report. Personal contact was made with about 1500 people during the past year. The success of the work is clear in that more than twice as many new members were made than the 275 necessary to balance the budget. Hultink stressed, however, that new directions must urgently be pursued in the future: Christian textbooks are needed in the schools and individual contacts should give way to large audience speaking engagements - especially in the big cities across the nation. By 1974 the Institute hopes to have a staff of ten Ph.D's and a broad curriculum. The full text of Mr. Hultink's report was printed in the July, 1969 issue of the Perspective magazine.

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Article 9. Rev. Joosse expresses thanks for J. Hultink's report.

Article 10. Time out for lunch.

Article 11. Mr. John Olthuis, reporting on the Institute operations, said that Dr. B. Zylstra will be the Institute head for the year 1969-70. He also indicated that the Institute will begin to focus more on research: especially on problems of immediate educational and social concern. Initial steps to the accreditation will be taken in the near future.

Article 12. The chairman, Rev. Joosse thanks J. A. Olthuis for reading the report, and the respective persons who wrote it, for writing the report.

Article 13. We experienced a Western-style budget approval. Rev. Van Eek moves that the treasurer's report and budget be accepted as is, without being read. There was such a display of enthusiasm during the discussion periods following each report that little time remained for these two items, and after the opportunity for questions had been given, they were approved unanimously without discussion.

Article 14. Short coffee break.

Article 15. Dr. Peter Schouls introduces the film, The University. The film is then shown. Afterwards, an opportunity is given for discussion.

Article 16. Following his closing words, our chairman, Rev. Joosse, closes the meeting by reading a few words from Scripture, and prayer, after which we jointly praised and thanked the Lord with the singing of a hymn.

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