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## Meet the Professor Moderator Selected

Harold Taylor, former president of Sarah Lawrence College, will moderate the new AHE TV series, *Meet the Professor*.

The series of 13 Sunday afternoon programs about representative American professors, scheduled to begin on January 29, will be written by Elliott Baker, Alvin Boretz, and Robert Lewis Shayon.

Mr. Taylor, before his 14-year tenure as Sarah Lawrence president, was a professor at the University of Wisconsin and the New School for Social Research; research associate, Office of Scientific Research and Development; director American Labor Education Service; and chairman of the U. S. Commission on Labor Scholarships in the United Kingdom.

The author of *On Education and Freedom* and more than 200 articles in books and journals, Mr. Taylor is known as one of the most

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## STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS ATTACKED

*Operation Abolition*, a film "account" of demonstrations involving college students in San Francisco last spring, is the storm center of a growing controversy.

The film, often under official or semiofficial sponsorship, is being widely distributed and shown to government officials (running the gamut from local police officers to high federal officials); to corporation employees; to school, college, club, and church groups; and to private organizations. It is claimed that the film is "evidence" of a "classic Communist tactic," whereby college students become "dupes" or worse.

Controversy about the film, as interpreted by the editorial staff of CUB, seems to center on at least two main points:

1. Charges are made in the film that the demonstrations, which took place at the time of hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC), were Communist inspired and Communist led.

There is certainly no doubt that there were many Bay Area students in the crowds at the hearing.

The HUAC claim that the demonstration was "Communist led," however, has been sharply contradicted by trusted newspaper reporters, and by many faculty members and students in published letters, articles, petitions, and newspaper ads.

Several people who were called Communists by the narrator and by Congressmen in the film had been subpoenaed by the committee. The film later shows two of these standing in the crowd outside the Hearing

Room participating in singing.

In a wholesale dismissal of "riot" charges placed by police against some of the students after the demonstrations, Judge Albert A. Axelrod of San Francisco said he was convinced the students, rather than spreading "subversive propaganda," wanted only "to exercise their prerogative of protesting what they believed to be an undemocratic hearing."

The students against whom riot charges had been placed issued a statement, saying in part: "Nobody incited us, nobody misguided us. We were led by our own convictions and we still stand firmly by them."

2. Countercharges have been

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## AHE SOLICITS CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions pertinent to higher education are now being solicited for possible consideration at the 16th National Conference on Higher Education. AHE members are cordially invited to submit resolutions to AHE headquarters between now and the resolutions deadline on February 1.

"Goals for Higher Education in a Decade of Decision" will be the theme of this year's conference, to be held at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, March 5-8. The conference is sponsored annually by the Association for Higher Education for the purpose of examining trends and problems which affect higher education as a whole.

## IRS Rules Against Tax-Exempt Life Income Plans

A recent ruling of the Internal Revenue Service changes the tax-exempt status of certain college fund raising practices. In the future, when securities and property are given to colleges to be sold and re-invested (or exchanged) for tax-exempt securities to give the donor a tax-exempt income, the donor will be subject to taxation.

The Internal Revenue Service now holds that: "Where the trustee is under an obligation, either express or implied, to sell or exchange the transferred property and to purchase tax-exempt securities, it is held that the transferor has given the trustee not the appreciated property but, rather, the proceeds of the sale or exchange which he has required the trustee to consummate. Therefore, the gain from such sale or exchange is includible in the gross income of the transferor in the taxable year in which the sale or exchange is consummated."

Transfers of such property taking place after December 2, 1960 will be affected by the ruling, which is not retroactive.

In recent years donors have given securities to colleges with the stipulation that the donor would receive the income for a stated time. By

virtue of the fact that the principal was a gift, the donor got the usual tax benefits of a tax deduction in the year of the gift and avoided the capital gains tax. Because the college converted the principal at the donor's direction into tax-exempt securities, the donor received tax-exempt income.

Not affected by the new ruling are: ordinary life income plans which do not involve conversion of property into tax-exempt securities; the definition of gift worth as the fair market value at the time of the gift; and the ability of an institution to unify investment management by pooling or merging property received from different trusts or gift contracts.

