

Five Conferences, Stamp Ceremony Highlight Start of Bicentennial Year

Officials Speak At Stamp Sale

The United States Post Office, in recognition of the founding of Columbia University as King's College in 1754, placed on sale Monday a special three-cent stamp in honor of the University's Bicentennial year. Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, and President Grayson L. Kirk spoke at the Columbia ceremony marking the first day of sale of the stamp.

In his address, Governor Dewey said that the bicentennial theme means that man's rights as an individual must always come first. Only tyranny can profit by force and distortion. Universities, by aiding moral and intellectual freedom, can help liberate mankind, he declared. We need freedom of thought, debate, and action, he said, and we must take no step that cannot be revoked by peaceful means.

Mr. Dewey added that we cannot retain freedom by its suppression. Those under the domination of a foreign power should be removed without publicity or exposure of decent people, as has been done by the United States, he emphasized. Material superiority, he continued, does not necessarily mean cultural superiority. Mr. Dewey criticized small groups who would save liberty by destroying it.

Robert F. Wagner, Jr., the Mayor of the City of New York, promised the University the aid and support of the city in every way possible.

The light blue and white stamp is a reproduction of Low Memorial Library. "Man's Right to Knowledge and the Free Use Thereof," the theme adopted for the Bicentennial, appears along the lower edge of the stamp: At the top appears "1754-Columbia-1954." The stamp will be sold at New York City post offices.



Assistant Postmaster General Albert J. Robertson presents sheets of the new Columbia commemorative stamps to New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey. President Grayson Kirk and Mayor Robert F. Wagner Jr. are standing at the Governor's left. Acting New York City Postmaster John H. Sheehan is standing to his right.

American Civilization Lecture Series Begins Next Semester

The Search for New Standards in Modern America is the theme for the American Civilization lectures to be held early next semester. Guest speakers from universities and institutions throughout the country will discuss certain aspects of the topic which is the same as last year's. This year's program, however, features aspects of the topic different from those considered in the previous series.

The first lecture of the series is to be given on February 18 by Professor C. S. Brader of Northwestern University, who will speak on "The Contribution of Religion." On February 25 Professor D. H. Fleming of Brown University will present his views on the topic, "Science and the Zest for Life." On the following

Thursday, March 18, Mr. Robert Leigh, Director of the Communications Study under the Russell Sage Foundation will lecture on "Mass Media."

The final talk of the series, to be given on Thursday, March 25 by Professor Richard Hofstadter of Columbia University is on the topic of "Dissent."

One of the outstanding features of this year's program is to be a panel of authorities from related and unrelated fields, including faculty members from Barnard and other colleges in the New York area, and lay people who will follow up each lecture with a discussion of the topic under consideration. Each panel will consist of three or four members, one of whom will act as chairman.

Free tickets for the lectures to be held in the Casa Italiana on the Columbia University campus will be available to Barnard and Columbia students and their parents at the Barnard College Activities Office at the beginning of next semester.

James Room Opens Officially As BC Student Social Center

The James Room, Barnard's new social center, was officially opened at 4 yesterday afternoon at a dedication ceremony.

Mrs. Gavin MacBain, chairman of the Committee on Development of the Barnard Board of Trustees, presented a key to the room to Sue Nagelberg '54, President of the Undergraduate Association, a few minutes before the ceremony. A reception for the students, members of the faculty, and trustees who were present, followed.

The room is for the use of Barnard students and their guests. Invited men may use the room during any hour, between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily except Saturday and Sunday, when the room will be closed. The lunch bar in this room will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the Barnard Annex Snack Bar will be closed during this period. Starting Monday, January 11, the policy of having the Annex Snack Bar open at 8:30 a.m., one half hour earlier than at present, will be put on trial.

The new center has facilities for

informal dances, conferences, and club meetings. Coke and cookie machines, a kitchenette, and check rooms have been set up. Both this room and the Annex will be available for special parties at the discretion of the Undergraduate Association providing they are held at hours which do not interfere with the normal operation of the rooms. The sponsoring group must bear the operating expenses for such parties. The use of beer will have to be decided upon before each event for which this privilege is requested.

The James Room was constructed with the \$45,000 granted to Barnard last spring by the James Foundation of New York. This foundation was established in 1941 under the will of Arthur Curtis James to carry forward the work of charitable, religious and educational institutions.

The new Student's Study Room, Room 11, Milbank Hall, is now ready for use by the students. It will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Columbia Plays Host at Five Conferences, Beginning Today

As part of its Bicentennial celebration, Columbia University will play host at five conferences to be attended by distinguished American and foreign specialists in various fields. The purpose of these conferences, which will be held throughout 1954, will be to show in action the Bicentennial theme "Man Right to Knowledge and the Free Use Thereof."

