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COMMAGER LECTURES PRINTED

By Alfred Aronson

Loyalty and Dissent, a series of essays by Professor Henry Steele Commager, Telluride Association Lecturer for 1953, is being published this month by the Oxford University Press in New York. The essays constitute the substance of the three lectures delivered by Professor Commager at Cornell University this fall.

Professor Commager is a major proponent of American liberal thought. An historian who has not hesitated to step into the arena of every-day political strife, he prefers to identify himself with two major trends in American

SUMMER SESSION REPORT

By Frank Young

The task of finding an instructor to guide the second theme of the Summer Session academic program - Communication of Thought Through Language - appears on the verge of completion. The Committee has interviewed several candidates for the position and is awaiting formal acceptance from one of them. The enlistment of a Telluride member for the third staff position also looks promising, for several candidates have turned up in the last few weeks. These two appointments will undoubtedly be made final by the time of the Summer Session Committee meeting on April 23, and from then on, Dr. Guernsey and his staff will assume the major tasks of organization and direction.

The agenda for the April meeting will include the finalization of a great number of administrative details, but the friendly reception the plan has had from the Cornell University authorities suggests a smooth path in that direction, while the willingness of our permanent cook Joe Lisseck to undertake the kitchen duties for the summer means that another potential problem is under control.

Since this meeting will be after the April 15 deadline for applications, and some of the nominations from the four autonomous recruiting areas - New York, Boston, Washington, and San Francisco - will already have been made, the Committee will begin reading applications right away. Chancellor Johnson indicates that the recruiting of students is going well. The applications are arriving in substantial numbers, and the response he met in high schools around the country was very favorable. It seems clear already that the Summer Session has high potential for stirring up interest in other Association activities. Teachers and principals are initially curious about the Summer Session because of its direct relationship to high school activities, and this interest leads to increased awareness of our college-level program.

Perhaps the Committee's chief problem in recruiting operations so far has been to assure sufficient geographical distribution among the applicants. The major cities and Chancellor Johnson's regular contacts will of course provide most of the students, but the efforts of members and alumni will be needed to make contact with high schools off the beaten track.

TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION
ITHACA, NEW YORK

To All Friends and Alumni
of Telluride Association and Deep Springs:

As plans get under way for the 1954 Convention, I want to extend to all of you our annual invitation to attend all or part of the sessions this year.

At the kind suggestion of the Trustees, the Convention will be held at Deep Springs from June 21 through 25. I hope that many of you will take this opportunity to visit Deep Springs, become acquainted with the current work of the Association, meet some old friends, and make some new ones.

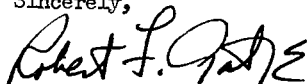
Because accommodations in the valley will be limited by the number of beds shipped up from Los Angeles, we shall need some advance notice of your arrival. A card regarding your travel plans should be sent before May 15 to:

Mr. Michael Cohen
Norman Bridge Laboratory
CalTech
Pasadena, California

If you would prefer accommodations in Bishop or Big Pine, we shall be glad to make the arrangements.

I look forward to meeting many of you in June.

Sincerely,


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CORNELL BRANCH NOTES

By Keith Johnson

Elections of spring term Cornell Branch officers were held on February 8, with the following results: Joel Cogen, president; John Lindenbaum, vice-president; Gordy Davidson, treasurer; Dick Dolen and Dick Loomis, Advisory Committee members; Bob Fortune, Newsletter editor; Al Aronson, assistant treasurer; Hans Tyler, secretary; and - amid rousing speeches and bugle calls - Chris Willy, cat-putter. The Branch continues to operate smoothly under its new leadership, and has enjoyed an active and a successful semester.

The activities calendar has been very full this spring. Dick Loomis' Entertainment Committee has presented an exchange dinner with Balch IV, a junior women's dormitory; a party for the cast of a Cornell Dramatic Club production of Ibsen's Hedda Gabler; and most recently an affair featuring a very entertaining hour-long variety show with acts and songs written by some of the more-recently "discovered" House talent.

The EC plans a houseparty on Spring Weekend, May 14 through 16, tentatively featuring Clayton Blandford and his orchestra, who have appeared at the Branch on several previous occasions. Alumni and friends who will be in the area are cordially invited to attend - especially the faculty formal dance on Saturday evening, May 15, which will be the high point of the weekend.

The Faculty Guest Relations Committee under Ernie Tucker has offered talks by Dr. Edward Keonjian, a Russian-born and educated engineer with General Electric in Syracuse, on "Education in Russia"; and by Dr. Virgil P. Aldrich, Professor of Philosophy at Kenyon College and a House guest since early February, on "Modes of Expression." Prof. H. D. F. Kitto, spring term faculty guest, was honored at a faculty reception at the Branch late in March. Guests this term have included Prof. Freeman J. Dyson of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, and Mr. Sudjarwo, Indonesian delegate to the United Nations.

José Saravia has organized the informal House seminar this spring on the general subject of poetry. The discussions to date have been led by Prof. W. R. Keast on Brownings "Andrea del Sarto," and by Prof. R. M. Adams on Milton's "Lycidas." The program of religious discussions begun last term by Dick Loomis is being enthusiastically carried on.

