



Leon Volkov at a question-answer forum after his lecture.

Russian Speaks At St. Mary's

Soviet Affairs expert Leon Volkov spoke to the student body of St. Mary's on Wednesday, February 24, in the Auditorium. His topic was the new Russian leaders and their position on Red China and the Russian foreign policy. After his lecture, Mr. Volkov answered questions for an interested group which gathered in Faculty House.

Leon Volkov was educated at Moscow's Technical Institute, where he received a graduate engineering degree, and at Moscow University, where he received a degree in history and literature. During World War II he was a Lt. Colonel in the Russian Air Force. While flying in Germany in 1945, his plane crashed, and he parachuted to safety into the French sector. The French announced that no one survived the crash.

No more is heard of him, until he came to the United States, where he lived under an assumed name until 1953. But with the change of Russian leaders in 1953, he took his own name again. The United States government conferred citizenship upon Mr. Volkov in 1954 by a special act of Congress. Between 1945 and 1953, he served as a Soviet Affairs consultant to the United States government. He acts as host to all Russian visitors to the United States. In 1959 he accompanied Khrushchev on his tour here.

Associated with *Newsweek Magazine* since he came to the United States, Mr. Volkov is now Soviet Affairs Editor. He is noted for his accurate prediction of Russian action.

In his lecture at St. Mary's, Volkov first discussed the future plans of Alexei Kosygin. Kosygin wants to establish good relations with the United States and with Red China, but Mr. Volkov thinks that there is little chance of success for such a plan, since China wants no part of the West.

Volkov thinks that Russia does not encourage any thought of war, because the cost of a war for Russia would be prohibitive. Her economy is low, and she cannot afford to produce weapons to challenge the United States. While the United States spends one-twelfth of her gross na-

tional product on arms, the Soviet Union is already spending one-fifth of her gross national product and is not as strong as the United States.

"Thus it is cheaper to have peaceful co-existence. Furthermore Russia does not feel that war will be necessary, since communism will eventually spread throughout the world," said Mr. Volkov.

The speaker talked at some length about Russian life. The government tells the people what to do. No one makes his decisions on vital matters. Only limited travel is allowed.

He concluded his speech with an explanation of Khrushchev's place in history. "Although Khrushchev was not a great hero of all time, he should be appreciated, since he avoided war in such places as Berlin and Cuba," said Mr. Volkov.

This lecture was informative and interesting. The question period provided the students and faculty an opportunity to ask special questions. St. Mary's was indeed fortunate to have such a well-informed speaker, who was on an extremely rushed schedule.

Acolytes' Duties Deserve Respect

Much of the serenity and tradition of our daily and Sunday Chapel services is owed to that group of girls comprising the Acolyte Committee. This committee may be composed of girls of any denomination, although a knowledge of the Episcopal service is necessary. "New" acolytes, after a period of training under the supervision of Dr. Guerry and the 'old' acolytes, begin to function in their role.

Although the duties and functions of the Acolyte Committee are not at first apparent, they are extremely important and significant to the traditional ceremony of the Episcopal service. It had originally been the boy or man in the Church who assumed the responsibilities of acolyte and crucifer, but here the girls serve very well. The acolytes at St. Mary's work closely with the Altar Guild in the preparation for services and in the maintenance of the Chapel, al-

Canterbury Plans Activities

Canterbury Club at St. Mary's this year has joined with the Episcopal Church on Campus at N.C. State for projects, conferences, and services. Every Sunday evening there is an Evening Prayer service at Danforth Chapel at N.C. State usually followed by a program. One of the guest speakers this winter was the Rev. William Spong, Chaplain at Duke Hospital, who spoke on contemporary drama; he cited the play *JB* as an example of man's attitude toward death, life, and God. In early February the Rev. Herbert Tucker spoke to the group on the whole scope of existentialism and focused on Christian existentialism as expounded by Paul Tillich, a leading contemporary theologian.

Several girls from St. Mary's go to State every Wednesday night to participate in a study session on systematic theology conducted by the Rev. Philip Cato, Episcopal Chaplain at State. The study has been directed around several questions important to college students: If there is a God, then where is He? What is the meaning of sin? On what do we base our beliefs? Several interesting discussions were centered around a lecture given by a member of the group Dr. Thomas Guion, a professor at State. He spoke on the four aspects of love as given in *The Four Loves* by C. S. Lewis.

The main interest in the past few weeks has centered around *The American Folk Song Mass* which was composed by the Rev. Ian Douglas Mitchell, former chaplain at Northwestern University in Illinois. In 1960 with the help of the Northwestern Canterbury Choir, he recorded parts of the Holy Communion service: *Kyrie Nicene Creed, Sursum Corda, Sanctus, Benedictus, Lord's Prayer, Angus Dei, and Gloria*. The *Kyrie* accompanied by an organ and two guitars is sung at the Sunday morning service at State.

During the remaining months of the year several activities are scheduled. There will be a beach trip later

in the spring; last year the trip was to Beaufort, N. C., for the weekend. There are three conferences scheduled at St. Cyprian's Conference Center at Hampton, Virginia. One will be under the leadership of Josh White, guitarist and jazz singer, on March 19-21. From April 2-4 Brooks Hayes, former Congressman from Arkansas, will speak on "Power Politics in the Twentieth Century." Margaret Meade, renowned anthropologist and sociologist will speak on "Culture: Has it shaped man or has man shaped it?" on April 23-25.

St. Mary's Canterbury will participate in an inter-collegiate conference March 27-28. Malcombe Boyd the "expresso" priest and the author of several books will be the speaker for the conference. The colleges involved are N.C. State, Meredith, Peace, Shaw University, Rex Hospital School of Nursing, St. Augustine's, and St. Mary's. The Rev. R. A. L. Walker, chaplain at Meredith, will speak in chapel concerning the weekend conference.

Movie To Be Shown

ATTENTION: On Saturday, March 13 the movie "Please Don't Eat the Daisies" starring Doris Day, David Niven, and Janis Page will be shown in the St. Mary's auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

This movie is a domestic comedy based on the book by Jean Kerr. The hero is David Niven, a New York drama critic, whose wife, Doris Day, decides to rebuild a fallen down house in the suburbs for their four small children. To escape the renovation the husband goes back to New York where he must escape a pursuing actress, Janis Page.



Acolytes Betsy Price, Mary Wright, and June Hall.

Carolyn Crowder, Sara Jackson, Nancy Johnson, Leslie Johnson, Barbara Leonard, Katherine Nicholson, Gina Root, Mary Rountree, Tracy Richardson, Cantey Tomlinson, and Linda Wootton.