CU Celebrates Bicentennial On TV, Radio

The First Bicentennial Convocation, at which Columbia University's President Grayson Kirk and Professor Mark Van Doren will speak, will be broadcast over station WQXR from 4:05 to 4:45 p.m. on Monday, January 11.

On Sunday, January 10, Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Vice President of India will speak on "The Ancient Asian View of Man" over the CBS Radio Network from 1 to 1:30 p.m. This is the second of a series of thirteen broadcasts on the topic of Man's Right to Knowledge presented every Sunday.

Among the other programs during the coming week which feature the Bicentennial, is a documentary on "The Metropolis in Modern Life" on WNYC, Sunday, January 10, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Also on Sunday afternoon, from 4 to 4:30 p.m. the Twentieth Century Concert Hall will be broadcast over CBS Radio Network.

Monday, January 11 brings two TV shows on the Bicentennial theme: "Camera on Citizenship," on WATV from 9 to 9:30 p.m. and "Newsorama," the weekly news program presented by the Columbia School of Journalism, on WPIX-TV from 9 to 9:30 p.m. On Wednesday, January 13, ABC-TV Network will present the first in a series of programs called "Through the Iron Curtain," from 8:15 to 8:30 p.m.

The Bicentennial Alexander Hamilton Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Thursday, January 14, will be broadcast by WNYC, WQXR, NBC, CBS, and ABC from 10 to 11 p.m. Chief Justice Earl Warren will speak.

McIntosh Delivers Pre-Exam Address To Freshmen; Explains Aims of Tests

President Millicent C. McIntosh presented her annual pre-examination address to the freshmen on Tuesday, January 5, at 1 p.m.

Class President Ann Lord introduced Mrs. McIntosh who began her talk about the administration's interest in the psychological effects exams have on students. Exams have more of an influence on freshmen than on the other classes because a large portion of the people coming into college have had little experience in dealing with the type of final given in college. Progressive education does not emphasize tests but in college it is not possible, usually, for teachers to get a personal estimate of a student's work without exams.

Mrs. McIntosh cautioned pupils who feel their education at Bar-

nard depends on financial aid from the school, that it is only necessary for them to do satisfactory work and prove that they will profit from college, to receive grants-in-aid, if not scholarships, which require a B average or better. It must be remembered, she said, that some people respond better under pressure than others, so that it is unwise to judge oneself in the light of another's work.

Pneumonic devices were cited as an aid to effective studying. The freshmen were told to deal early with such emotional problems as home influence and expectations. Above all, the freshmen were urged not to let their sense of the dramatic carry them away into hysteria. Enough sleep was proposed as the route towards combatting a situation of this sort.

The first conference, which opens this afternoon at 2 in Brander Matthews Theater and which will continue through January 9, has as its topic "The Metropolis in Modern Life." A total of more than 160 scholars and experts from twenty-two states and five countries will participate in the eight sessions of the conference.

First Conference

The two sessions of the first conference to be held today, the second open to the public, at 8 p.m. in Synod House Auditorium, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, will discuss the role of the city in social development and the impact of the Metropolis on the spiritual life of man. The first session will be addressed by prominent men in the fields of philosophy, sociology, archeology and anthropology; the second by distinguished religious instructors.

January 8 features three sessions of the conference, the first at 9:30 a.m. in Brander Matthews Theater, the second in the Theater at 2 p.m., the third at 8 p.m. in Synod House Auditorium. The first will deal with the influences of the Metropolis on the concepts, rules, and institutions relating to property, and its speakers will be well-known educators and experts in the field of law.

Metropolis

At the second, prominent social science and economic specialists will discuss the economic advantages and disadvantages of Metropolitan concentration. The influences of science and technology on the modern city is the topic for the third session to be discussed by biologists, architects, and a representative of the Rockefeller Foundation. Tickets for this session can be obtained from Professor Mario Salvadori, extension 398.

The three final sessions of the first conference, at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Brander Matthews Theater, and at 8 p.m. in McMillin Theater on January 9, will deal with the Contributions of the Metropolitan community to the political institutions of a free society, the impact of the Metropolis on the professions, and the

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Tickets

A number of tickets are now available for the Columbia University Convocation at Riverside Church on January 11 at 2:15 p.m. The tickets will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis in the Office of College Activities at 12 o'clock on Friday, January 8.

