

Is Peace Feasible?

Norman Thomas Calls For Restraint Of Nuclear Tests

BY VIVIAN GOLDBERG

Despite a flight cancellation, a rescue by ambulance from New Haven to the hospital, a separation from the prepared text of his speech, and Norman Thomas delivered a vigorous address on the question, "Is Peace Feasible?" at the First Unitarian Church of New Haven, Wednesday, April 26.

The socialistic-pacifist discussed first that one should avoid a misapprehension of the present situation in which we are, and then went on to discuss the question of peace. He said that the United States is the major nuclear power, that we are responsible for the arms race, and that it is our responsibility to take the first step towards peace.

"We are in a situation where we must assume the lead,

and we cannot afford to fail."

He went on to say that the United States has a responsibility to the world, and that we must show the world that we are committed to peace.

"We cannot afford to fail in our efforts to promote Peace."

Thomas then went on to discuss the issue of nuclear disarmament, and how it is essential for peace to be achieved.

"Nuclear disarmament is not only necessary for peace, but it is also a moral imperative."

He concluded his speech by saying that it is essential for us to remember that peace is a moral issue, and that we must work towards it with all our might.

"Let us remember that peace is not just a political issue, but a moral one as well."

Prizes For Best Debate

The annual Parker - Merrill speech contest will offer $10 in prizes for four sophomores and three juniors.

The Middlebury Debate Conference will also hold a "New Frontiers in Contemporary European History," for the 1959-1960 competitive season. There will be three topics, prepare for no more than an hour, then give five to seven minutes on each.

The first round of the 1959-60 was the first place award of $20 to the Parker division last year, and the Jacobus division tied for the same one for the 1960 season.

Fred, who is an editor of the debate, will provide information and further details.

The Direct Line...

BY FRANCES B. SHEPPARD

'Juniors cannot keep up with the accumulated work load that comes with the time spent in the Monroe Hall. According to John Bowker, dean of the faculty."

And that is the reason why Monroe Hall is now closed up at 8:30 p.m. every day except Tuesday when the seniors stop by for seminars."

"Except for a few cases of vandalism yet to be handled by the Dean's office, it looks as if Junior Weekend is at an end."

It seems unfortunate that a few characters did not stop and think about their actions this weekend. A little sense might have saved a lot of difficulty."

A vote of thanks should go to the committee responsible for bringing Leonard Hamilton to Middle. He was probably the best entertainer who has been ventured here this far for in a few years."

"'Mean' Green, Hamilton's bass player appeared at Middlebury so much that he is regarded to have said that he would be back next year even if Lionel were not."

The Zeta Pies are upset over the Hot Week project. Seems like they have a legitimate gripe. What appeared to be a project to clean up the Congregational Church ended up at the back yard on Seminary Street."

Any way we look at it, Seminary Street is not in the public view to tourists coming through Middle."

"I understand Help Week that the projects should be a benevolent nature to the community."

Perhaps the Pastor should set up signs directing Route 7 to the back yard."

The Library stayed open at 10:31 p.m. last Monday. That is the longest time the Library stayed open. At the old closing time of 9:45 students were chased out of the upstairs and downstairs areas. About one hour later additional students were herded into the Main Floor area which barelly left room for three students."

Dr. Straton heard about it and now the entire library is open.

Future plans include: If there is to be a language conference it will be held in Memorial Hall."

Casa is now there and it would be no reason to retain Hillcrest."

And if Hillcrest is no longer needed Proctor could expand it, dining area perhaps?"