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Lutherans Convene in Ann Arbor

Representatives from almost 300 congregations from throughout Michigan will be convening for the 81st convention of the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in Ann Arbor Aug. 16 to Aug. 20.
 Over 225,000 baptized members will be represented by approximately 800 pastoral, lay and teacher delegates from throughout the state.
 "This is bound to rank among the unique and historic conventions of our generation," says Rev. Dr. W. Harry Krieger, president of the Michigan District. "The convention theme, 'LET EVERY TONGUE CONFESS,' sets the tone for delegates to consider a number of issues of unusual importance," states Dr. Krieger.

DR. KRIEGER has announced that several nationally prominent Lutheran educators and administrators will be attending the convention to speak and be available for consultation.
 The opening service of the convention will take place in the new chapel on campus at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16. It is expected that more than 1,000 will take holy communion at this service which will be under the auspices of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Rev. Robert C. Seltz pastor. Visitors are invited.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Questions Treatment After Court Action

To the Editor:
 The following is a copy of a letter sent to Birmingham Municipal Judge John C. Emery, Jr.:
 Dear Judge Emery:
 On Friday morning, July 31, I appeared in court on a speeding ticket. Court began at 9:10 a.m. and my case was heard at 10 a.m.
 This doesn't sound too bad—on the face of it.
 The third case heard was that of a city commissioner who arrived after I did, then spoke to the officer on duty requesting that his case be heard before the others. It was and I'm sure that many others in the courtroom with jobs would also have appreciated the same privilege.

With the commissioner's case disposed of, you made a point of impressing the people in the court with the impartiality and fairness of the court. But let's see about that.
 IN FOUR cases with circumstances nearly identical to mine, you gave either a suspended sentence or a warning. None of these (myself included) had prior moving traffic violations.
 If when you heard my case, you gave me a \$10 fine. I was then told to take my "record" to the clerk and pay the fine.
 Now when I received the ticket, I was given a slip of paper which purported to be a reprint of the wording on the ticket, yet nowhere on this paper did it say anything about having to pay the fine forthwith.
 Two days before court date I had changed checking accounts and did not have any new checks with me. Friday was my pay day, but where I work we do not get our checks until after lunch. So I did not have the money with me.

When I explained this to the clerk, he took me to the police station and asked an officer what to do. The officer replied, "You sit in jail until you or someone else pays it."
 I was taken into an adjoining room and after waiting for a while finally got the necessary permission to make a few telephone calls. I could not reach anyone to assist me and was told to go back and sit in the waiting room.
 After another 10 or 15 minutes, I was finally told to see a detective in another office. After I described my problem to him, he gave me permission to go to the bank and get the money—a simple solution that could have been arrived at much earlier.
 When I returned I paid the fine and finally got out of there—exactly two hours after arriving.

I HAVE thought quite a bit about this matter since. In court you expressed your "overwhelming concern" over the growing traffic fatality problem, pointing out that you had elected to have violators appear in court.
 This probably is good, but it does occur to me that a little concern should be held for the citizens involved instead of having them subject to harassment, embarrassment and unfair treatment such as I experienced.
 I firmly feel that if this procedure of appearing in court is to be continued, some effort should be made to inform the public of what to expect—specifically, that you must have the money with you to pay any assessed fine.

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THERE IS no question but that a few mealy-mouthed appeasers, not trusting in their own souls and with lead in the bottoms of their feet, will agree with your editorials but, in the interest of American Liberty, as we know it, I say, "Thank God for Barry Goldwater!"
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