Barnard Bulletin

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CU Bicentennial

The stamp ceremony held Monday at which Governor Thomas Dewey, Mayor Robert Wagner and President Grayson Kirk spoke marked the official opening of Columbia's Bicentennial year. Hundreds of educational centers in the United States and other parts of the world are now preparing programs, publications and projects to join Columbia in considering "Man's Right to Knowledge and the Free Use Thereof" as she celebrates her two hundredth anniversary. Many scholars from all over the world will be coming to New York within the next several months to take part in the many conferences to be held.

We are all aware of the vast activity inspired by the Bicentennial celebration in New York, or soon will be. However, it is interesting to note the plans being made by universities in other countries whereby Columbia's theme will be honored around the world. The Secretary of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Freie Universitat Berlin has announced that the Free University, the Institute of Political Science and the German Academy of Political Sciences in Berlin has published a 360-page book on free inquiry and free expression in honor of Columbia's Bicentennial. The Chairman of the Committee on Columbia's Bicentennial at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver is planning a special week devoted to Columbia's theme during which student clubs on campus will feature the theme in their programs for the week.

Barnard and Columbia students will also have an opportunity to participate in the Bicentennial Celebrations. Several of the sessions of the five conferences beginning this month (see page 1) will be open to students and a limited number of tickets will be available for the Convocations. *Bulletin* will keep its readers informed on the events they may attend so that they may make use of the vast store of ideas and intellectual material to be exchanged within the year. Due to space many of the conferences will be closed, but in order to make known the results of these discussions, press conferences will be held daily.

Most important from the standpoint of students interested in actively working on the Bicentennial program are the two student conferences being planned. The Columbia University Student Council has scheduled a conference for the spring where students from all the colleges on campus as well as outside observers will discuss civil liberties. Columbia College with Barnard will hold an intercollegiate conference also in the spring. Much help will be needed in preparing for these two conferences. By taking part in the activities of the conference committees, Barnard students can enjoy a definite role in celebrating Columbia's Bicentennial and in propagating its theme, "Man's Right to Knowledge and the Free Use Thereof."

Letter to the Editor

McIntosh Replies to Advisory Editorial

To the Editor:

I wish to make a few comments on the editorial in the December 10th BULLETIN about the advisory system at Barnard. I feel disturbed by what seems to me a superficial appraisal of a very important phase of college administration.

Academic Advising

Our class advisers include some of our ablest faculty members, who have been drafted for this service. We believe such individuals fit better into our academic life than a large group of "professional" advisors, trained in personnel work and vocational guidance. We are convinced that the superior human being, who is an experienced college teacher, can best meet the needs of the Barnard student, who ordinarily has "the ability to make mature, intelligent judgments" about her course.

To supplement the guidance given by the class adviser, major advisers are appointed to give help and direction after the end of the sophomore year. Many students do not take the trouble to consult the major adviser; these are often the individuals who expect all their problems to be solved in the few minutes allowed each person during the registration period. The fact that the class adviser has regular office hours every week during the term has been ignored. Complaints about "cursory approval" of courses seem hardly valid in the face of the long hours given by class advisers to students who come during available times to discuss their special problems.

It might interest the Barnard students to realize how unwisely they use the registration period. During the 10 days allotted in December, only 250 students had registered by the end of seven days — in other words, about 80% of the college waited until the last three days. Of these 40% registered on the last day. It seems clear that our advisory system is not given a fair chance when a large body of students procrastinates in this fashion.

Checking of Credits

Any system of advisers, no matter how elaborate, inevitably results in an occasional mistake. However, I have been unable to trace the case which is given such prominence in the editorial. The Registrar tells me that in the second semester last year, a Senior was discovered who was somewhat short of credits for graduation, and that plans were made for her to make these up. Miss Giddings can recall no case of a student who has come up for graduation without knowing that she has insufficient points. We are one of the few colleges which send out transcripts of records twice a year, with points clearly added, and a statement of outstanding requirements. It hardly seems the province of the Class Adviser to add up points, although I'm sure that she often does.

I have asked for a report from the Registrar's Office on the method used for checking students' points. A record is kept of each girl in the college, which shows clearly the number of her points, the requirements met, and deficiencies. This is copied by one member of the staff from the permanent record, and checked by a second person.

Vocational Advice

I am certain that the person who wrote the editorial knows nothing about our Placement Office. We are blessed in the fact that its Director is not running just a "job market," and is not "far removed from the academic sphere." She works closely with departments in planning for majors meetings which give vocational advice. The Placement staff is available for consultation with any student who wishes to talk with her about her career, and cooperates

with Advisers in giving proper advice. She is in close touch with alumnae who have been successful in their fields, and has marshalled them to serve as an advisory group for students.

