Notice: in Friday’s Religious Bulletin, the 15th line from bottom should...

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Religious Bulletin

April 24, 1950

...read: "...In order to do away with the paper (not proper) marriage...etc."

YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.

The Christophers kindly donated a print of their first motion picture to the University. Its title is significant. The simple, practical objective of the movie is to "alert" people in all walks of life to the fact that the great fundamental truth of belief in God is slowly but surely disappearing all over the world. The second objective is to "spark" as many as possible to do something about it.

The department of Audio-Visual Aids will present YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 25, 26, 27, in the Audio Visual Center, Main Building, 12:30 P.M. See this presentation. "Change the world, or the world will change you."

"What’s The Purpose Of The Christophers?"

Less than 1% of humanity have caused most of the world’s major troubles. This handful—regardless of their labels—share a militant hatred of the basic truth upon which this nation is founded (and without which it cannot endure): every human being is a child of God, deriving his rights from God, not the State.

Anyone driven by such hatred seldom keeps it to himself. He becomes a missionary of evil, striving to reach the many, not the few. He usually gets into one of the four fields that touch the lives of most people the world over: (1) education, (2) government, (3) trade unions, (4) the writing end of newspapers, magazines, books, radio, motion pictures and television....If another 1% go as apostolic workers into these fields and strive as hard to restore the fundamental truth the other 1% are working so furiously to eliminate, we feel certain a trend for the better can be started.

That is the purpose of the Christophers. Each works as an individual....Tens of thousands have already gone as Christbearers into the marketplace. Their aim is to find a million. It is far more important to get workers of good in, than to get workers of evil out. Positive constructive action is needed..."It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." (—from Christopher News Notes)

"You Are The Salt Of The Earth."

These words of Christ apply to you, because they were addressed to you, though uttered 1900 years ago. As Catholic students studying on the campus of a Catholic university, associating with Christ daily in the Eucharist, enjoying social contacts with hundreds of confreres, God provides special, abundant opportunities for perfecting within yourselves the fulness of Christian life and the dormant power for Catholic leadership.

How well qualified you will be to carry these responsibilities will depend by far and large upon just how discontented you are at this moment with mediocrity—in academic achievement, moral development and social-mindedness—and what you are doing now to overcome it. Saints are the glory of our church. Patricess are the glory of our country. Well-trained Catholic graduates are the glory of Notre Dame. But even the rest of you, if you cannot be classified as outstanding, have each your contribution to make, slight though it may be, to give honor and glory to God, Country and Notre Dame. That all of you will be THE SALT OF THE EARTH, in the same sense Christ meant you to be, is the ideal above all things desirable and insisted upon, but not here and now, if it means breaking aching backs or extinguishing smoldering hopes.

However, no one may safely assume that Christ’s invitation that you yourself be the SALT OF THE EARTH has not been given. When it comes to developing and perfecting your abilities and talents—intellectual, moral and social—and fidelity to daily actual graces, you are answerable before the judgment seat of your own conscience now—and will be answerable before the Judgment Seat of God hereafter.