In Good Faith?
There is at least one good reason why the West must continue to negotiate with the Soviet Union over various and sundry questions. Just the hope of preventing a war which would certainly end all wars, among other things, is hope enough.

Common sense, however, tells us that true negotiations can be carried out only when both sides are willing to act in good faith. They must agree to discuss topics upon which there is a basis for compromise. And, just as each has as their objective the relaxation of tension, so publicly in the world's papers. Negotiations should not mask an aggressive move in another area of the world.

We wonder if the present negotiations at Geneva measure up as true negotiations. The West has offered constructive compromises to the Soviets on the inspection requirement. They have been refused.

When talks bogged down last week, neither side was above making a play to the press gallery. Both now seek to use the talks as an instrument of opinion molding.

The talks have continued and have even increased air harassment on the Berlin access routes. They have just recently demanded that all allied troops be withdrawn from Berlin.

It would be stretching it, to call meetings under such circumstances true negotiations. It seems that little will be accomplished. Of course, that war seems further away while they talk.

Honors Where Due
Every year on the Feast of Thomas Aquinas the students on the Dean's List are, fittingly enough, honored. Although there have been instances of the reaction of many who do not think it is an appropriate ceremony.

Being a good student does not generate much physical excitement. It entails long hours of hard work and study. The Dean's List students don't expect massive demonstrations to reward them or spur them on. Just an occasional token of appreciation, such as a simple recitation of names with no cheers or huzzahs.

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Editor's note:
As usual the following letter does not reflect Herald opinion. We invite similar reply from the other party.

Editor:
In Tuesday night, the sound of heated voices rose from the Cafeteria. The Social Science Forum was sponsoring the Democratic Workshop, which was, by request, to be completely partisan.

When a partisan group of speakers talks to a sharply divided audience, everyone squawks. The entire purpose of any meeting like this is to spark minds, to enkindle the minds with the flames of opposing ideas, opposing personalities, opposing philosophies. Conducted reasonably, with respect for the intelligence of the audience, meetings like this can set a fine tradition in the valley.

In contrast, the Democratic Workshop meeting more closely resembled a smudgepot. The tactics used to confuse; the charges made against the administration. No one or how people's human frailties were brought out in order that a few vague hints were made that "demonstrated" their shortcomings.

The subject turned to George Romney, the meeting sounded like All Paley on the Democratic Front. The Republicans, the listeners learned, were plotting another "payless payday," such as we had two years ago when the state didn't have enough money to meet its payroll. Why were those Republicans plotting such a deal? To wreck Swenson's chances for re-election, of course, just as they did to Williams' chances at the 1960 convention.

And what was the next little joke? Question and answer time. Naturally, one person, a fine upstanding boy the sort people instinctively trust, was selected and asked the question. And asked about the Democratic position on sending aid to Yugoslavia.

In the back of the hall, a few die hard Republicans reported that Yugoslav reports, whose Air Force receives its planes from the U.S., and a good number of whose pilots are trained by our Air Force are, now in Cuba training crews for the Castro regime.

The non-partisan public is told to buy their share of the garbage. There is no doubt whether they are "for us or agin us": would the speakers urge other members of the Soviet bloc; 3. the fact that, while we try to buy our influence, we lack the ability to influence the government. We are no better than the Yugoslav government in that respect, we lack the political clout to get a representative a reasonable number of reviews.

In view of: 1. the recent CIA reports that Yugoslavian officers, who haven't had the teacher who prescribes a most expensive text, are learning math.

As usual I wasn't ready.
Nothing to do but accept the fact that the students who do the clean up, do more, and "Do give," or "Don't give." Some people even on diets, and others know some way around the fasting. I don't know. I just couldn't get started.

I thought I had the problem solved, but I'm no public relations man. I got the right answer, but what the problem required. Just an occasional token of appreciation, such as a simple recitation of names with no cheers or huzzahs.

