REV. ELDERSVELD TO SPEAK AT RALLY

The sixth annual Reformation Day Rally, sponsored by Dordt College, will be held on Monday evening, October 31, at 8:00 P.M. in the Sioux Center Auditorium. People from Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota will attend the rally.

Rev. Peter Eldersveld, the Back to God Hour radio minister, will be the speaker. The Dordt College Choir, directed by Dale Grotenhuis, and the Western Christian High School Band, directed by Hazen Brummel, are other special features included in the program.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

At 9:37 A.M. on Friday, October 21, a beautiful baby girl was born to Dr. and Mrs. John Zinkand. Weighing 7 lbs. 9½ oz., "Heidi Ruth is quite plump and resembles her two sisters in that she has lots of hair."

She was the second of their children to be born in Sioux Center, thus "breaking family tradition." All the other members were born in different states, including Kansas, New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Dordt students have reason to believe that Dr. Zinkand is quite relieved. Upon discovering that he had made two slight errors in writing up a test, he exclaimed, "It's a good thing that baby came!" His Greek students asked him if he should not give each of them a cigar to smoke during class. Dr. Zinkand replied that there were two reasons he was not going to grant their request. One was that he is opposed to the use of tobacco, and the other was that "in a situation such as this, I believe the hat should be passed for me!"

P.K.
The event most significant to Christianity since the birth and life of Christ has undoubtedly been the reformation. A then insignificant nailing of the ninety-five theses by Martin Luther on the church door at Wittenberg developed into a colossal reformation affecting the world in its very sphere of existence. Particularly important to us as Calvinists are the life and dogmas expounded by the Genevan reformer, John Calvin.

This year once again we will celebrate this historic event in a local reformation rally. It is in celebrations such as this that we often reevaluate our religious principles by placing them into a proper perspective with formerly held dogmas, theological ideas of the present, and possible doctrines of the future. A favorite topic of Reformation Day speakers is that historic orthodox Christianity must become a vital and dynamic force in this world which is polluted with the evils of Liberalism, communism, and atheism.

I am convinced that Dordt College has and can be an important medium for the propagation of this historic Calvinism. At present, any student of a conservative background will find a minimum of discrepancies with his ideas and those ideas fostered by the professors and the college student body as a whole.

Whether Dordt College will remain conservative in the future, only time will tell. Dordt, however, has some distinct advantages in its favor for remaining a conservative college.

Dordt is located in the heart of a traditionally conservative segment of Christian Reformed churches. Almost exclusively, new theological ideas and practices, although many times merely the altering of old traditions, have had their origins in the East or West. Unquestionably, the attitudes of a college are determined by its constituency. Therefore, a student body composed almost exclusively of students from the Midwest is a valuable asset.

Dordt College is also young. Countless college and universities across the nation have had their orginial Christian ideals smothered by new concepts of the times in which they existed. Because Dordt is young, the original impetus of propagating an historic Calvinistic Christianity in its students is still foremost.

If this ideal is overcome by modern and progressive ideas so prevalent in the religious fields today, Dordt will fail. However, if through the years she can retain this ideal, Dordt College will accomplish its purpose and be a mighty fortress of historic Christian truth.

--E.B.
The Temper of the Times

The campaign between the two presidential candidates will soon reach its conclusion. Within ten days the voting public will go to the polls and vote for the better man. In doing so they will keep in mind a variety of issues. What influence will Catholicism have in this campaign? Who will do more to break down social barriers? What candidate and party will use the power of government to stimulate and guide the country to greater growth and power? Some have even stopped to consider which candidate has been the more temperate and which, if the future first lady wears cable underwear. These may be campaign issues, but I think the major issue of this election is the maintenance of peace.

In the election of 1956 also the major issue was maintaining the peace. We must continue to be firm and Church, or world

The Madmen
A Candid Look at Dordt and the World

Of late it has been brought to my attention that in order to be in the world today one must be involved in good and bad. Of these things one has to read, write, talk, and think only politics. Therefore I have attempted to familiarize myself with the issues and the candidates, and then record my impressions.