There is, however, no "ready-made" answer to the problem of "choosing goals and preparing properly to achieve these goals." If we imported at great expense enough "experts" who have been trained in vocational advising to talk at length to each student about her career, these experts might be at odds with our faculty and might do little except annoy the students. There is no science which enables one to find the right combination of courses for admission to the worlds of publishing, advertising, public relations, personnel — the most popular choices of Barnard seniors each year. Employers in these fields seldom specify any particular major or courses within the major. These are general fields of work for which the prevailing requirements are an A.B. degree, a proved willingness and ability to work, an agreeable personality and some skill such as typing, stenography, statistics, testing, writing, proofreading. The effect of a general education upon the person is much more significant to the employer than the list of specific courses studied or not studied. Examining the educational background of a large number of executives bears out the verdict that "it's not the major, it's the man that counts." In a recent inquiry, it was discovered that the president of a large chemical firm turned out to be an English major and the head of a publishing house, a chemistry major.

Even for the professions of medicine, law, and social work, breadth of courses is the appeal from the deans of the professional schools. English majors with science courses have been admitted to medical schools and have become good doctors. Schools of social work ask for some courses in the social sciences but not necessarily majors in these departments.

This is an age of mechanical devices and scientific aids but there is as yet no substitute for the individual's power to think for herself. The student's reaction to various courses, the self-knowledge to be gained through vocational interest tests, extra-curricular activities and summer work experiences, and the facts about various occupations obtainable from reliable sources (printed and otherwise) should equip her to make a sensible first choice if she is not reluctant to think, to decide, and to act in a free society.

Personal Counselling

Students differ very much in the amount of personal help they need from adults. The college has recognized, however, that many of our undergraduates come from homes where there is stress and financial anxiety. It knows also that many individual problems prevail now which never existed for earlier generations. Our class advisers have been especially generous with their time and help to students who needed it. In addition, the College Physician and the Consulting Psychiatrist, the Director of Residence Halls and her Associate, the Religious Counsellors, the teachers of "Man and his World" and of Freshman English — all these, in addition to many sympathetic faculty members — have stood by to help in case of need.

It may interest BULLETIN readers to know that a study was made last year of the Junior and Senior class reactions to their Class Advisers. The tabulations made so far indicate a very large number who approve heartily of the system.

I am proud of our advisory system, because I think it is human and sensible. I believe it has the intellectual sophistication that is necessary for Barnard, along with the human quality that gives it a soul. I know that it is not perfect, and Miss McGuire and I will welcome specific suggestions as to how it can be improved.

Millicent C. McIntosh

Players Present Fine Production Of Shakespeare

By Barbara Kauder

"Othello" is, next to "King Lear," perhaps the most difficult of Shakespeare's tragedies to play before a 20th century audience. Macbeth is destroyed because his ambition conquers his better nature, Brutus because his patriotism is perhaps misplaced, Hamlet because he is caught between two halves of his conscience. These things a modern can understand. But it is hard to believe in a supposedly noble and just man who kills his wife because his mind has been poisoned deliberately and for no particular reason by another man in whom he has placed his absolute trust. Columbia Players brought a great deal of intelligence and skill to their recent attempt to stage the Moor's story, and if the production was not one hundred per cent convincing, it was exciting to watch, which is, after all, the chief criterion for any dramatic presentation.

Frank Longo was impressive both in appearance and performance as Othello. If, in the big scene at the end of the first part, he seemed to rant on without much variety, he more than made up in his tremendously moving interpretation of the final scene.

It is difficult to imagine a more effective Desdemona than Hale Gabrielson. At the same time that she made the heroine completely believable and understandable, she preserved, with her magnificent voice and diction, all the poetry of the lines.

The actor playing Iago walks a tight-rope. He must not only convince the audience that he's a black-hearted villain, but also convince them that nobody on the stage has the faintest inkling of this. By giving a down-to-earth, almost colloquial interpretation of the role, Lewis Banci admirably succeeded in doing this. But because his voice and diction are very bad, he lost the poetry and never seemed quite able to rise to the heights of passion the soliloquies demand.

Joan Molinsky's Emilia was lively and humorous in the comic scenes, passionate and sincere in the dramatic ones. Unfortunately, her voice, too, is bad, and therefore her performance was not as satisfying as it might have been. Sydney Rice, with a rare combination of earthy vitality and winsome charm made a very good thing out of the tiny role of Bianca. Padraic Kennedy was a pleasant and attractive Cassio. Milburn Smith's brief appearance as Lodovico was a pleasure, largely because he at least knows how to speak Shakespeare's lines. For the most part, the other minor roles were pretty well ruined by ridiculous diction.