DEEP SPRINGS NOTES

By John Hudson

Green sprouts from the yellow stubble on the fields mark the beginning of spring, bringing with it a Student Body program under new leadership and plans for a spring trip into even greater isolation. Also, the academic program has broadened by the addition of several new courses, students have taken trips to surrounding areas, the library reorganization is continuing at a fast pace, and the tennis court is taking on a useable look.

The Student Body chose Brandt Kehoe as President, Lee Tonner as Labor Commissioner, Paul Carroll as Student Body Representative to the Board of Trustees, and George Smith, Bill Greer, and Doug Paulson as members of the Advisory Committee in the recent elections. Among the new bills in the Student Body has been one concerning the keeping of pets, and another regarding Student Body responsibility with respect to Trust equipment. All point to an increase in Student Body responsibility in the fields of its jurisdiction. The Labor Commissioner has injected efficiency and spirit into the work program, and the Student Body Representative has had many fruitful discussions with the Trustees on Student Body affairs.

The plans for the spring trip are demanding much attention at the present time. After long discussion, nine adventurers decided to visit "Four Corners" country, where they expect to penetrate the most remote land of Utah, the southeast corner, which is accessible by only one dirt road wending its way through Natural Bridges National Monument. The trip will also include a hike across the Grand Canyon, visits to Mesa Verde, Zion, Bryce, and the usual last-night stand in Las Vegas.

This is a year of many trips. The first semester produced visits to Yosemite, Mt. Whitney, Death Valley, and Mammoth; by now we have added trips to the Eureka Valley sand dune and girls' school, hikes and rides to all parts of the valley, and several skiing trips. Three students visited the "outside world" to take their college transfer tests.

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NEW FUNDS REPORT

Cash and pledges received for the 1953-54 New Funds Drive amounted to \$5,607.22 by March 31. The Washington, D.C., area was at this time far ahead of the rest of the country with a total of \$1,411.00 collected. Returns are still coming in, however, and the drive is far from over. There has been little earmarking of gifts this year: \$30.00 has been set aside for Deep Springs, \$150.00 for TA, \$32.00 for the Newsletter, \$262.50 for the TA Trust Funds, and \$5.00 for the Summer Session.

P E R S O N A L S

Dr. Richard P. Feynman, physicist on the staff of CalTech, has been named the 1954 recipient of the Dr. Albert Einstein Award, consisting of a gold medal and \$15,000.00. Feynman was faculty guest at Cornell Branch in 1947-48 when he was Associate Professor of Physics at Cornell.

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Park Honan writes on March 2: I have a baby daughter now, half French, 10 months old, always wet. Mrs. Honan is the former Jeannette Colin. Honan teaches English at the University of Illinois.

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Thos. Kinney writes that he, David Cole, and Edw. Hoenicke met on a November afternoon and evening in Ann Arbor; "That in the process all the cows in DS Valley were milked, each machine repaired, and countless leaks in the pipeline plugged." Kinney receives his MA in English in January.

DEATH

N. B. Dinkel died on December 23 after a long illness. Born in New Orleans in 1894, Dinkel became a member of the Association in 1914 and worked and studied at Olmsted and Beaver from 1914 through 1916. He relinquished a Cornell Branch scholarship granted by the 1916 Convention to work at Claremont Branch, and he remained there until Claremont closed in the spring of 1917. He was a businessman from the time he left Claremont.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Harriett Simpson Dinkel, 8 Millbrae Circle, Millbrae, California.

MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS

Architect Gerrard S. Pook and Miss Helen Elizabeth Smith were married on March 27 in Reading, Pa. Pook works in Chicago with Holabird & Root & Burgee, after a year of study in Italy on a Fulbright Grant.

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Lt. Charles Edward Waldo and Miss Helen Hart Talbot were married on February 18 in Yokohama, Japan, at Christ Church, where the bride's parents were married years ago while her father was serving as an Episcopal Church missionary in the Orient. The Waldos both attended Westminster College in Salt Lake City. The bride is a graduate of the University of Utah, and Lt. Waldo attended Pomona College after he left Deep Springs. He is stationed with the Air Force at Tachikawa Air Base.

1st Lt. Wm. vanden Heuvel wrote from Taipei, Taiwan, on March 22, that he had just dined with Dr. Allen Whiting and family. vanden Heuvel is assistant to Ambassador Donovan in Thailand, and Whiting is doing research on a grant from the Ford Foundation.

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Those with wanderlust, 60 days spare time, and \$1197.00 cash, should plan to see Europe on the Fourth Annual Tour sponsored by Chapman College, Los Angeles. Write Dr. Kurt Bergel for particulars.

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Dr. James E. Baxter will leave the Public Health Service -- and Europe -- to take a residency in psychology on July 1 at the Payne Whitney Clinic, part of the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in New York City.

