

Sorokin Stages Final Lecture Today

Famed Sociologist To Tell Of 'Hopes For The Future'

By LINDA WHITE

Dr. Pitirim A. Sorokin, who raised comment, questions and at least several eyebrows at a panel-discussion last week with three Valley State professors, will give his final lectures here today at 1 and 8 p.m., in Library 131.

Dr. Sorokin's concluding evening lecture will be the final talk in a three-part discussion of "Basic Trends of Our Times." In addition, the sociologist-author is scheduled to speak on "Hopes for the Future" at 1 p.m. today in Library 131.

Sharply disagreeing with co-panelists Dr. Marin Pundeff, Dr. Noel Voge and Dr. Raoul Naroll, Dr. Sorokin said last Thursday in the second of his basic trend discussions that the future will belong to neither capitalism nor communism but to a third converging international type.

Not Impossible

Impossible? Not so, according to Dr. Sorokin, who pointed out that the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. have more in common than they think they have.

"Our economy has moved quite close in the direction of Russian economy," said Dr. Sorokin. "Capitalism in the United States is nearly dead at the present time. In the United States at least one half the economy is managed by the government. The remaining 40 per cent is managed by corporations."

Religious Difference

In religion, the difference that appears is mainly on the surface, said the Russian-born sociologist.

"No religious persecution exists in today's Soviet Russia," he said. "The Russian Church—its printing, books and priests—are subsidized by the state."

According to Dr. Sorokin, at the present time 50 million Russians belong to the Orthodox Church. In the United States—an avowedly church centered country—40 per cent of the professors of colleges and universities had declared themselves unbelievers by 1920.

In science, convergence is complete, while in the fine arts, there is very little difference between this country and Russia, Dr. Sorokin said.

The only difference in the social-humanistic situation is that the "dialectic material of Russia is more idealistic than most of the philosophical material in the West" according to Dr. Sorokin.

Professor Opposes

Speaking on the political systems and ideologies of the U.S. and Russia, Dr. Pundeff, assistant professor of history, took the opposite stand.

"Are American and Soviet views convergent? I do not think so," said Dr. Pundeff. "Mr. Khrushchev stands for unqualified dictatorship. We stand for government of the people, by the people and for the people."

In answer to Dr. Pundeff's statement, Dr. Sorokin said: "If we would study the political regimes of the present Western powers, we would discover that they have not so much government of the people, by the people and for the people as much as government of the politicians, by the politicians and for the politicians."

politicians and for the politicians."

Understand Conflicts

The best way to understand the Communist system is to understand the conflicts between the basic Russian values of rationalism and emotionalism, and the importance of fine arts in the Soviet, said Dr. Naroll.

"Khrushchev finds it much easier to exile a cabinet member than a poet," he said, referring to Boris Pasternak, author of "Doctor Zhivago."

Taking a dim view of Pasternak's talent as a poet, Dr. Sorokin replied that skillful politics—not skillful writing—has kept the Russian writer out of jail.

"Pasternak always has been a third class writer and poet," Sorokin said. "He was and practically is one of the fellow travelers and this explains why he has never been arrested."

According to Dr. Voge, art for art's sake is heresy in Russia.

"The position of communism is to see that the writer adheres to a program," he said. "The artist in this country has still stuck to the thesis that whatever he says must be from the bottom of his heart without compromise."

U.S. Art Vulgar

How does Dr. Sorokin view American art?

"It is the most vulgar, empty, misleading form of art, widely spread by our radio, our TV, our Life and Saturday Evening Post magazines to the lowest, vulgar bottom. We present, in brief, intellectual chewing gum, and nothing more."

The panel discussion on Russia and the United States was the second in a three-part discussion on the basic trends of our times. The first part of the discussion was given on March 3, when Dr. Sorokin described the struggle between two different orders of obtaining truth as one of the outstanding trends of our times.

Dr. Sorokin also gave a speech on Tuesday, March 8, on "Power and Morality" in which he described the leaders of the world as "morally corrupt, schizophrenic individuals" incapable of preserving peace and order.

On Wednesday, March 9, Dr. Sorokin spoke on "Moral and Religious Polarization in Times of Crisis."

More than 1,400 persons have heard Dr. Sorokin lecture. During his three-week stay on campus, the Harvard professor of sociology has also spoken to history, philosophy, sociology and psychology classes.

Concludes Lectures

Dr. Sorokin's series of lectures was sponsored by the Associated Students under the co-directorship of Art Simon, cultural director, and Bob Hilburn, associated student body president.

"We are greatly honored to have had Dr. Sorokin on campus," said Hilburn.

Arrangements for Dr. Sorokin's stay was made by Dr. Joseph Ford, professor of sociology, and a former student of his at Harvard University.

Dr. Sorokin will conclude his stay on campus at the Leadership Conference this Saturday.



