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ERNEST K. LINDLEY



BENJAMIN E. MAYS

January 18, 1954

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WASHINGTON EDITOR, NEWSWEEK

"A Responsible Foreign Policy"

Rhodes Scholar, recipient of the Overseas Press Club Award, Lindley has been Chief of the Washington Bureau of *Newsweek* since 1937. Beginning as a reporter for the *Wichita Beacon* in 1924, he has also written for the *New York World*, and the *New York Herald Tribune* before coming to *Newsweek*. He has been a radio commentator for both NBC and BBC, and has also served as political commentator of the *Washington Post*. He is the author of numerous books about the political scene, including *Franklin D. Roosevelt—A Career in Progressive Democracy*; *A New Deal for Youth* (with Betty Lindley); *How War Came* (with Forrest Davis); and *Half Way with Roosevelt*. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, National Press Club, and Overseas Writers.

January 25, 1954

BENJAMIN E. MAYS

PRESIDENT, MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

"Responsibilities of Freedom in Human Relations"

A leader in Negro education as well as in religious thought, Mays was a delegate to the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948, and for the next four years was a member of the Central Committee of the World Council. Former Dean of the School of Religion at Howard University, and now President of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Mays holds six honorary doctorates, as well as Master's and Doctor's degrees from the University of Chicago. His writings have appeared in half a hundred magazines, and he is the author or co-author of several books. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, in 1949 Mays was named "Alumnus of the Year" by the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.



BROOKS HAYS

February 1, 1954

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, ARKANSAS

"Foundations for World Peace"

A Southerner, a devout churchman, and a vigorous politician, Brooks Hays has been active in politics since his graduation from Law School in 1922. Born in Arkansas in 1898, he was elected to Congress in 1942, after many lively battles for clean and honest elections. A member of the Committee on Banking and Currency for eight years, since 1951 he has served on the important Foreign Affairs Committee. Hays is a recognized authority on the problems of farm tenancy, and is proud of his share in drafting the Jones-Bankhead Act. He has long been a champion of civil rights for minority groups. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, and George Washington University, holds several honorary degrees, is a Vice-President of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is a member of the American Legion, Masons, Lions, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Chi.

February 8, 1954

HODDING CARTER

EDITOR, THE DELTA DEMOCRAT-TIMES

"The Irresponsibly Free"

Pulitzer Prize winner and now a member of the Pulitzer Prize Advisory Board, Carter is the editor and publisher of the *Delta Democrat-Times* in Greenville, Mississippi. Through his writings there and in many books and magazines, he has become known as the spokesman of the new South. A major during the war, he was named a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army in 1952 and 1953. In addition to the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing in 1946, he has received the Niemann Fellowship for newspapermen, the Guggenheim Fellowship for creative writing, and the Southern Literary Award. He is a trustee of Peabody College, and a member of the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools. Last year he spent four months in Asia for the U. S. Department of State, and is returning from a similar trip to Hawaii just in time for this lecture.



MARGARET FRAKES

February 15, 1954

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ASSOCIATE EDITOR, THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY

"Churchwomen's Freedom Brings Responsibility"

Long interested in the status of women in Protestant Churches, Margaret Frakes recently wrote a series of articles about outstanding women in the religious life of today. With an A. B. degree from Missouri Wesleyan and a Master's degree in Journalism from Northwestern, she was formerly on the staff of the *Epworth Herald*. Joining the editorial staff of *The Christian Century* in 1944, she was made associate editor in 1951. Miss Frakes' special concern is also in the use of films in the wholesome development of family life. For a number of years she conducted a film reviewing service for both religious and general magazines. She is a member of Bryn Mawr Community Church, which is Congregational-Christian-related, in Chicago, Illinois. She is on the committee for the United Church Women's magazine, *The Church Woman*.