The costumes, created by James Austin and executed by Kathryn Shol were magnificent. Austin's set was also fine, and director Barry Alan Graef used it well. But Graef could have done more work with the actors, especially with their voices. An elocution teacher could have made a fortune on the messengers alone.

But let it be finally said that Players has again proved itself a first-rate group — one not afraid to tackle the things that are worth tackling.

Publications Laud CU Bicentennial

In recognition of the Bicentennial season, the Columbia University Press is preparing an imposing list of books for publication. Columbia's history professors have been among the most ambitious contributors to this list. Professor Dwight C. Minor is editing a series of volumes called "The Bicentennial History of Columbia University," which will consist of nineteen books. Professor Jacques Barzun has undertaken to edit a series of twelve volumes, exemplifying the current scholarship of some members of the Columbia University faculty, which is called the "Columbia Bicentennial Editions and Studies."

In addition to the thirty volumes in these two series, Columbia will publish "Man's Unconquerable Mind," a personal interpretation of the theme, "Man's right to knowledge and the free use thereof," by Gilbert Highet, Anthon.

Slum Area to Be Torn Down Here; Replaced by Cooperative Project

Construction of Morningside Gardens, a group of six twenty-story apartment houses for middle-income families, has begun. Two blocks of deteriorating houses will be demolished on January 11 on the twenty-five acre site which is bounded by Broadway, Amsterdam Avenue, West 123 Street, and La Salle Street.

Twenty-nine hundred families will be accommodated by the project, which was first conceived six years ago as part of a program for the improvement and development of the Heights as a residential, educational, and cultural neighborhood.

The Morningside Heights Housing Corporation, sponsoring the project, is a non-profit redevelopment company, consisting of Barnard, Columbia University, International House, Union Theological Seminary, Teachers' College, Jewish Theological Seminary, and Riverside Church, along with other neighborhood institutions.

