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Biographical Information

Personal data:

Born April 1, 1924 at Atlantic City, New Jersey.
Married December 30, 1949 to Marna Jean Kuemmerlein of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.
Father of four sons - Peter, David, Paul, Daniel.

Education:

B.A. - Ursinus College.
B.D. - Garrett Theological Seminary.
Ph.D. - University of Chicago.

Employment:

Private Secretary to a Member of British Parliament, 1947-48.
Associate Director of Adult Education of the Central YMCA of Chicago, 1950-51.
Minister of the Embury Methodist Church of Chicago, 1952-55.
Methodist Chaplain at the University of Chicago, 1955-60.
Member of the Faculty of the Perkins School of Theology, SMU, 1960-

Publications:

Translation and Introduction, The Politics of Johannes Althusius (Beacon Press, 1964).
Published articles include "Reflections on Church and State," "Toward a Christian Doctrine of Associations," "Crisis of Conscience in Dallas," "The Ministry in the Age of the Reformation," and "The Nuremberg Chronicle As an Interpreter of Its Age."
Now engaged on a book on Early Protestant Social Thought for Oxford University Press, and on several articles in historical and contemporary ethics.

Awards:

University Fellow at the University of Chicago, 1951-52.
Council of the Humanities Fellow at Southern Methodist University, 1963-64.

Miscellaneous:

Teaches course each year with the Dean of the SMU Law School entitled "Ethics and Law." Course enrollment limited to ten advanced students from the SMU Law School and ten from the Perkins School of Theology.
Lectures regularly for the Institute of Management (sponsored by the Texas Manufacturers' Association) on the topic "The Relevance of Ethics to Business."
Speaks extensively to university, church, and professional associations on various topics in the field of ethics.

It is my happy responsibility to introduce our main speaker this evening. As some of you know, the University is observing Religious Emphasis Week, that remarkable yearly ritual, not too much unlike the weekly ritual of going to church on Sunday, which brings to the foreground for concentrated attention religious matters so that ^{the} really important things of life for the rest of the year or week can be cared for, unencumbered by any religious considerations. I suppose it is a good thing one week a year and one day a week to emphasize religion, for otherwise, so far as I have been able to determine or observe, in many respects it would be impossible to acknowledge that religious convictions or considerations ever inform the lives of many of us. It is, perhaps, good to be reminded from time to time that religious considerations, certainly religious institutions, do exist.

Paradoxically, perhaps no time in history has it been so important to from time to time emphasize the religious, for, as no doubt many of you know, the Christian West and the United States in particular, have been in the vortex of recrudescing religiosity, a religious revival, that is to say, the curve that charts church membership and attendance is wavering upward. This upward movement of the curve on the religious chart should be considered with as much concern as some consider the upward movement of the curves that chart alcohol, narcotic, and, I suppose now, tobacco consumption. I think it would be very revealing if a study were made of to what extent, the movement of all these curves correlate with or parallel each other. If the First Amendment of our Constitution would permit, it might be healthy that we have a Minister of Salvation which would finance a Liturgy General Report, disclosing the uses and

effects of religion on people in the United States. I would be willing to wager, members of the cloth and students of Criminal Law, please forgive this lapse in my conduct and choice of words, I would be willing to wager you that it would be more than the proverbial snow ball's chance in hell that the report would be very similar to the recent Surgeon General's report on tobacco. The stocks of the various churches would go down, but people would continue to use religion. We just as well fact it, alcohol, narcotics, tobacco, and religion fulfill definite crying needs and they are here to stay. It may be reassuring to our speaker this evening (and I am going to get around to introducing you presently) and my visiting friends of the cloth to know, that just as I am opposed to the outlawing of alcohol and tobacco, I am also opposed to the outlawing of religion. The outlawing of any of them would be equally futile, if not mischievous, and furthermore, as to the use of religion and church attendance, it has one saving grace over drinking and smoking, its use has no hangover or after effects.

Certain Ministers in the Religion Center, after meeting and conversing with me regarding some of the ideas on natural law and other subjects held by Mr. Callahan and myself of this School of Law, decided it might not be a bad idea to do some intellectual and spiritual missionary work in the School of Law. Although I am supposed to be a friend of religion, especially the Wesley Foundation, on whose Board of Directors I serve, I believe it would not be an exaggeration to say that the Ministers of the Religion Center felt that if I ^{am} were religion's friend on this campus, they might do well to cultivate some enemies. So they were so good as to obtain for us this evening a scholarly missionary

from Dallas who ^{can} ~~could~~ bring to these Stygian law halls a breath of fresh air, a shaft of exegetical, spiritual light. When first I was informed that our missionary was to come from Dallas, I was a little apprehensive, for I was afraid that only an ill wind or dark light could blow or dart in from Dallas. However, after reading the credentials of our distinguished and learned missionary, I was reassured that all should go well, if not peacefully, for our missionary not only has a bachelor~~s~~ of arts from Ursinus College and a bachelor of divinity from Garrett Theological Seminary, but also a doctor of philosophy from the University of Chicago, that bastion of learning, enlightenment, and wisdom.