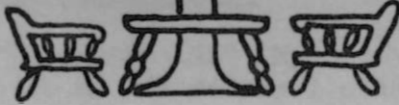


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COMPOSITION ON AMOS 1-2: John Dietz

The Lord roars from Zion
and utters his voice from Jerusalem;
and the farms of the nation are in sorrow
and the top of the Sequoia withers.

Thus says the Lord;

"For three transgression of Russia
and for four, I will not turn away my anger,
because they have destroyed Hungary
and the freedom of her people.
So I will consume her in the throes of revolt
and make her peoples to rise up against her.
I will burn Moscow with an inferno
and utterly waster her vast wealth,
And the Soviet people shall be ruled by enemies;
by those who hate them shall they be subjugated."

Thus says the Lord,

"For three transgressions of China
and for four, I will not turn away my anger,
because they subjugated a peaceful people
and sent their leaders into exile.
So I will cause fire to rain upon Peking,
and bombs shall fall upon it at night.
The land shall be torn by confusion,
and many will die in revolt,
And the rice fields shall glow with hell-fire,
and atomic waste shall shine in the land by night."

Thus says the Lord,

"For three transgressions of Cuba
and for four, I will not turn away my anger,
Because he fosters death in the land of his brothers
and he does not shrink from killing his fellow man.
So I will leave his land to famine and hunger,
and fathers shall not be able to buy food for their children.
And Havana shall groan under the yoke of masters,
and others shall rule in the streets of the capital.
So I will destroy with fire the cane fields,
and the land shall be devastated and black."

Thus says the Lord,

"For three transgressions of South Africa
and for four, I will not turn away my anger,
because they make their poeple to groan in slavery
and their black ones cry in anguish.
So I shall cause confusion to rise in the land,
and the blacks shall massacre their masters.

The diamond mines shall be sealed,
and blood shall be the product of the land."

Thus says the Lord,

"For three transgressions of Israel
and for four, I will not turn away my anger,
because they did not hear the cries of the homeless
and sent refugees into the desert.
So I shall destroy their country,
by the hands of the homeless they shall die.
An Tel Aviv shall no longer be the home of progress
and the Jordan will run with the blood of the slain."

Thus says the Lord,

"For three transgressions of the United States
and for four, I will not turn away my anger,
because they make their poor live in the ghettos
and turn their faces to the suburbs;
They hear not the cries of anguish of the black man,
and they allow rats to attack children;
They go off to fight for freedom
but ignore the need of their brothers at home;
They kill children with fire in Asia,
and with bullets in the cities of America;
they make churches into clubs for the self-righteous
and the house of God becomes a place of show.
Yet I brought down Rome the almighty,
and the kingdom of Germany lasted only twelve years.

You have been given more than any nation;
your riches are like none before.
Many have called you to justice,
and your land has lived in freedom.

Behold, I shall make your cities into rubble,
and your fine army shall be torn by its foes.
Your money and comfort can avail you nothing,
and your fed bellies shall die with you.
The man who pushes the button shall die also,
and the submarines cannot dive deep enough.

"I will punish you for your iniquities."

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THE BALD SOPRANO

"The Headcold." My brother-in-law had, on the paternal side, a first cousin whose maternal uncle had a father-in-law whose paternal grandfather had married as his second wife a young native whose brother he had met on one of his travels, a girl of whom he was enamored and by whom he had a son who married an intrepid lady pharmacist who was none other than the niece of an unknown fourth-class petty officer of the Royal Navy and whose adopted father had an aunt who spoke Spanish fluently and who was, perhaps one of the granddaughters of an engineer who died young, himself the grandson of the owner of a vineyard which produced mediocre wine, but who had a second cousin, a stay-at-home, a divorcee, whose first husband was the son of a loyal patriot who, in the hope of making his fortune, had managed to bring up one of his daughters so that she could marry a footman who had known Rothchild, and whose brother, after having changed his trade several times, married and had a daughter whose stunted great-grandfather wore spectacles which had been given him by a cousin of his, the brother-in-law of a man from Portugal, natural son of a miller, not too badly off, whose foster-brother had married the daughter of a former country doctor, who has himself a foster-brother of a son of a forrester, himself the son of another country doctor, married three times in a row, whose third wife ... On February 20, The Chancel Players will present a play of the theater of the Absurd, The Bald Soprano, by Eugene Ionesco. Lee Gross, Betty Hackmann, Sharon Beckhardt, Tom White, Cindy Jones, and Harold Fox are the cast members. 8:30 P.M. in the Aberly Room, Tuesday, February 20.