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Edmund L.G. Zalinski has been promoted to vice-president in charge of sales development of the New York Life Insurance Co. After he received his master's degree in 1938 from Harvard Business School, Zalinski served as manager of several branch offices before resigning in 1947 to become managing director of the Life Underwriter Training Council, where he established a nationwide training organization under the joint sponsorship of four life-insurance trade associations. While continuing to head LUTC, he was elected executive vice-president of the National Assn. of Life Underwriters in 1949. He returned to New York Life in 1951 as asst. vice-president and in 1953 was promoted to second vice-president. The Zalinski's have three daughters.

Edmund Harrison Mahony on January 15 in New York City. No. 1 of the Kenneth Mahony's. 8 lbs. 7 oz.

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Teri Lynn Gourdine on January 18 in Binghamton, New York. No. 1 of Ensign "Flash" Gourdine and his wife. Gourdine is doing electronics study and research on Treasure Island, San Francisco.

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Susan Grace on March 8, in Rochester, N.Y. 7 lbs. 14 oz. No. 1 of Trude and Robert Albright. Albright teaches psychology and economics in the General Education Department of the Rochester Institute of Technology.

MORE PERSONALS

Dr. Bruce Granger joined the staff of the Dept. of English at the Univ. of Oklahoma in Sept. Associate Prof. Granger works in early American literature, currently offering a course in the Literature of Colonial New England, with American Transcendentalism and American Drama in the spring term. The Grangers have two sons: Perk, 8, and Erling, 4.

Stanley Stokes, vice president and chief engineer of Union Electric, received the Missouri Honor Award for Distinguished Service in Engineering at a special convocation climaxing Engineers' Week at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Mr. Stokes spent the summer of 1911 with the Beaver River Power Co. at the Malad Plant construction.

COMMAGER BOOK (Continued)

thought: Jeffersonianism and Pragmatism. The titles of two of the lectures delivered at Cornell sum up, Commager claims, the keystones of his political philosophy: "The Necessity of Dissent", and "The Necessity of Experimentation".

In looking at the present American scene, Commager stresses the dangers we face in the current strivings for orthodoxy. On the academic, political, and social sides of American life, he sees a lack of individuality and imagination. "The ready acceptance of authority is as dangerous to our way of life as is international communism", Commager feels.

Commager has often stated his position opposing the methods and aims of government investigations typified by the work of Senator McCarthy's subcommittee. The rooting out of possibly disloyal persons from the government is as bad, as a goal, as is mccarthyism as a method. The American judicial procedures dealing with persons who have been disloyal have always been sufficient to protect our government from internal subversion, Commager feels; and, given intelligent administrative leadership, those procedures are still sufficient.

In all phases of American life, and especially in the academic sphere, the individual's right to dissent must be preserved, said Commager. He points out the Smith Act as the best example of the tendency to disallow dissenting voices from entering the market-place of political ideas. We must not confuse advocacy with treason, and we cannot silence the statement of opinions. Likewise, one's past or present affiliations are no measure of one's ideology. Those who would not permit communist teaching must search for their evidence in the classroom. Indoctrination has no place in education, Commager feels, but the only test of whether indoctrination is occurring is in the observation of a teacher's competence in the classroom.

He stressed in his Telluride Lectures that we must not be afraid to follow a particular course of action because it might lead to an unwanted end. We must have the greatest faith possible in our way of life if it is to succeed, and this faith must exist in all spheres and must be reinforced by intelligent thought and actions.

DEEP SPRINGS (Continued)

The academic curriculum has widened with the introduction of a course in music appreciation, one presenting "great" and good books, several new reading courses, and a tutorial in the history of English literature. The weeks are broken down into a discussion of books on alternate Mondays, public speaking on Tuesdays, readings by Dr. McCulley on Wednesdays, and music appreciation on Thursdays. For one who has been here two and one-half years, the academic program has indeed taken on many of the requirements of a stimulating course of study.

Perhaps the largest project of the year has been the reorganization of the library. Since the installation of the new shelves in January, our Librarian as well as instructor Mr. Jim Findley and his staff have catalogued over fifteen hundred books. To those who have spent hours thumbing through books, never to find a certain subject, to those who have found books on economics in the German literature section, this project has special meaning. The library is presently equipped with five four-section metal stacks, wooden shelves at the door and far sides, and a few windowed shelves along the other walls. No longer must a person hunt for a ladder or chance toppling over a set of shelves to find a particular book. All this change has come about at a relatively small cost, since the stacks were acquired cheaply from the Los Angeles Law Library, and all the recataloguing work has been done by the faculty.

The ranch has seen much improvement as well. In preparation for the new season, the ranch manager, his crew, and the students have leveled fields, put in new ditches, cut out trees, added border land for cultivation, and divided the valley into two grazing areas by a fence. The goal of making the present plant as efficient and productive as possible has directed a careful development of resources.

THIS AND THAT: Dean Dumke of Occidental College will present a series of lectures in April...Reeve Deason continues to oil and to mechanize...three students will be investigating the National Student Association for possible Deep Springs participation...ski club emblems adorn parkas and jackets of the eleven ski enthusiasts...Norris Smith, ex-Deep Springer and TA man, passed through here last month...The Trustees plan to meet here in May...preparations are under way for the TA Convention in June...hay still stands high in the stacks...the tennis court has been leveled and oiled.