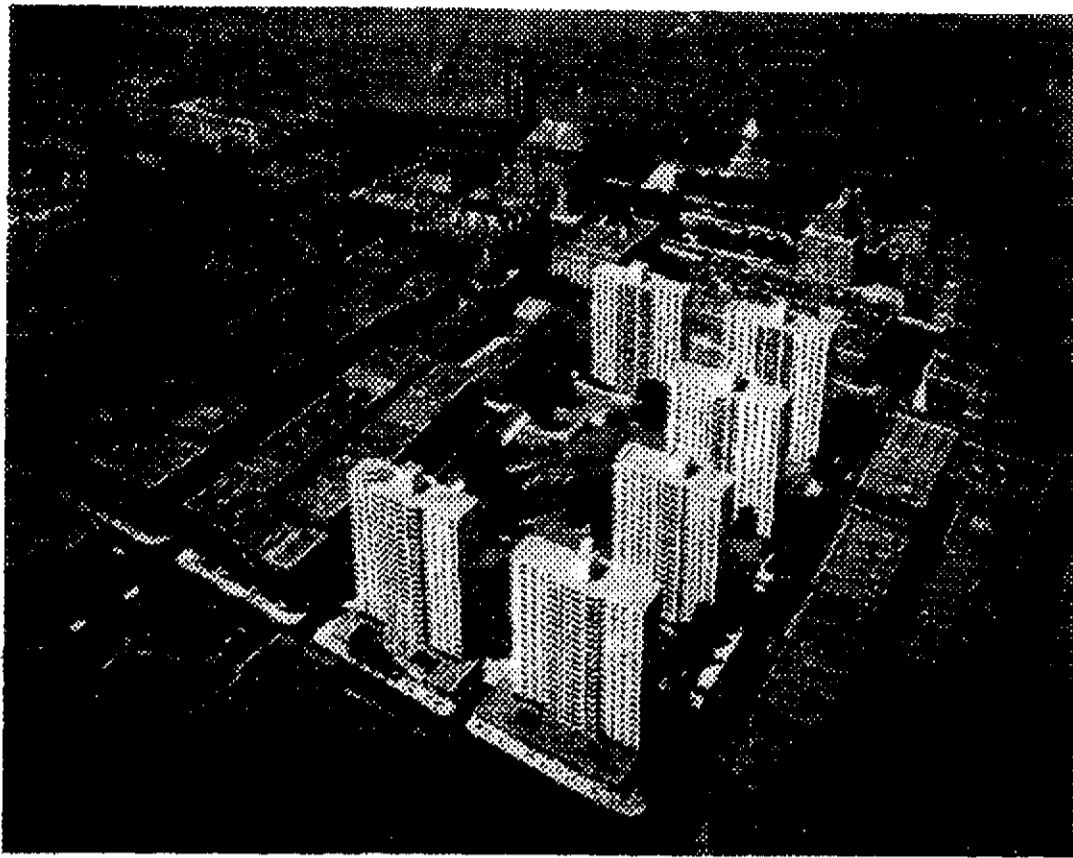
General Grant Project

Morningside Gardens will adjoin the General Grant Houses, a public housing center for 1900 low-income families, which will occupy an irregularly shaped six-block area bounded by Amsterdam and Morningside Avenues and West 123 and 125 Streets. It will accommodate some of those displaced in the Morningside Gardens area by the redevelopment.

This is the first slum clearance cooperative housing development in Manhattan sponsored by a group of religious, educational, and medical institutions. President McIntosh is the chairman of the board of the Morningside Heights Housing Corporation.

Cooperative

The cost of Morningside Gardens is \$15,000,000. Tenants will pay from \$600 to \$700 a room in down payment. Monthly pay, including mortgage interest, amortization, taxes, insurance, and upkeep, will range from \$16 to \$23 per room. Tenants can rent from two and a half to five and a half rooms.



Morningside Gardens, the six building project which is bounded by Broadway, Amsterdam Avenue, West 123rd Street and La Salle St. is replacing two blocks of slums in Morningside Heights. The apartments will accommodate 2900 families and will cost from \$16 to \$23 per room.

Sophomores Hold Greek Games Athletic Demonstration for Freshmen, Jan. 11

A Greek Games athletic demonstration for the freshmen will be held in the gym next Monday, January 11, at noon. The demonstration will consist of hurdling, hoop rolling, torch racing, and

discus throwing, and will show the horses and chariot as they appear in Greek Games.

This meeting will give the freshmen their first glimpse of Greek Games. Attendance is required.



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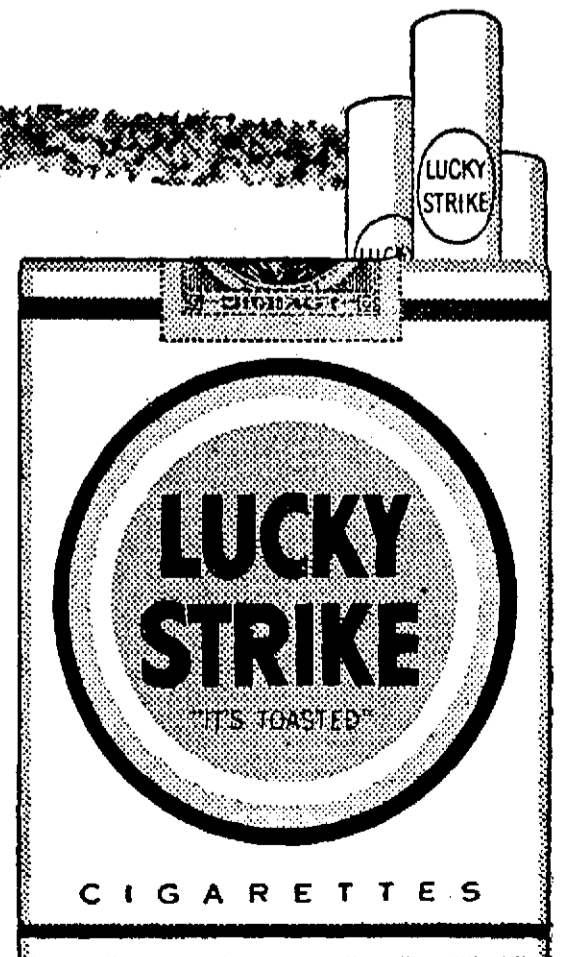
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Columbia Conducts Bicentennial Conferences

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 search for the ideal city. The final session at which the Provost of Oriel College, Oxford, will speak is open to the public.

The second of the Bicentennial Conferences, which is scheduled for January 12-14, will deal with "Federalism" and will be held at Harriman, N. Y. in Arden House, except for the final session in Low Rotunda on January 14 at 3:30 p.m. The conference in which seventy authorities will participate, is divided into two parts. The first will be centered upon American federalism as a going system, its nature and the dominant sources and problems of its viability. The working accommodations in a going Federal system with respect to law, administrative relations, natural resources, agricultural policy, labor control, fiscal matters, and international matters will also be discussed.