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STUDENTS SUFFER . . .
Outrageous Slings, Arrows
Not that I mean to criticize or complain, but have you noticed how often students' faults are pointed out by teachers who fail to note their own? What is even worse—the teachers are frequently the very last to admit the faults they criticize. All teachers are somewhat disturbed by late arrivals, but they may be the very ones who start a new point at the last minute and continue to give important material after the final bell. They complain when students hold at the end of class unmindful of the fact that on the next floor, or at another building, a teacher waits who can't even start. And the ten-minute interval may be all the time available to an unfortunate student with an 11:00 to 2:00 schedule, for gulping down lunch.

One of the main faults of the faculty seems to be the attitude that the students are second class. Perhaps they don't really think that, but it is a bit difficult to see it otherwise if you have a teacher who hands out assignments as though he was the only three-hour course you were taking. And who hasn't had the teacher who prescribes a most expensive text, but uses it very little, requiring paperbacks or other extra expensive supplements reading.

Of course, there are many other grievances, too numerous to be mentioned here; a detailed list can be obtained gratis in the cafeteria, halls, or lounges, especially during and immediately following exam weeks. One is very likely to hear about the teacher who stressed one thing in class and another on the exam, or the one who tells the students to think for themselves (And what teacher doesn't at least imply this?) but who didn't like your original answer.

Now please do not think that I am suggesting that these faults are universal. There are occasional classes where no test is required, and at least one teacher ends exactly on time, even to leaving in the middle of a word. I am merely pointing out that mutual cooperation and consideration is called for.

YoungDem's Write
It is ironic that parties serve a vital function by crystallizing opinion into two points of view, by selecting candidates, and stimulating political aspirants to a reasonable number for consideration by the electorate, and by determining which issues will be presented and which candidates will have the opportunity of expressing their positions.

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That's what ruined Lent for me this year. Every time I eat a tuna-fish sandwich, I worry about my internals. Not the organs! I mean, motives and such. I've got to admit it's upsetting to suddenly be reminded of that sort of thing.

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Faculty Keeps Up With Trends

In addition to teaching, the Aquinas faculty continue to contribute active service to the college and the community on many fronts. Mag. Arthur F. Biloski represented the college at San Antonio, Texas, March 26 to March 3 in an educators’ tour of air force camps in that area. Magr. will address the Home and School Association at Allegan on April 10. He will also attend the meeting of the National Catholic Educational Association at Detroit on April 25.

Sister M. Mildred, Dean, attended the meeting of the North Central Association Colleges and Secondary Schools at the Palmer House, Chicago, on March 23.

Sister M. Connelly, O.P., head of the Philosophy Department, spoke on her book, A Philosophical Approach to Life. The meeting is part of the Mid-Western division of the National Catholic Theology Conference at the Palmer House, March 23 and 24.

At the invitation of MPATI (Midwest Program on Airborne Television Instruction), Sisters Bernetta and Harriet, O.P., of the Education Department will present a series of presentations by staff members in the areas of curriculum, course development, finance, and membership; and will include a tour of the facilities.

They also attended a dinner meeting of school administrators from Western Michigan area on March 29 at the WarmFried Hotel, Holland, Minn. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the utilization of the air-borne project in the area.

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Interest Makes the Man

Wives, lawyer, teacher, amateur artist, music-lover, husband, father of two children—Jose P. Soler, associate professor of Spanish at Aquinas, might well qualify as Newman’s “liberally educated man.”

After receiving his Bachelor’s degree from the Liceo Lope de la Vega, in Valencia, Spain, he acquired Master’s degrees in Law and Education from the University of Valencia.

He practiced law for a period of three or four years in Spain, at the same time serving as advisor to the mayor of Valencia. He also taught law at the Institute de San Falmundo, a private university in Valencia. St. Raymond, by the way, was a friend of Jose P. Soler. Apparently a busy man, he found time during the period to teach art and philosophy at the University.

In 1958 he met once again a friend with whom he had grown up, Dr. Gines Malques, then head of the Department of Spanish at Aquinas. Dr. Malques persuaded him to come to Aquinas and teach Spanish and French.

Mr. Soler’s greatest interest is literature. An author in his own right, he has published several poems, short stories, and novels.

Apology

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JOHN YOUNG IS TOP NEWCOMER

Bert Kelley's Tennis Team

Busy tennis coach Bert Kelley is hopeful that the fortunes of the tennis team are due for an improvement this season.

