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Modern War

Professor Gordon Zahn (Sociology) makes some strong and pertinent points in a new essay "War and Its Conventions". He says now is the opportunity and the obligation to judge the morality of modern wars. Professor Zahn proposes "that there be convened, preferably under neutral international auspices, a tribunal of prominent theologians and other specialists in religion and in the presumed influence religion has upon the affairs of man, and that this tribunal be given the charge to investigate and reach a public judgment concerning the morality of the Vietnam war. Needless to say, the investigation should be such as to bring all participants within the scope of their judgment. I, for one, would insist that terror and assassination in the name of "liberation" is no more moral than the terror and assassination of the Phoenix operation; similarly, the death of innocent victims as the result of an indiscriminate rocket assault by a guerrilla unit deserves the condemnation as the death of noncombatants caught in the rain of bombs unleashed by a B-52."

Language Courses

UMass-Boston is responding to language needs of ethnic groups in this urban area by offering courses this coming year in Armenian, two courses in Portuguese and another in Polish.

Moral Crisis

Professor Arnold Beichman (Politics) in the far reaches of British Columbia spoke to local businessmen. The local newspaper in an editorial agrees with Beichman that "Watergate is so different from any other tragedy in the United States. "It is a moral crisis affecting the President's character and one which seems to have deepened now with the rejection of the subpoenas demanding the tapes."

Theatre Arts

Theatre Arts is bringing down the curtain on its Summer activities at Nantucket on September 3. Professor Louis Roberts has been supervising students in three hours of class work three days a week, in theatre exercises, dance, and acting.

Theatre Arts (continued)

Three productions were staged this summer including Dracula by Edward Gorey, The Sainliness of Marjorie Kemp by John Wulp, and a new work by John Guare.

Profile

The Boston Evening Globe on August 21 had a fine profile of Chancellor Carlo L. Golino. The article was written by Gloria Negri. Dr. Golino was quoted in the story that at UMass-Boston, "we are bringing the impact of higher education to the inner core of the city. Sure, you have great campuses all over the country in beautiful settings, but who worries about your people in the inner city, those who don't realize they have the resources to be better educated?"

"There are many traditional liberal arts colleges," Dr. Golino went on, "But we have to give our students not only a basic liberal education, but something they can use. We have to combine some of the elements of liberal arts with professional and technical skills that will make them employable. You tread a thin line in doing this. If you go too far one way, critics will accuse you of running a vocational school. If you go too far the other, they will say you are teaching the youngsters things that won't help them get jobs."