The second part of the conference will study the problems in the application of the federal principal at the supranational level during the formative stage, with special reference to Europe.

The third conference, to be held May 26-29, will center around the topic "National Policy for Economic Welfare at Home and Abroad." Five sections will devote their attentions to approaches to a theory of economic growth, economic potentials of the United States, the place of the United States in the world economy, the possibility of a more closely integrated free-world economy, and economic welfare in a free society.

"National Policies for Education, Health and Social Services" will be the topic of the fourth conference June 2-5. Its speakers will include Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Adlai Stevenson. Problems to be discussed include public education, higher education, the meeting of the health needs of a nation, the provision of social services in a free economy, the assuring of income security, policies for religion in education and freedom of inquiry.

At the fifth conference October 27-30, a group of American scholars aided by scholars from abroad, including Niels Bohr of Denmark, Etienne Gilson of France, and Julian Huxley of

England, will discuss philosophical problems on the "Unity of Knowledge."

Proceedings of these conferences will be published at some future date. NBC is planning a radio documentary on the first conference, and CBS a television documentary on the first and second conferences.

An inter-collegiate student conference dealing with the Bicentennial Theme and specialized conferences in the fields of Fine Arts, Pharmacy, and Science are also being planned.

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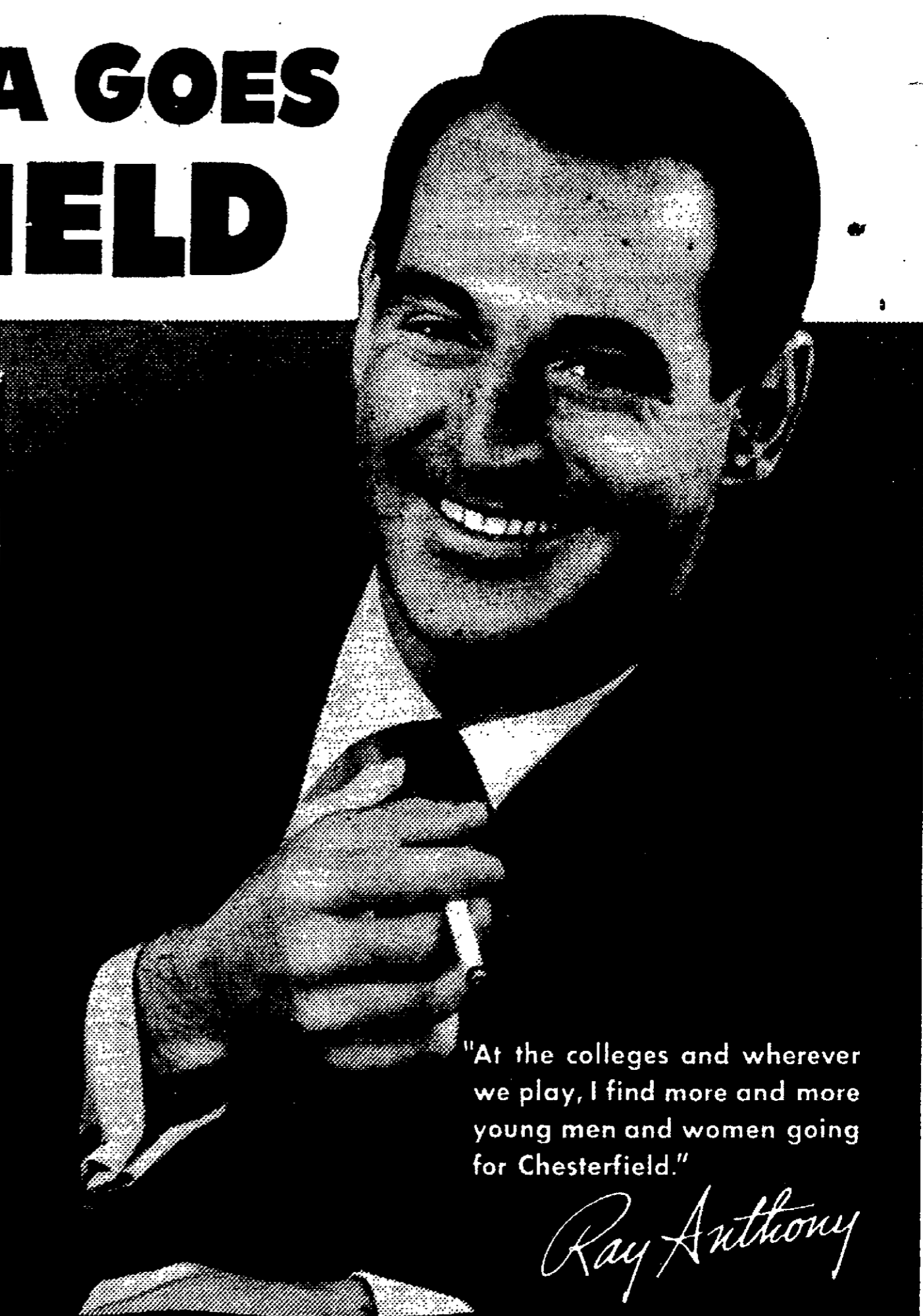
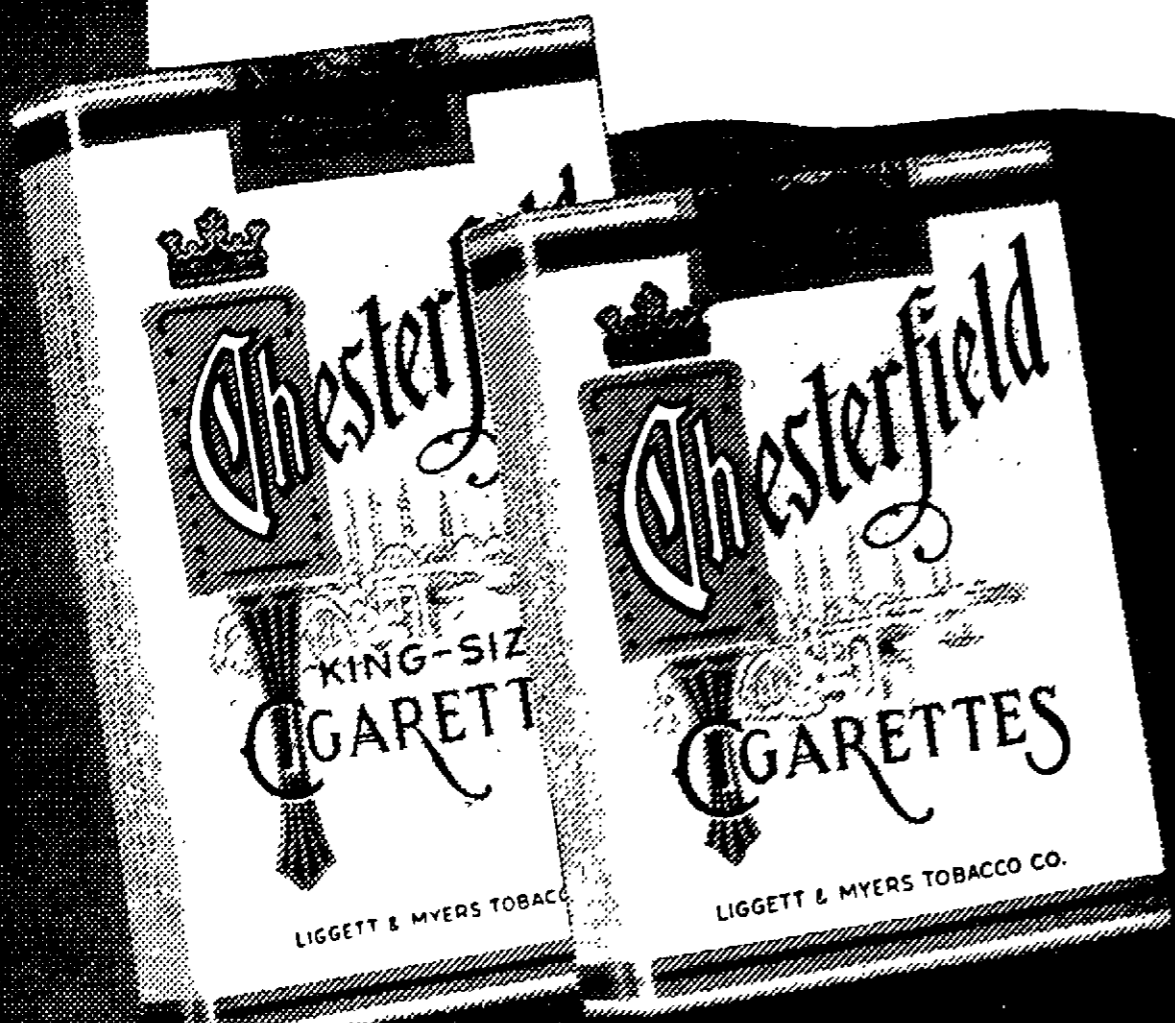
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