SOROKIN CONCLUDES LECTURES—Dr. Pitirim A. Sorokin, world renowned sociologist and author of more than 40 books in the field, closes a three-week speaking engagement tonight at 8 p.m., in Library 131. Dr. Sorokin, professor emeritus of sociology at Harvard University, has spent the past two weeks on the Valley State campus under joint sponsorship of the Associated Students and College Administration. During this time he has spoken before over 1,400 stu-



dents, faculty members and community leaders. Above left, Bob Hilburn, Associated Student president, presents Dr. Sorokin with an honorary student body card. Center, Dr. Sorokin addresses Dr. Joseph Ford's social theory class. Above right, Dr. Sorokin speaks before an over-flow crowd in Library 131. In his concluding talk tonight Dr. Sorokin will discuss the "Basic Trends of Our Time." He will speak on "Hopes for Peace" at a special lecture today at 1 p.m., in Library 131.



VALLEY STATE



SUNDIAL

VOL. 4, NO. 21

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY STATE COLLEGE, NORTHRIDGE, CALIF.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1960



RUSSIAN TANGO?—Mary Lee Bailey and Spencer Milligan strike dramatic pose from "Come Back, Little Sheba" during final rehearsals for William Inge play opening at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow in Theater Intime. Bonnie DeSimone appears as the curious neighbor, Mrs. Coffman. Performances are also scheduled at 8:30 p.m., Saturday and next Wednesday through Saturday. Tickets are 50 cents with AS card and may be obtained from Graduate Manager's office on the fourth floor of library.

65 Students To Attend Leadership Conference

Valley State College will host 65 high school leaders and their sponsors for the Spring 1960 Leadership Conference this Saturday here on campus.

The all day program will be highlighted by a luncheon hour speech in the Cafeteria by Dr. Pitirim Sorokin, world famed author and sociologist, who will end his two week residence on campus Saturday. Dr. Sorokin has chosen for his topic, "Scientists, Sages and Saints."

The purpose of the conference is to increase the interest and knowledge of student government and to acquaint the stu-

dents with Valley State, indicated Bill Sloan, AS vice president and official host of the event.

Welcome Extended

Following the welcome and introduction to Valley State, the delegates will attend several discussion groups.

Paul Treat, president of the Young Republicans Club of Valley State, will conduct a discussion on "Parliamentary Procedure and the Duties of Officers."

"Student-Faculty Relationships" will be discussed by Pete Cassidy, AMS president.

Vince Barabba, school yearbook editor and master-of-ceremonies of the conference, will chair a discussion on "Communications and Publication."

Art Simon will lead a talk on "Cultural Activities and Programs."

The faculty advisors will also take part in discussion group which will be under the chairmanship of Robert J. Williams, acting dean of students.

Prator To Speak

President Ralph Prator will extend a welcome at the luncheon on behalf of the students and faculty of Valley State.

Students from Valley State, who are interested in school government, may attend the conference Saturday. However, they must make arrangements for their attendance in A-5 prior to the event and only a limited number will be signed, indicated Dr. Howard Fleming, associate dean of student activities.

"Whether or not this will be an annual event here at Valley State will depend upon the attendance at this year's conference," Sloan pointed out.

Date Set For Price Lecture

Vincent Price, well known to the stage and screen and as an authority on art, will speak March 26 at 8 p.m., in the Rededa High School auditorium, 18230 Klittridge St.

Price will speak on "Three American Voices," featuring James McNeill Whistler, Walt Whitman and Tennessee Williams.

Two appearances on a nationwide television quiz show established him as an expert in art, his lifelong interest. Enthusiastic about initiating people into the enjoyment of art, Price is always eager to bring the people of the community some of the excitement and enthusiasm he feels for the arts.

Art Devotee

His recent book, "I Like What I Know," demonstrates his love of art. It also promises to add a new distinction to his reputation as an art connoisseur.

Friday Yearbook Photo Deadline

Notice

Three Valley State professors will exchange views on current political controversies in a "Symposium on American Politics" at 2 p.m., Wed. in Library 131.

Taking a look at the 1960 presidential scene will be Dr. Karl von Vorys, political science; Dr. W. Ardell Stelek, social science; and Dr. Malcolm Sillars, speech.

In answer to special request the three professors will repeat a symposium they gave last semester on the same topic.

Journalists Capture Three CIPA Awards

Three members of the Sundial staff walked off with awards won in competitions at the March 10-11 California Intercollegiate Press Association conference held in San Francisco.

Sports editor Joe Buttitta placed first in sports photography with an action snapshot taken at one of the recent Mator basketball games.

A picture of grounds supervisor Carl Gasser won second place for photographer Ed Murock in the feature photography division.

Sundial city editor Bob Hilburn took second place in editorial competition. Hilburn's editorial was written on the topic of capital punishment.

The delegates journeyed to San Francisco State College Saturday morning to take part in a day of writing competitions and workshops. Lovelorn columnist Monique Benoit of the San Francisco Examiner ad-