The club has had troubles in the past but with two newcomers and four strong returners, the hopes are soaring that the Tommies will at least break into the win column.

Heading the team is newcomer John Young, who teamed with George Marotz to win the state class B doubles championship in 1959 for East Grand Rapids.

Another player from East GR, Bill Herrick, has also been added to the squad.

The returning lettermen are captains Mike Kobza, Roger Reindel, Pete Rutledge and Terry Travis.

Howard Smith is also fighting for a berth on the squad.

After several indoor sessions, Kelley now has the team working outside and the squad is rounding into shape.

The squad opens the season on April 16th against Albion at Franklin Park. The Tommies meet Calvin on April 21st at Franklin, Grand Rapids Junior College on April 24th and Ferris Institute on April 26th. Those last two matches are also at Franklin.

The club then goes on the road, meeting Alma on May 3, Kalamazoo on May 11 and Ferris on May 19.

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In the Spring...

Volunteers (cont.)

A wonderful closeness and harmony. The various groups keep in contact through occasional outings, picnics, etc., and by means of frequent visits by the priests and members of other V.T.S. groups. Additional information may be obtained from Miss Morgan.

Scholarship Offer

The Automatic Retailers of America Educational Foundation has announced awards to be given to the six best papers on automatic merchandising. Winners' schools will receive matching scholarships. Deadline is June 20, 1962, and winners will be announced by September 15, 1962. Further details may be obtained from the Foundation at Suite 223, 1741 North Ivar Avenue, Los Angeles 28, California.

Tommie Golf Team Goes "Big Time"

Aquinas College's powerful golf team will take on the strongest golf schedule in Grand Rapids collegiate history, athletic director and golf coach Ray Null has announced.

Null has completed negotiations for his Aquinas team to battle major colleges in a schedule that includes seven dual and two triangular affairs.

Topping the list, Michigan State University, which Aquinas will meet in a triangular with Hillsdale College as the third competitor on April 21 on the Michigan State course in East Lansing.

Also for the first time Aquinas will make a trip to Louisville to play the University of Louisville, another major foe, on April 23 and Bellarmine College of Louisville on April 25.

The other two major college opponents will be the University of Notre Dame and University of Detroit in the other triangular match on the Notre Dame course at South Bend, Ind., to close out Aquinas' schedule on May 19.

Other Aquinas Tommies' opponents this season will be Calvin College on April 17 in the opener, Albion on May 1, Ferris Institute on May 4, Hope on May 15 and Ferris again on May 17.

The Tommies last season posted a 12-2 record and were rated among the top small college teams in the state.

Chief loss from that team was Al Dimavicious, the No. 1 player who has used up his eligibility.

However, Null expects this season's team to be stronger because of the addition of two ace junior college players, Len Bridge Jr., the 1960 Western Michigan District Golf Association champion and star of the strong 1961 Grand Rapids Junior College team, and Jerry Berg, top golfer on last season's Bay City JC team.

Four players are also returning from last year's team and they're all top-notch golfers.

They're Frank Berles, Jim Kanary and two sophomores, Irv Kloska and Dave Kamm. Kanary is the only senior in the foursome.

Null also hopes to form a girls team with 1961 Women's City Champion Sherry Wilder, who transferred at mid-semester from Grand Rapids Junior College, the ace of the squad.

The Tommies Golf Schedule:

April 17—Calvin at Grand Rapids Country Club.
April 21—Michigan State and Hillsdale at East Lansing.
April 23—University of Louisville at Louisville, Ky.
April 25—Bellarmine at Louisville.
May 1—at Albion.
Ferris Institute at Grand Rapids Country Club.
May 15—Hope at Holland.
May 17—Ferris at Big Rapids.
May 19—Notre Dame University and University of Notre Dame at South Bend, Ind.

Get Your Room

Reservations for the new dormitory have already been made by 78 women students. However, there are still some who have not taken care of this matter. Rooms should be reserved by April 15, for at this time, incoming freshmen who are making reservations will be assigned to rooms.

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