February 22, 1954

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

RABBI, THE TEMPLE, CLEVELAND

"The Spiritual Basis of Human Freedom"

Recently chosen as one of the twelve most eminent preachers in this country, Rabbi Silver represents the fifth generation of rabbis in a distinguished family. Born in Lithuania, for the past thirty-five years he has been spiritual leader of the largest liberal Jewish congregation in the United States. President of the Zionist Organization of America, he is one of the leaders responsible for the establishment of the State of Israel. Feeling that religion is both a quest for social justice and a search for God, Rabbi Silver is an eloquent spokesman for modern Jewish thought, and is actively identified with many social movements of our times. He was one of the religious leaders chosen to deliver a prayer during the inauguration of President Eisenhower.

Fifteenth Annual Institute

"The Responsibilities of Freedom," our theme for 1954, is the imperative consummation of last year's theme, "Strengthening Freedom In America."

Freedom is more than a theory or a constitutional guarantee to worship, to speak, to publish, to assemble, and to be tried by a jury of peers. It is a superior way of life and action, from day to day, in all places and institutions, for and by all persons regardless of their religious, racial or national origins and insights. It is a democratic, liberated process of choosing a way and living it with a universally good conscience.

Freedom in action is the opposite of static tyranny, be it economic, political, national, or ecclesiastic. It assumes significant growth through meaningful experimentation and readjustment according to the practical and spiritual needs of mankind. It further assumes the privilege of dissent and honest difference of opinion, of making investigation of the doubtful and the unknown without being accused of subversion or disloyalty, of associating freely and fearlessly with others for the sake of understanding and dissemination of truth, of espousing unpopular causes that affect the common welfare. Its primary ends are the material and physical well-being of all, justice and equity not only in the courts but also in the production and distribution of goods, and the personal as well as social realization of all that is beautiful and true and good in a free society. Such freedom enhances the personal dignity of man; it releases his imaginative and creative talents; it lifts him toward God, his maker and source of everlasting mercy, infinite power and universal love.

Friends and Patrons of the Institute

The Committee of the 1954 Institute of Religion extends greetings to its many patrons and friends. It hopes that they will participate generously in every phase of its program—its dinners, classes and lectures. As in all past sessions, the entire community is invited to share in its opportunities.

The Institute is entirely supported by contributions, and its continuance depends on the help of its friends. One may become a Patron of the Institute by the gift of five dollars or more, but any gift is welcome. Make checks payable to Treasurer, Institute of Religion. Offerings are taken at each 8 P.M. session.

The COURSES (meeting at 7:00 p.m. each Monday evening)

ALCOHOLISM: A PUBLIC CONCERN. The primary purpose of the course is to convey information to the public concerning the treatment and prevention of the illness of alcoholism; to describe the symptoms of alcoholism, to outline some of the causative elements, and to suggest procedures for reducing the incidence of the illness. The various problems related to beverage alcohol will be discussed, with primary emphasis on alcoholism. How alcohol affects the body and the personality will be detailed. The psychological and sociological aspects of interpersonal relationships as they are related to the underlying emotional disorders of alcoholism will be analyzed. And the responsibility of the community and its institutions in the prevention of alcoholism will be discussed.

January 18: THE NORTH CAROLINA ALCOHOLIC REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND PROBLEMS OF ALCOHOL, Dr. Kelly and Mr. Proctor.

January 25: PHYSIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF BEVERAGE ALCOHOL, Dr. Kelly.

February 1: ALCOHOLISM: AN EMOTIONAL DISORDER, Dr. Kelly.

February 8: ALCOHOLISM: AN EMOTIONAL DISORDER (continued), Dr. Kelly.

February 15: ALCOHOLISM: TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION, Dr. Forizs.

February 22: ALCOHOLISM, THE COMMUNITY, AND MENTAL HEALTH, Dr. Kelly.

Leader of the Course: Mr. D. W. Sanders, Principal of Hugh Morson High School. The content of the course will be discussed by Mr. S. K. Proctor, Director, and his associates, Dr. Norbert L. Kelly and Dr. Lorant Forizs, of the N. C. Department of Alcoholic Rehabilitation.