WE CARE ABOUT THOSE WHO SUFFER

At the January Meal of Reconciliation and at a meeting held at the Seminary last Thursday, a group of Gettysburg citizens were given the opportunity to express their concern about the war in Vietnam, especially about the suffering of those in both the north and the south. Participation in these events involved members of the college, seminary, and local community. The purpose of the Meal of Reconciliation was to focus attention upon our responsibility for much of the suffering in that land, to see what some doctors are doing to help relieve the suffering, and to receive and offering to supply medical aid to those who are suffering. Toward this latter purpose the offering of \$136.00 has been forwarded to purchase medical supplies for those who suffer.

Last Thursday's meeting at the seminary provided people with the opportunity to discuss how else we might express our concern for those who suffer in North and South Vietnam. We again noted that the purpose of the Meal of Reconciliation was not to place blame for the war on one side or the other; rather, it was to express our concern for those who suffer as a result of war. We also recognize that in expressing our sensitivity to this suffering we must also be sensitive to the difficulty that local people experience in expressing their concern for those who suffer in Vietnam. It was also recognized that there is a need to provide the people of Gettysburg with information about the war in Vietnam and the suffering caused by that war.

In recognition of the above factors, it has been decided to sponsor another Meal of Reconciliation in March. It is expected that those who participated in the last meal will want to encourage their friends to participate in this meal. A steering committee has been formed to plan the meal and consider other ways to express our concern for those who suffer in Vietnam. The format of the next meal may be altered to allow for more discussion con-

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cerning the subject of suffering in Vietnam.

We hope that many more members of the seminary community will avail themselves of this opportunity to participate in the meal and express their views on this subject. We encourage you to watch the bulletin boards for further information about the March Meal of Reconciliation.

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Flu, Practices Hurt B*Ball Squad
Teams Wins 1st Contest 44-40

The flu bug and a lack of time for practices has caused the Seminary hoopsters to assume the role of league spoilers and give up any hopes for a championship. The "Saints" dropped eight straight games before conquering second place Adams County Bank, 44-40, last Thursday evening.

Rod Shearer and Roger Barnes were about the only regulars who escaped getting a cold during the January games, and at one point the situation got so bad that only six men were available for the fourth game. Another factor involved in the string of losses was that almost all of the other men on the other three teams play in different leagues elsewhere during the week. The seminary team has not had an opportunity to practice except in the league games themselves.

In the scoring department Jack Keeler, who missed two games because of the flu, is leading the 11 men squad with 62 tallies (29 of them in the last two outings). Rod Shearer, who led the scoring during the first half of the season, is tied with Darrell Layman for the second spot, with 50 points. Layman's back court partner, Ken Schott has notched 38 while, Jim Bricker at 34 is just ahead of Barnes with 30. Jack Ferra and Charlie Stetler have 18 each, while Dick Little has 16. Rich Barley has notched six points and Paul Jones has only played in four games and has failed to score.

Despite Little's low output in points, the Middler has done an excellent job in the rebounding department along with Barnes, Shearer and Keeler, and surprisingly enough, Schott, who is a guard. With six games remaining, the team is hoping for a better half.

All Towberman, has advanced to the final round of the annual ping pong tournament undefeated, and he will face either Dale Wenzelberger or Paul Jones in the finals. Towberman and his partner Ron Reed are also in the finals for the doubles championship while a few matches remain to be played in the lower half of the double elimination tour.