

Saigon Vietnam  
Sunday Night  
5 March 1967

My Dear Jan -

It is almost midnight - I am tired tonight but I do want to talk with you a few minutes before going to bed.

I went to the early church this morning - about 35 there - and again it was a very helpful sermon and service. They had communion - and the minister preached on "Simon Peter" - saying that Christ said "I shall call you Simon for that is what you are - I shall call you Peter for that is what you shall be" - and used that to illustrate that Christianity can and promises to take each one of us from what we are to what we shall be.

At 1000 I met with Don, Mel and Howard to talk about the development of the last part of the preliminary report - and the rest of the day they spent working on it. I did too except Paul Clevenger - Dean Students at Washington State University arrived and he is staying here at the Ly - so he came down and talked for a couple of hours this afternoon -

Then this evening the team was invited to Dean Hoach's (Faculty of letters) home for dinner. The meal was Vietnamese - very good and everything tasted good - even the lotus seeds for dessert. As is the custom in most Vietnamese families since you were not there Mrs. Hoach did not eat with us - in fact I did not see or meet her at all.

One of our drivers took off this afternoon and did not show up at 1900 - the time we went to dinner - so I sent one car ahead and at 1945 the other car came - the



driver said "I'm sorry I'm late - I met an old friend and we had a beer" - so what can you say to that - I said ok and off we went. We were not too late though and everything worked out ok.

I am looking forward to this next week - and the wrap up of the preliminary report. The week will be a hard one - but the time should be well spent and it will be good to get this phase completed. If all goes well we will have our final meeting with the Vietnamese counterparts in one month - and looking at it that way it is good.

I love you Jan - I miss you very much and am eager to finish and get home to stay - but most of all I love you and want to be with you.

Goodnight now -

Jim



# Two Named to Head New UPS Divisions

Dr. Robert G. Albertson and Dr. Robert D. Sprenger have been named to new positions as division directors in the academic organization of the University of Puget Sound.

Albertson will head the Humanities Division and Sprenger the Natural Science Division,



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Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, UPS president, announced.

The appointments are effective Sept. 1 Dr. Thompson said. The two new directors will report directly to Dr. Robert Bock, dean of the university, who will also serve as acting director of the Social Science Division.

Official approval of the appointments by the Board of Trustees is expected at the next meeting of that body in February, Dr. Thompson said.

"These appointments are the

first step in a long-range academic program" Dr. Bock said. "Curriculum integration at the division level will give us a new focus for academic development."

The three divisions represent every academic area except the professional schools (education, music, business and occupational therapy). The three new division heads will work with the directors of the professional schools in the coordination of interdisciplinary matters Dr. Bock said.

"Our purpose will be to continue to affirm both the benefits of general education and specialization for a career or graduate study," Dr. Albertson said.

#### Workshop Set

A faculty workshop in the spring will develop new recommendations on innovations in curriculum. These recommendations will be taken by faculty representatives to a three-week-long Danforth Foundation conference with 19 other colleges and universities at Colorado College in June.

Dr. Sprenger said, "We have had an informal divisional organization in science for the past five years in order to plan for our new science complex (R. F. Thompson Hall, scheduled for completion in September.) It has been found that there are many common problems which concern the natural sciences and mathematics, including interrelated courses and curriculum developments as well as the pro-



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urement and utilization of services and equipment."

Albertson, a graduate of Stadium High School, received his B.A. degree from Colorado State College of Education in Greeley. He attended graduate school at the University of Chicago and received his bachelor of divinity degree from Garrett Theological School in Evanston, Ill. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy and religion after study at Claremont Graduate School under UPS faculty study grants and Danforth grants.

#### To Name Chaplain

His duties at UPS will continue to include responsibility for the University honors program. A full-time chaplain will be appointed in June to take his place in the direction of campus religious activities.

At Claremont, Dr. Albertson concentrated on a philosophy of learning that he developed in his dissertation under the title, "Values and the Curriculum."

Dr. Sprenger, a graduate of Tacoma's Lincoln High School, received his B.S. degree from UPS in 1940.

After working for one year as a research chemist for the DuPont Co., he taught at UPS for one semester before returning to Syracuse University for completion of the doctoral program.

He returned to his alma mater in 1947 as professor of chemistry, and he became chemistry department chairman in 1965.

He is director of the Puget Sound Science Fair.

Dr. Sprenger served as first chairman of the UPS Academic Senate in 1965-66. He has been director of the UPS Research Institute for the past five years.

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