



At Lima Dr. Doggett with Dr. Carlos Caseres Alvarez, summer school Alumnus '16, Charles D. Hurrey of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., and Antonio Longaray Valdez '22.

THE LIMA CONFERENCE

THE Pan American Conference at Lima, Peru will have a far-reaching influence because it revealed the underlying unity of the two Americas — North and South and the devotion of the people of both Continents to democracy. The significance of this solidarity is heightened by the confusion, international anarchy and violence which prevail in Europe and Asia at the present time.

"The Declaration of Lima" which came as the climax of the third plenary session of the Conference proclaimed that the Americas would undoubtedly carry on their own affairs in their own countries without interference and would stand together against any attempt to introduce any alien system of totalitarian nationalism into this hemisphere and against foreign propaganda. A resolution was also adopted condemning political propaganda by foreign minorities resulting in any sovereign state.

It was evident that the "good neighbor" policy has won the confidence of Latin America.

I was particularly interested in the commission on intellectual cooperation. Our State Department at Washington has placed on its staff for this service Dr. Ben Cherrington at one time Secretary of the Student Department of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. This commission brought in thirty-two projects for cultural and intellectual cooperation between the Americas. The most significant was the inter-change of students and professors. Springfield College has long followed this practice. There are now some fifteen or more Latin American Alumni serving in Latin America. Upon leaving the boat at Lima, I was cordially greeted with a Spanish embrace by A. L. Valdez, a very popular member of the class of 1922. I remembered him well for at Springfield he had once suggested that when we sing "America the Beautiful" we might well think of both North and South America especially in the chorus, "America, America, God shed his grace on thee and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

Valdez was for fifteen years director of physical education for the public schools of Peru. During this period he established a modern system of physical education adapted to the tropics and based scientifically on hygiene, corrective gymnastics and recreative group games. He has established physical training as an integral part of education and placed the physical directorship on a professional basis by establishing a school of physical education which now has a three-year course and 100 students. He is now on the physical staff of San Marco University. I also met Dr. Carlos Caseres Alvarez, who was a Springfield Summer School student in 1916 and who is

Valdez' successor as physical director for the schools of Peru. Both of these Alumni gave me every attention and added greatly to the value of my stay in Lima.

I was interested to meet Charles D. Hurrey, working for many years in the Y. M. C. A. in South America. Mr. Valdez told me that there are over 10,000 basketball players in Peru.

I felt very much at home when I saw our College emblem, the red triangle, on a prominent street over the door of the Lima Y. M. C. A., which carries on a full program for young men in "Body, Mind, and Spirit."

LAURENCE L. DOGGETT

VARSITY SPORTS

The basketball team has opened its season with a promising start, having won the first three games on its regular schedule. It defeated Mass. State, New Hampshire, and Worcester Polytech. The game at Worcester, won in the extra period, was very exciting. Worcester was leading — the score was 52-51. The gun announced the end of the game just after the ball had left the hands of Dick Redding. The ball looped through the air and settled in the basket, winning for Springfield with a one point margin.

The swimming team started its season by defeating Conn. State 49-26. It lost to Harvard 16-59 and was nosed out by Bowdoin in the relay race in a match the score of which was 37-38.

The National Baseball Centennial will be celebrated at Cooperstown, N. Y. this summer, the town in which the great American game was originated.

The inventor of the game was Abner Doubleday, later Major-General Abner Doubleday of the Civil War fame.

A game between Springfield College and Hartwick College has been announced on the program of the Centennial for June 3, 1939 on Doubleday Field.

Lester G. Bursley '25, is chairman of the program committee for the Centennial.

EXHIBITION TEAM SCHEDULE

January: 27 — Y. M. C. A., Southbridge, Mass.; 28 — Y. M. C. A., Fitchburg, Mass. February: 3, High School, Melrose, Mass.; 4 — Huntington Avenue Y. M. C. A., Boston; 17 — Y. M. C. A., Burlington, Vt.; 18 — High School, Plattsburg, N. Y.; 22 — Home Exhibition, Springfield; 24 — Afternoon — High School, Troy, N. Y.; 25 — Afternoon — High School, Troy, N. Y.; 25 — Evening — Rensselaer Polytech. Institute. March: 3 — High School, Amenia, N. Y.; 4 — Y. M. C. A., Providence, R. I.; 7 — Connecticut State College; 16 — Y. M. C. A., Pittsfield, Mass.; 17 — Y. M. C. A., Rome, N. Y.; 18 — Rochester University (tentative); 20 — Y. M. C. A., Jamestown, N. Y.; 21 — Morning Exhibition, Buffalo State Teachers College; Evening, Y. M. C. A., Batavia, N. Y.; 22 — Y. M. C. A., Lockport, N. Y.; 23 — University of Pittsburgh; 24 — Y. M. C. A., Youngstown, Ohio.

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THANK YOU, ALUMNI

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I. Interpret our Program

This program includes the following: Higher standards for admission and graduation, physical, academic and personal; Better organization and extension of student aid, scholarships and employment; Better service arrangements for students living, rooms, cafeteria, social rooms and store; Increased attention to individual guidance and counselling and a larger use of tests and measurements; Increasing emphasis on intramural sports and recreations, physical, social and cultural.

A broader base of general and cultural courses for all students; more flexibility in professional courses, through specialization in curriculum majors and minors in physical education, health and safety education, recreation and camping, group work, counselling and guidance, religious education, and some academic subjects; a coordinated program of professional education, for secondary schools; theory and practice; specific preparation for program and administration in agencies of informal education.

A publicity program on a national basis; the improvement of campus appearance; the maximum use of existing buildings and equipment; a faculty with both general and specialized training adequate for the standards now required by employing agencies.

II. Discover Promising Students

Select the very superior boys whom you would like to see at Springfield with leadership, character, scholarship, athletic and social abilities. Interview them and send us their names and your estimate of them.

III. Place Springfield Graduates

Advise us promptly of any new or prospective openings for which we could recommend members of our graduating class or alumni.

IV. "Share your Wealth"

Support the College through the Alumni Fund by a regular annual contribution to scholarships for worthy students. A good college must have good financial support. We could balance our budget if we could increase our income only 5%.

V. "Share your Ideas"

Begin to help us plan for the new buildings and campus we need to complete the College: an auditorium and general arts building; a new sports and recreation building; another dormitory; a new administration building; a social service and boys work building; a general science building; endowment adequate to maintain them all.

We will welcome information which will help our Diamond Jubilee Campaign for three and a half million dollars.

Yours for both old and new Springfield.

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