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Religion In Colleges

world to its present chaotic condition is the

belief of many educational leaders. In an ef-

fort to provide an antidote, some colleges

which did not previously have them are

instituting religious courses as an important

Columbia University, one of the number,

has made 35 courses in religion available

not only to the undergraduate body, but also to adult students of its community. These

courses are a departure from the conven-

tional study of the Bible as literature or

philosophy, in that all significant religious

systems are included. An officer of the uni-

versity considers these courses "important

for the maintenance and understanding of

Western culture and its democratic insti-

We often lose sight of the fact that the

founders of this country were religious men.

While they may have committed some sins

in the way of intolerance, their integrity

in most cases has not been assailed. Basic

tenets of religion, chiefly of Christianity,

were woven into our national life from the

time of its inception onward. In our present-

day zeal for tolerance and broadness of view

we have reached a point verging on indif-

ference to spiritual matters. Perhaps we

need more study of religion.Stockton (Calif.)

Carrying On

After a long life of devotion to a small

country church in this county, a widowed

part of the curriculum.

tutions."

Record

That rank materialism has brought the

And for what? Was it made to increasing the killing power in war and leave destruction in its wake?

Possibly the "brain" was designed to fill a need, but viewing conditions as they exist today, it would seem that another kind of "brain" is needed, one that could work for peace and the preservation of human resources.

In calling for a "re-examination" of American foreign policy, the Republicans are not mindful that such action will disclose plenty of Republican "tracks".

Possibly a review of policy is needed, but not with politics as the motive behind it. If our leaders can appraise the policy with the view of correcting possible errors and plotting a safe and sensible course for the future then let the "re-examination" go forward, allowing the chips to fall where they may.

It is not certain if millions were lent Franco to help Spain or to satisfy the lobbyists. Aside from that we are making ready to send an ambassador to Madrid. Our actions make it appear that we are in desperate circumstances, for we are apparently trying to bribe a despot who has trampled into the ground the things we cherish.

'In All Thy Ways-'

Christian Science Monitor

Two courses lie open before the American people. In this hour of crisis they can continue to struggle confusedly for a way out of defeat and dilemma. They can continue to guess at the aims of aggressors and make the same kind of human calculations which have repeatedly failed them. They can continue in the tendency of mortal minds to swing from unfounded hope to unfounded gloom.

Or they can choose a better way. They can turn wholeheartedly to God for guidance. They can go forward with the calm assurance that comes with willingness to rely on His omnipotence. They can demontsrate the insight and foresight which come with even a partial undertstanding of Mind's omniscience. They can purify their own purpose and prove once more that a purpose steadfastly based on Principle carries its own protection progress.

If we read the thought of the nation correctly, it is riper than ever before a concerted and definite move along the second course. The shock of events has prepared it

mother passed away some years ago. The task she had so faithfully performed was readily accepted by a son who is still carrying on in his mother's name. Although he travels in distant states, he forwards contributions regularly.

Many who follow in the wake of leaders in religion and community endeavor are now turning to things of questionable value. establishing a trend away from those things good and noble.

The son who picked up where his mother left off is helping her to live in the hearts of others, and accomplishing something by supporting the work of her church.

Coming Home Rapidly

The Korean trouble, dismissed more or less casually by too many as being just another disturbance half way around the world, is rapidly coming home, bringing uneasiness and grief.

Already there have been seven casualties among Martin County men, including one killed, two missing and four wounded. Already the Korean war rates the fourth most costly for this country in men killed, wounded and missing. Seven weeks ago the casualty count stood at 31,000, a figure that should make everyone stop and think. Surely, it is a day for us to rededicate ourselves to those principles underlying peace and justice for all mankind.

Not Quite Ready

Many countries are not yet quite ready for World Government.

Possibly World Government could not solve all the problems and restore peace to the world, but it would seem that it is time to give World Government more study and consideration. It is fairly certain that world imperalism, be it communistic or captalistic. is too costly to be maintained much longer. We must find a replacement and if we are not to be swallowed up by the isms, we must adopt some other plan, possibly one advanced by the Prince of Peace nearly 2,000 years for prayer. Confused, dismayed, frightened, their own devices exhausted, millions are recognizing the need for a higher wisdom. They have gained the first requisite for effective prayer-humility.

In such an attitude the people are readier genuinely to follow Solomon's counsel in Proverbs: "In all thy ways acknowledge him. and he shall direct thy paths." Praver in this spirit does not attempt to instruct the Almighty. It does not beseech the all-loving Father to make a special dispensation for certain favored ones. It recognizes that His purpose is already wholly good, irresistibly right, and seeks to align the petitioner with that purpose-"Thy will be done."

Prayer is essentially an individual affair. It does not require forms of words or crowds of people. Nor is it something in which one can or should engage only on special occasions. Millions undoubtedly are already praying daily, as the Chief Executive has said he is.

be value in a more definite move to turn the whole nation toward spiritual communion with the one God, each seeking in his own way to open his thought and his hands to the divine help that is ever-available. On that level the American people can reach a foundational unity prerequisite to any conciliation of partisan or personal strife. In that spirit we urge the President to call the nation to a day of prayer.

Poor Pay Big Share of Charity

Americans are giving to charity at the rate of \$4 billion a year, the Russell Sage Foundation reports. "More than half that amount comes from families with relatively low incomes," and less than half is given by the rich.

as 76 per cent of the morey comes out of Uncle Sam's pocket, in "deductions" from the rich man's income tax. The poor man's gifts to charity come out of his own pocket. Charity is a noble quality for rich or poor, but the latter's gifts, like the "widow's