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provocative and original thinkers in the field of American education. He first came to national prominence in 1945 when he was appointed to the presidency of Sarah Lawrence at the age of 30. During the McCarthy era he was a vigorous leader in the fight for the freedom of universities and teachers. Throughout his career he has played an important role in the struggle against racial and religious intolerance.

Mr. Taylor resigned from Sarah Lawrence last year to devote himself

to teaching and writing. He spent five months in Asia and Russia in 1959 conferring with such people as political leaders, intellectuals, and educators about the problems of the Asian countries. Since his return to this country, Mr. Taylor has been lecturing at universities and colleges and writing a book on modern liberalism and modern education.

Included in Elliott Baker's writing credits are scripts for such shows as *Robert Montgomery Presents*, *Kaiser Aluminum Hour*, *U. S. Steel Hour*, and *Frontiers of Faith*. He was writer and associate producer of *The Twentieth Century*, *A Salute to the American Theater* and wrote the play, *Doctor from Parnassus*.

Alvin Boretz has written for such well-known television programs as *Playhouse 90*, *Alcoa-Goodyear Theater*, *Kraft Television Theatre*, *Armstrong Circle Theatre*, *Suspense*, and *Big Story*. An experienced writer of radio programs, Mr. Boretz received a first prize award from Ohio State for the documentary, "Little Girl Lost." He has also written scripts for many industrial and documentary films.

*Everybody's Mountain*, a radio series about educational experiments in the nation's schools and colleges, was written and narrated by Robert Shayon and is currently being broadcast on 75 stations throughout the nation. Well-known to *Saturday Review* readers because of his regular radio-TV column, Mr. Shayon is a frequent contributor to other magazines on TV-radio and education. He created the radio program, "You Are There," and as a writer-producer-director for the Columbia Broadcasting System he was responsible for award-winning documentaries on atomic energy and juvenile delinquency.

*Meet the Professor* is being produced by the American Broadcasting Company in cooperation with the National Education Association and the Association for Higher Education.



College presidents listen to Senator Joseph Clark (D-Pa.) at one of the sessions of the First Washington Seminar for College and University Presidents held by AHE last June. Copies of the Seminar proceedings are available at AHE headquarters (see page 4).

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made that the film has been deliberately distorted to give a false impression of the actual events.

Newsreels of the demonstrations and hearings last May were taken by cameramen for TV stations KRON and KPIX in San Francisco. Immediately after the hearings, the film was subpoenaed by HUAC and portions of it were subsequently used in *Operation Abolition*.

The text of the film has been incorporated into a HUAC report entitled "The Communist-Led Riots Against the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco, Calif., May 12-14, 1960." A print of the film was also submitted with the report because, in the committee's view, "only the film can portray fully the actual occurrence."

Representatives Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.), chairman of the committee, and Gordon Scherer (R-Ohio), August E. Johansen (R-Mich.), and others appear in the film as commentators.

That there are "inaccuracies" and "distortions" was publicly admitted by a staff member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Disagreement on the extent of the distortions provides the topic of a debate of considerable importance in view of the sponsorship of the film and of the size of its audience.

Following are two items, out of many in this complex event, which are in dispute.

- In an attempt to "prove" that the "riots" were "Communist inspired" the narrator of the film states: "Among the Communist leaders who had an active part in the



*James W. Reynolds, immediate past president of the Association for Higher Education (right), chats with Benjamin C. Willis, chairman of the Educational Policies Commission, NEA, at a recent meeting of the commission in Chicago. Mr. Reynolds, professor of higher education, The University of Texas, was appointed to the commission this past fall.*

San Francisco 'abolition' campaign and the protest demonstrations was Harry Bridges, whom you see here being escorted out of City Hall by police officials moments before the rioting broke out."

This timing of the appearance of Bridges seems to be at variance with a statement in a report by J. Edgar Hoover: "Communist Target—Youth," in which Hoover says, "Order had been restored when Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, suddenly appeared on the scene."