I understand that there are two main contenders for the presidency, a Mr. Nixon and a Mr. Kennedy. Both have been in politics for some time and neither has been caught at it; this amounts to an excellent record for both. Recently these men have been engaged in a series of television debates. Why they are permitted to settle their petty differences when I would much rather be watching Wyatt Earp, I cannot understand; the debates can be interesting nevertheless. It is rather amusing to watch the faces of the candidates as they press a point or defend an issue. They sweat and contort their features in such a way that we are assured that they are indeed sincere, upright, and honest Americans. I believe we said the same for Charles Van Doren.

The T.V. debates have shown us just where the candidates stand on pertinent issues. When asked what his policy concerning the defense of Quemoy and Matsu would be, Mr. Kennedy answered, "Yes, of course." To this Mr. Nixon commented, "Well, now, if we are to look at the overall picture, that is to say in regard to that question, which of course I haven't to any degree, for obvious reasons, as yet studied or read up on. I would say in all probability, emphatically, I think so!" To this Harry Truman added: "Xs?*X?@!"

All this worries me since I have an uncle living on Matsu and his future is a bit uncertain. On the race issue Mr. Kennedy has said that he would legislate against minors betting on horses, and Nixon has threatened to outlaw the Indianapolis 500.

As for my political convictions, I can say that I think so too. Prediction: "Three days after the election the banks will be closed, and armies will march in Washington."

— It will be Armistice Day. J.R.

of discussion concerning American prestige abroad. John F. Kennedy has stated that it has "deteriorated in the last eight years." This is not true. American prestige abroad is at an all-time high. The failure of the Red Chinese in 1958 did not only damage Communist prestige but enhanced ours. The recent intemperate harangue of Khrushchev at the United Nations Assembly, in which he took off his shoe, waved it, and pounded on his desk like a small child who does not get his way, was openly criticized by Sekou Toure, President of Guinea, and the Assembly applauded the criticism. This is quite a contrast to the great ovation given to the speech concerning peace by President Eisenhower. While the United Nations has been in session, our country has won many victories which have elevated our prestige abroad as a country symbolizing liberty and freedom.

Throughout the course of this campaign, Kennedy has repeatedly tried "to run America down in order to build her up." His statements concerning the lack of American prestige abroad in the period of time immediately following the launching of Sputnik, it seems to me that such statements do contribute to the weakening of our prestige.

The people of America want peace. In order to maintain peace, we must be firm and together, as the Republican administration has been in the last eight years. I think we should never yield an inch of the free world to force or threats. If we are to lose territory, it will certainly invite another Red Chinese assault. This is why I believe Ken- (Continued on page 4)
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Dordt Organizes Pep Club

A Pep Club of some seventy-five members has been organized "to create, maintain, and extend the highest standards of school spirit which should be associated with a Christian college." Meetings will be called whenever necessary and will usually be held after the supper-hour.

At the first meeting the prospective members heard the constitution and elected Mr. De Boer faculty advisor. At the second meeting the club elected the following offices:

President—Charlotte Tobak
Vice-President—Beverly Vischer
Sec'y-Treasurer—Shirley Talma

A sum provided by the Dordt Booster Club gives the club its basic treasury. This sum will be supplemented by the profits of various sales projects, since the members will pay no dues. Already the Pep Club has taken orders for Dordt College sweat shirts and has plans for selling engraved stationery. Also, the club is considering "Koffee-Kletzes" in the Commons after basketball games and the sale of banners, pennants, and plush toys.

Other projects are in the planning stage. At present there is a contest staged to write words for a Pep-Song, which can then be set to music and learned before the games begin. The club will sponsor pep assemblies in the gymnasium and perhaps the composition of a school song. The club will also sponsor the immediate project—purchasing the cheering outfits.

The president, Charlotte Tobak, has stated her hope "that all the members will work hard so the newly-organized Pep Club will be a success."

Mr. Grotenhuis rehearses with one of the many groups participating in the Fine Arts Programs of November 4 and November 9.