

Goheen Tells Princeton Class a Sense of Humor Is Needed

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PRINCETON, N. J., June 14 —Dr. Robert F. Goheen, the president of Princeton University, told the graduating class today to strive for a better sense of humor—"that precious sense of the incongruous"—when faced by the increasingly complex problems of the modern world.

"If you can spot yourself posturing or assuming a self-righteous stance and promptly be amused, your balance is probably assured," he declared. The president's informal remarks ended the university's 219th commencement exercises at which he awarded 719 baccalaureate and 534 graduate degrees as well as nine honorary degrees.

He also provided a cheerful counterpoint to the solemn, tradition-bound annual graduation rites held on the tree-shaded greensward in front of the historic, ivy-walled Nassau Hall.

Most of the serious-looking faculty members, wearing orange and purple academic gowns, broke into smiles and joined some 5,000 guests in giving Dr. Goheen a loud ovation. Seated in the front row on the stage were the recipients of the honorary degrees, among whom were Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the physicist, and Comdr. Charles Conrad Jr., the astronaut.

Warning by Valedictorian
Despite a sweltering heat, the assembly had listened intently to the traditional Latin salutatory oration and to the valedictorian, Joel R. Primack, a bespectacled physics major from Granada Hills, Calif., who sounded a grim warning about "the dark side of the scientific and technological revolution."

As the "deliberate misuse" of scientific knowledge he cited the development of nuclear weapons and psychological research which, he said, has opened "the most chilling prospect of mind manipulation."

Dr. Oppenheimer, who had pioneered in the research for the atomic bomb and in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, leaned forward on a cane and



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With Dr. Robert F. Goheen, center, president of Princeton University, are, from the left: Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, physicist and retiring head of Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton; Comdr. Charles Conrad Jr., astronaut; John W. Gardner, U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, U.S. Attorney General. They received honorary degrees at 219th commencement ceremony.

smiled faintly as Mr. Primack the citations, were presented to the following:

"I wouldn't have made such a speech unless I had had a lot of preparation," Dr. Oppenheimer commented later. But he said he was "very encouraged" to find that the new generation had abandoned "the Spencerian cheer" and the implicit faith in progress scientists held 40 years ago.

Princeton University's honorary degrees, with excerpts from

CHARLES CONRAD Jr., Master of Arts — "From the dreams and toys of childhood, through undergraduate years in the Flying Club, when he flew over this campus with the greatest of ease to his historic eight days in orbit around our planet, airplanes and flying have been his passion . . ."

CHARLES SCRIBNER Jr., president, Charles Scribner's Sons. Master of Arts — "As the present head of a great

dynasty in American publishing, he has kept its leadership fresh after 120 years by his youthfulness of mind and sheer hard work."

OTTO ECKSTEIN, Professor of Economics, Harvard University. Doctor of Laws — "... He has demonstrated the virtue of the mind that recognizes no narrow boundaries, achieving within a decade and a half of his graduation from Princeton, eminence as teacher, as adviser to the President of the United States, and as

one of the world's leading experts in public finances. . . ."
PHILIP KHURI HITTI, Professor Emeritus of Semitic Literature, Princeton University. Doctor of Letters—"A few days less than 80, an historian of repute since the publication of his monumental 'History of the Arabs' . . . long before President Johnson called public attention to the duty of universities to promote regional studies, he built such a 'center of excellence' on this campus for the emulation of the academic world."

NORTHROP FRYE, Professor of English and Principal of Victoria College, University of Toronto, Canada. Doctor of Humane Letters — "As anatomist of the systematic and comprehensive development of literary criticism, he has left his mark on a whole generation."

JOHN COLEMAN BENNETT, president, Union Theological Seminary. Doctor of Divinity — "His leadership in the ecumenical movement encourages his fellows in the progress from brotherly love of men of distant lands to the more difficult love of those close at hand."

DR. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, Doctor of Science — "Combined with the austerity of mind of one of the foremost theoretical physicists of his generation is great sensitivity of spirit and personal magnetism . . ."

JOHN W. GARDNER, Doctor of Laws — "He heads our search for new solutions for the age-old problems of illness, ignorance, and indigence, supported in his great work by a quiet faith in the infinite potentialities of the human intellect . . ."

NICHOLAS deB. ELLEVILLE KATZENBACH, Doctor of Laws — "His scholarly understanding of the law and a confident courage born of thorough knowledge of the ways of government have been his guides in difficult decisions illuminating both the realities of the law and the spirit of justice in the land."