According to newspaper accounts, Harry Bridges was on the scene that day because he had been subpoenaed to appear in connection with a completely different case in another courtroom in the same building.

- At one point in the demonstration police turned fire hoses on the students because, states the unidentified film narrator, the mob had become "unruly" and surged "forward to storm the doors," but the film itself shows no such attempt.

After the "riots," the sheriff of San Francisco County is quoted in the *Reporter* magazine as saying, "There was no act of physical aggression on the part of the students."

## Derthick Accepts NEA Post

Lawrence G. Derthick, U. S. Commissioner of Education since 1956, has been appointed assistant executive secretary of educational services at the National Education Association. He will enter his new post in January.

The Association for Higher Education is included in the area of educational services at NEA, as well as adult education, audio-visual instruction, rural education, international relations, and safety education.

Before he became U. S. Commissioner of Education, the new assistant executive secretary served as an administrator and teacher in elementary and high schools, a professor, and chief of the education branch of the Office of Military Government for Bavaria.

## AID FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED GROUPS URGED

A national foundation to ensure "equality of opportunity in education" for disadvantaged groups has been recommended by the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students.

Pointing to the continuing loss of talent from the underprivileged groups, the president of NSSFNS, Richard L. Plaut, said a foundation similar to the National Science Foundation would help correct this situation.

In the past 12 years some 7000 Negro students have entered 350 interracial colleges with the aid of \$2.5 million from NSSFNS. These students have been "well above the national average in curricular and extracurricular performance, without any allowance for poor preparation or cultural lacks," Mr. Plaut said.

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## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**Event: 16th National Conference on Higher Education**

**Place: Morrison Hotel, Chicago**

**Date: March 5-8, 1961**

## AHE Publishes Seminar Report

*The Capitol and the Campus*, a report of the First Washington Seminar for College and University Presidents, is available at AHE headquarters. The 40-page book will sell for 50¢. Single copies are available to AHE members free on request.

The seminar, sponsored by the Association for Higher Education and the Danforth Foundation, was held to acquaint college presidents with the governmental and private facilities available to higher education in Washington, D. C.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

ACADEMIC YEAR INSTITUTES for science and mathematics teachers will receive some \$9.8 million during 1961-62 from the National Science Foundation. The awards, made to 43 colleges and universities, are designed to help junior and senior high school teachers improve their subject-matter knowledge, with special emphasis on new developments in science and mathematics. During the five years the program has been in effect, some 4800 teachers have attended the institutes.

MOST STUDENTS PREFER TO STUDY in small rooms rather than large library reading rooms, reports a four college faculty committee in "Student Reaction to Study Facilities." The committee, composed of faculty members from Amherst, Mount Holyoke, Smith College, and the University of Massachusetts, based its report on an intensive survey of 356 students at the four colleges.

PROJECTS TO IMPROVE MODERN FOREIGN language instruction have received an \$8.4 million boost from the U. S. Office of Education. Contracts for research and survey projects designed to improve the teaching of 83 languages and dialects have been negotiated with 123 colleges, universities, associations, and individual scholars. Funds for the program, largest of its kind ever attempted in American education, were appropriated under terms of the National Defense Education Act.

FIRST SEMESTER GRADES in college are more apt to indicate the chance of a student's college success than precollege data, preliminary findings of a study being conducted at the University of Wisconsin indicate. For example, the 305 men in the liberal arts school who earned

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a "B" their first semester progressed better than the 305 ranked in the top 10 per cent of their high school graduating class, the report states. The first phase of the study is based on the scholastic progress of 4000 UW students who entered college in 1950 and 1951.

INTUITION IS BEING NEGLECTED in American education, states Jerome S. Bruner, Harvard psychologist. In a recently published study, "The Process of Education at Work," he calls for a major research effort to learn more about the nature of intuition and the variables that influence it. Mr. Bruner claims that "the shrewd guess, the fertile hypothesis, the courageous leap to a tentative conclusion—these are the most valuable coin of the thinker at work, whatever his line of work."



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