

Religion

Silver Stresses Faith, Importance of Individual

By EVIE ONSA

Dr. Abba Silver, Rabbi of the Temple in Cleveland, last night stressed the importance of the individual and the need of a strong sustaining faith in the challenging days ahead.

Dr. Silver, speaking on "Man's Hope in the Atomic Age," called this age "one of the truly great in human history," and cited the three major trends today as 1) the abolition of war, 2) the reduction of poverty, and 3) the elimination of racial segregation.

His talk was the last of the Centennial Series on Religion, sponsored by the Committee of 13, a group representing the three major religious traditions on campus.

Although he considers this age a great one, he said we cannot yet view this time with objectivity because it is too close to us. We are too involved in the turmoil to view the new emerging patterns of life.

Social Progress Is Being Made
Many regard this age as materialistic and a time of helplessness drifting toward atomic destruction. But he considers this a time of greatness where progress is being made, not only in terms of science but, more important, in social progress, human advancement, and civilization.

"More is being done to raise the standards of the common man," he said. "Never have people been so concerned with the 'forgotten man.' Determined efforts have been made to bring about a fairer sharing of the wealth.

Quotes Einstein
Quoting Einstein, he said that if a man has no feeling for his fellow man or considers him meaningless, he is not only unfortunate but unqualified for life.

Dr. Silver constantly stressed man's importance and said "man must live always as if his life were tremendously significant." Religion, he said, has tried to give man this feeling of importance in the universe. His nobility is derived from kinship with God.

As enemies of man's constant struggle to retain his individuality and inherent dignity, he cited the ghosts of fascism and nazism whose ideals still exist today, and communism which controls more than one-fourth of the world.

Propaganda Undermines
He complained that too many men today are handled as statistics or mere cattle. The two forces undermining the individual today, he said, are organized propaganda, which stampedes men into thinking like special interest groups want them to think, and attacks made against teachers and legislators in the name of Americanism. Organized propaganda has "developed in our day into a dangerous pseudo-science. Radio and television can undo overnight the slow, painful work of education," he said.

As a solution to the alternatives confronting mankind—those of co-existence and nonexistence—he



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Centennial Lecturer

Coeds May Apply For Scholarships Given by Tri-Delt

Women students are eligible to apply for scholarships in the 1956 Tri-Delta General Scholarship Competition which closes Feb. 25, 1956.

Applicants may, or may not, be fraternity members but they should be well-qualified students, showing promise of being valuable citizens in their future communities.

The competition is open on all campuses where Delta Delta Delta chapters are located. The amount of awards on any one of the campuses included will not exceed \$200.

The Delta Delta Delta Awards Committee will be the sole judge of the merits of the candidates. The successful applicants will be notified by May 15, 1956, and the scholarships will be forwarded to them at the beginning of the term for which the awards are granted. Scholarships may be used for the summer session 1956.

prescribed a basic and sustaining faith.

Song Contest Opened Again By Leonides

By PAULINE METZA

Leonides, independent women's organization, voted last night, by a margin of one, to re-open their theme song contest until the end of the second week of classes next semester.

Camelia Blount, secretary, who had originally offered the suggestion for the contest, said she thought it "would create interest among the girls."

Pointing out that the council members represent the independent women on campus, she said: "If you carry the message back to them, everything will be all right. If you don't do anything, how do you expect them to do anything? You can't imagine how hurt I was to find out that not even a member on council had written a song."

Members on the council who voted against continuing the song contest said there was not enough incentive to write a song and that few independent women were really qualified to write a song. One girl said "they wouldn't do it for \$20 or even \$30."

Judith Pendleton, president, announced that she would be student teaching next semester and Norma Talarico, junior in education from Bradford, would take her place.

In closing the last Leonides meeting of the semester, Miss Pendleton said that some units had not been getting reports from their representatives. "There has been a lack somewhere," she said.

"If you girls feel it is too difficult or it takes too much time," she said, "then appoint someone else to do it. We can only reach the girls through our representative and it is your duty to report to your girls. Make sure that you have some way of communicating to them what is going on."

Choir Avoids 'Cycle' Menace in Holland

By MARNIE SCHENCK

(This is the last in a series of articles on the European tour this summer of the Chapel Choir)

The first warning which was given to the Chapel Choir members as they stepped off the train from Paris in Amsterdam, Holland, this summer was "Watch out for the bicycles." When they walked out onto the street they found out why.

"There they were coming lickity-split from all directions not caring particularly whether they hit you or not, so you had to get out of the way," said one choir member.

The choir arrived in Amsterdam on the final leg of the six-weeks tour for a two-day stay before flying back to the United States on July 28.

On the next day the choir was taken on a boat for a sightseeing trip through the canals.

What really clinched the trip was an excellent guide who spoke almost perfect English and had a "really great" sense of humor. One of the sights was a three-story house which was no wider than a man's out-stretched arms.

Visits Harbor
The boat also took them out into the harbor where there were many ships of different nations. The guide informed them that that wasn't water pouring off the decks of a Russian ship but vodka instead. And that if the Iron Curtain was ever lifted an iron and steel ship which was being built in a ship yard there could be finished.

That night the choir had dinner in a museum where many original Rembrandts and Houchs are housed. Students with perfect English conducted a tour for them.

Gave 'Perfect' Concert
Later in the evening the choir gave what many have termed their most perfect concert. It was held at the old Dutch Reformed Church in the center of Amsterdam where the Puritans had worshipped before leaving for America.

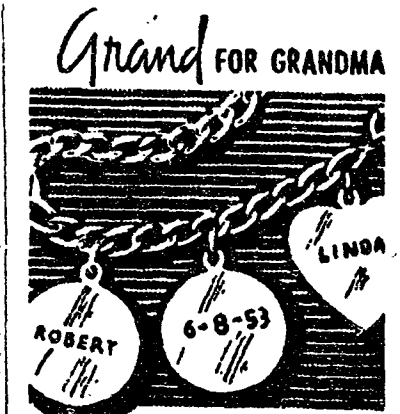
The occasion was especially solemn as it was the last time that the members would ever sing again as a group.

Later the choir was entertained at a champagne cocktail party (two bottles per table) given them by the European sponsors of their trip.

Worried About Baggage
On the following day some students found time to sightsee but many were involved in the worries of how to get home their clothes plus all the things they had bought in Europe in 44 pounds allowed by the air lines. Some found it necessary to wear

towels around their waists or three skirts.

All departed for the airport where the KLM, Royal Dutch Airline, gave them a banquet before boarding the plane. As the last speech was made and present given the plane taxied up almost to the building and with a parting song, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," the Penn State Chapel Choir left for home.



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