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Christian Perspectives in Contemporary Culture

June 26, 1959

EUGENE CARSON BLAKE
GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Mr. Alan Paton,
Lynton Road,
KLOOF, Natal, South Africa.

FACULTY COMMITTEE

Dear Mr. Paton:

ALVIN K. BAILEY
CHAIRMAN

I have accepted the invitation of Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, to be the General Chairman of its Institute, to be held at the College on March 8th through 12th, 1960. As you will note from the letterhead, the Institute has chosen as its theme "Christian Perspectives in Contemporary Culture". The Plan of the Institute is to invite some distinguished people from several areas of life and thought to meet with each other and the Faculty and students of the College for several days beginning on March 8th, 1960. The program will consist of at least one lecture by each of the distinguished persons invited, together with discussion among them on the general theme, as well as opportunities for participation in discussion of the sub-themes where they have any particular interest or competence. The four sub-themes, as they are tentatively programmed are:

DOROTHY S. BUCKS

RICHARD L. CONKLIN

EMMA MAY HILL

(1) "Christian Faith and the Creative Arts"

JOHN F. JANSEN

(2) "Christian Morals in International Affairs"

(3) "The Christian Outlook and the Findings of
Natural Science"

THOMAS H. JOHNS

(4) "Christian Insights into the Problems of
an Expanding Free Economy".

LEONARD J. KRAMER

I am happy, on behalf of the Committee to invite you to participate in this Institute. Our tentative program would indicate a lecture by you on Wednesday morning, March 9th, in the area of Section 1 above, "Christian Faith and the Creative Arts".

ARTHUR R. PORTER

Mr. Alan Paton.

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I am very glad to say that we have tentative acceptances from several distinguished persons in some of the other areas of the Institute, Dr. Charles Malik, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, Miss Barbara Ward are among those whom we have reason to believe may be able to be with us. It is our hope that each lecturer will be able to spend at least forty-eight hours on the campus and will find stimulation in informal conversation with the other distinguished persons present, as well as participate in some formal discussions with Faculty and students, bridging interests across the various areas of subject matter. I am sure, for example, that you would have considerable interest in Section 2, as well as Section 1. The Committee is asking you primarily to come as a creative novelist who has shown by his writing a concern as to true values in life rising out of our Christian tradition.

I am able, on behalf of the Institute, to offer you an honorarium of \$1,000, plus your expenses from South Africa to Indiana and return. The expenses, of course, we would expect to share with others, if you accept invitations beyond ours in this American trip. Dean Liston, with whom you work so closely in connection with the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches, hopes that you may be able to accept this invitation. I am sure that if you wanted to stay a little longer, other invitations could be easily arranged for you.

I should be greatly appreciative of an early reply as to whether you can be with us.

Cordially yours,

Eugene C. Blake

ECB/H

cc Prof. Bailey

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23 Lynton Road,
KLOOF,
Natal, South Africa.

6th July, 1959.

Dear Mr. Blake,

This is merely to acknowledge your letter to my husband of June 26. He is away at present, but I have written and given him the gist of your letter. As soon as I have his reply, I shall write to you again.

Yours sincerely,

D.P.

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