Place of Meeting: Rooms 22 and 24, second floor of educational wing.

TODAY'S PROBLEMS—CAN RELIGION HELP? The course will attempt to bring both the wisdom and dynamic of religion to some of the problems of living together in our times. A portion of the time during each period will be used for discussion. It is hoped that out of these studies will come some proposals and plans for action.

January 18: WHAT CONSTITUTES A RELIGIOUS APPROACH TO OUR PROBLEMS OF LIVING TOGETHER?

January 25: A RELIGIOUS APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF COMMUNISM: (1) WHAT IS THE COMMUNIST THREAT?

February 1: A RELIGIOUS APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF COMMUNISM: (2) HOW TO DEAL WITH THE INTERNAL THREAT.

February 8: A RELIGIOUS APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF COMMUNISM: (3) HOW TO DEAL WITH THE WORLD-WIDE THREAT.

February 15: A RELIGIOUS APPROACH TO THE RACE PROBLEM IN NORTH CAROLINA: (1) THE PROBLEM WITHIN THE CHURCH.

February 22: A RELIGIOUS APPROACH TO THE RACE PROBLEM IN NORTH CAROLINA: (2) THE PROBLEM IN SCHOOLS, TRANSPORTATION, AND SO FORTH.

Leader of the Course: Rev. Charles M. Jones, Pastor of the Community Church, Chapel Hill.

Place of Meeting: Auditorium of the educational wing.

WORLD UNDERSTANDING—A TWO-WAY RESPONSIBILITY. Discussions designed to set forth the means of achieving greater understanding of the world's needs, with special emphasis upon student exchange, the fine arts, technical assistance, work camps, and the United Nations.

January 18: THE NEED FOR WORLD UNDERSTANDING, Professor J. Floyd Moore, Department of Religion, Guilford College.

January 25: WORLD UNDERSTANDING THROUGH STUDENT EXCHANGE, panel: Chairman, Dr. George Gullette, Head of Social Studies, North Carolina State College; Miss Maxine Garner, Meredith College; Mr. Hans Kandlbinder, student from Germany, Duke University; Mrs. Komalam Reddy, Ass't Directress of Education, State of Delhi, India; and Mr. Raden Soeroto, student from Indonesia, North Carolina State College.

February 1: WORLD UNDERSTANDING THROUGH ART, Professor Eduardo F. Catalano of Argentina, Visiting Professor of Architecture and Acting Head of Department, School of Design, North Carolina State College.

February 8: WORLD UNDERSTANDING THROUGH THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, Professor Joseph L. Allison, Research Professor of Plant Pathology, School of Agriculture, North Carolina State College.

February 15: WORLD UNDERSTANDING THROUGH WORK CAMPS, The Reverend Leon D. Sanborne, Union Church, Berea, Kentucky.

February 22: WORLD UNDERSTANDING THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS, Dr. William Stuart Nelson, Dean, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Leader of the Course: Mrs. Roy N. Anderson, International Relations Department, Raleigh Woman's Club.

Place of Meeting: Dining room of the church.

INSTITUTE CALENDAR

Fellowship Dinners 6 P. M.

On each Monday evening during the Institute, the women of the church will serve a Fellowship Dinner in the church basement. The dinners are priced at \$1 each, or the series of 6 for \$5. Dinner reservations should be made by 1 P.M. each Monday by calling the church, 2-1119, or Miss Susie Allen, 2-0992.

Courses 7 P. M.

1. Alcoholism: A Public Concern, D. W. Sanders, Leader
2. Today's Problems - Can Religion Help? Rev. Chas. M. Jones, Leader
3. World Understanding — A Two-way Responsibility, Mrs. Roy N. Anderson, Leader

Speakers 8 P. M.

- Jan. 18—Ernest K. Lindley
"A Responsible Foreign Policy"
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"The Spiritual Basis of Human Freedom"

Reserved Seats

The only reserved seats for the 8 o'clock lecture are those saved for all who attend the 7 o'clock classes. No seats will be held after 8 P. M.

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