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This Brutal Theology of Sin.

Dr. Will Durant made another speech Sunday, and this time he wound up in the field of Prof. Barnes, who doesn't know what he is talking about. Dr. Durant, in case you have forgotten, is the ex-seminarian who lost his faith by reading books on the Index, - which seminarians, like othe Catholics, are forbidden to do -- and then proceeded to write a "Story" of Philosophy which left out the story of the Philosophy that has civilized the western world.

Dr. Durant's speech, debating with Bertrand Russell, defended American culture, which he declared is sound at its core, in the educational system, and of this he said:

"Our children have much more freedom now than before. They are not educated with flogging, which still is a required course at Eton, England. Their adolescence is not darkened with a brutal theology of sin and everlasting hell. They do not have to suffer from Latin and Greek. They learn far more science than before, and, at the same time, more literature and art. Our nation has become a classroom of millions eager to learn."

He says nothing of history, which protects us from the mistakes others have made before us, nor of philosophy, which gives us a reason for what we do. We leave to the academicians the debate on the value of Latin and Greek, and to veteran teachers the question of how much more they know of science, literature and art. This department is concerned with his brutal theology of sin, which Barnes calls "the silly old notion of sin." And our answer to both of these publicity pundits is that when adolescence is not darkened be everlasting hell it makes a hell on earth. We take it that Dr. Durant has no young daughters, and refer him to the following items in the paper which reports his speech;

1. Jeanne Eagles, who died recently from the effects of prolonged drinking, wore front-page jewels when she died. She had starred in dirty plays.
2. Bandits raiding the Palm Gardens for \$8200 at five o'clock Sunday morning forced the guests to be merry for two hours at the point of guns, and awarded the winner of a forced beauty contest, " a timorous little girl," twenty-five dollars.
3. Three middle-aged women killed by hit-and-run drivers.
4. Bandits rob movie as crowd views crime film.
5. Plumber killed before his family over \$45 debt.
6. Flyer with three wives may escape bigamy charge.
7. Poison sum killed seven men and one woman in New York over week-end.
8. Three stabbed at football game.

That's enough for three pages on a dull day. It was a nice day in Chicago, and most everybody was out of town. But that's Dr. Durant's thesis worked out to conclusions.

Prayers.

Reports from the hospital state that Tim Moynihan is doing well. Bob Dewey has received word that his grandmother is dying. John and Peter Hill ask prayers for their mother, who is ill. Four special intentions. A cousin of John W. Anderson, killed in an auto accident.