

CECIL WICKLINE--"Believe it or not, I did get some of the stencils for SCAN typed in June. I am working in a sawmill in Salem this summer, and it had its annual vacation of one week during the week of the Fourth. And that week I spent on the coast at Camp Magruder, one of three Methodist camps in Oregon, as a leader and counselor in the Junior Camp which was the particular age group camping there that week. Failing to finish off the SCAN before vacation has delayed it even later.

We pacifist people of Salem have had a busy and interesting time of it since the last SCAN. On April 19th, Bayard Rustin of the Fellowship of Reconciliation came from New York City and spoke at chapel at Willamette. Then from the 20th to the 22nd, being the weekend, he was the speaker for the spring retreat of the Oregon Methodist Student Movement at Camp Magruder. The attendance was the full capacity of the camp, 250 for the full weekend, and even more came for Saturday. There were some profs, and preachers amongst them, and students from six Oregon campuses, Willamette, Linfield, Pacific, Oregon State, Univ. of Oregon, and Ore. College of Education. And his theme was the Social Application of the Principles of Christian Love, or in other words an exposition on pacifism and the non-violent technique, and he applied it to personal, national and international situations including war and race relations. He gave four lectures, there being time on Saturday for two discussion and question periods after those lectures. Bayard Rustin was impressive enough at Willamette's chapel for all the students to perk up and really listen (usually they ignore the speaker because they hate the compulsory chapel), and as a result of this, he was invited to many frats for lunch and bull sessions, etc. And one of the students took a tape recorder to the coast retreat and recorded the full text of the 4 addresses. Later, from the tapes, I typed off these addresses, and am now in the process of mimeographing them for distribution to the college groups, and to any of you folks who wish copies. They will total about 40 pages in all, and are really worth having. He speaks from scanty notes, and does not often have his material printed, as he rarely writes it out, so this was about the only way to get it. Since you can have a copy of his lectures and the discussion, I will not try to give you any of it here.

At this same time our good Methodist university announced that it had applied for an Air Force ROTC program to be installed on the campus on a permanent and compulsory basis for freshman and sophomore men. This was met with mixed feelings from many of the students and faculty, especially the 75 or 100 students who went to the coast to hear Bayard Rustin, of which 35 of them organized themselves and produced a 4-page statement of their principles and suggestions of alternatives which was mimeographed and sent to all the faculty, trustees, every Methodist preacher in the Oregon Conference and was available to all the students who were interested. The week after school was out, the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Oregon was held on Willamette's campus, and the issue was brought to the conference in its Education committee, and other places, and finally the various concerned conference committees prepared a lengthy resolution and plan which was barely adopted by the Conference as a whole by a vote of 89-74. In this the Church asks the Trustees of the University to terminate the ROTC program with the Air Force at the earliest possible time (the contract is already signed, and can be terminated at the end of any school year upon the desire of either party). But, as the President says, the Church does not run its own school--the church has 9 trustees on the Board, the alumni association has 6, and the other 30 of the 45-member board are elected by the trustees themselves, so that in effect they are an independent and self-perpetuating organization using the name of the church for prestige and support, but not necessarily loyal to it. I wonder how many other church colleges are really in this same situation. And the battle for peace continues. The Air Force will have 11 men on the campus as faculty, 3 times as much military will be required as religion, and the faculty has only 1½ members in the religion dept., 1 in philosophy (and the President just fired him as of June 1952) and 2 in Sociology (one of whom is being let go in June 1952). Yet Willamette offers that uniquely spiritual and Christian atmosphere for education with a high moral purpose, etc. which is presumably not found in the State colleges with their compulsory military training and tax support.

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Possibly the August contributions could be for first semester scholarships only, and the group might desire to contribute for second semester scholarships on the basis of the October report. But the important thing is to do something now so we will not procrastinate in this matter for another year--send Wrights your ideas and contributions right away for immediate use.--Cecil.

This edition of SCAN is being duplicated on my own machine--I recently got a good, used Speed-O-Print, which means I find much more such work to do.

In fellowship, *Cecil*