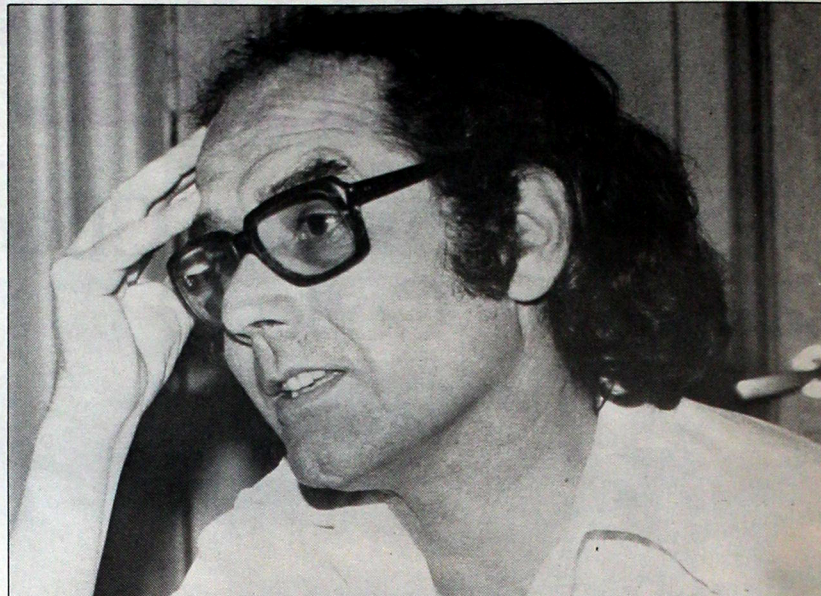


Global Center Hosts Nobel Peace Prize Winner Adolpho Esquivel

by Mary Krull



Adolpho Esquivel

The 1980 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Adolfo Perez Esquivel will speak at Augsburg and at Hamline University April 2 during his first lecture tour of the United States. Minneapolis Mayor Donald Fraser will introduce Esquivel at the Augsburg 7:30 evening lecture.

Esquivel, Argentine human rights activist who underwent torture and imprisonment at the hands of Argentina's military junta, will lecture at Hamline on "Argentina: Democracy and Transition" and at Augsburg on "Liberation Theology and Nonviolent Struggle."

Formerly a sculptor and professor of art and art history, Esquivel sacrificed his career to establish and serve Servicio Paz y Justicia, (Peace and Justice Service), a church-based network of organizations dedicated to the nonviolent struggle for human rights in Latin America. He received the 1980 Nobel Peace Prize for his work with this organization.

SERPJA has offices in nine Latin American countries and a European headquarters in Holland. Through this 5-week speaking tour, Esquivel hopes to raise much-needed

funds that will permit the work of Servicio Paz y Justicia to continue. The tour will also give Americans the chance to hear about nonviolent struggles for human rights in Latin America.

He will address issues of nonviolence in a violent world, Latin American debt to United States banks and his belief that United States policy in Central America could lead to a second Vietnam with serious consequences not only for Central America but for the whole world.

Dedicated to human rights through Latin America, SERPAJ gives both spiritual and moral support to those who suffer. "The main priority of SERPAJ is the defense of the human person and the right of the people to their own identity, to self-determination, and above all to a dignified life," said Esquivel.

Working for nonviolent social change, Esquivel has been called a "disciple" of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.

A surprise choice for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1980, Esquivel was picked from a record

71 nominees. Other candidates were President Jimmy Carter for his Camp David efforts and British Foreign Minister Robert Mugabe. The 1976 Peace Laureate, Betty Williams of the Northern Ireland Peace Movement, calls Esquivel "the greatest living radical pacifist leader."

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The Nobel Committee declared, "He is among those Argentinians who have shed a light in the darkness." He accepted the Nobel Prize only on behalf of "the people of Latin America, particularly the most poor, the most humble, the Indians, peasants and workers."

Esquivel criticizes U.S. policy in Central America as misguided and reflecting a long tradition of intervention in the region. "For us, the problem is not Marxism. For us, the problem is malnutrition for children and adults, and to have a life with dignity for all people," said Esquivel.

Esquivel insists that liberation in Latin America will mean the end to the "structural violence which creates hunger, abject poverty and misery" and the violence of "having a rifle in one's hand." His strategy for change is rooted both in the Christian gospel and in grassroots organization.

A devout Catholic, his artistic work-in-progress is a large canvas of Christ clad in a poncho worn by the Latin American poor. He has published a book, "Christ in a Poncho." Esquivel and his wife Amanda, a musician and composer, have three grown sons.

The Center for Global Service and Education of Augsburg College, the Putnam lectureship at Hamline University and the Minnesota Fellowship for Reconciliation (FOR) have assumed financial responsibility for the tour. Contributions to raise funds for Servicio Paz y Justicia are being sought. Checks or money orders can be made out to The Nobel Peace Lecture, and mailed to SERPAJ, P.O. Box No. 10655, Minneapolis, MN 55440.

About Campus People

COMPUTER CENTER

Daniel Cruikshank has served as an officer of the local systems 38 computer users group for the past four years. He is also a member of the Minneapolis Technical Institute Data Processing Advisory Committee.

AMERICAN INDIAN SUPPORT

Bonnie Wallace is a member of the Urban Advisory Council of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Intertribal Board and chairperson of the American Indian Women of Minnesota, Inc.

CENTER FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Don Warren received a faculty development travel grant to attend a conference on The Freshman Year Experience at the University of South Carolina in February.

COLLEGE PASTOR

The Rev. Lowell Brandt, college pastor at Augsburg from 1974 to 1983, was elected president of the Minneapolis Conference of the Southeastern Minnesota District of The American Lutheran Church. Brandt is an associate pastor of Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Elizabeth Andress works with the Minnesota Churchpeople for Justice and Peace in the Philippines and speaks occasionally to various groups on issues concerning the Philippines.

ADMINISTRATION

Dean Ryan LaHurd was interviewed in the December issue of Twin Cities magazine. The article is entitled "Private Lives: Three Educators of Distinction," and deals with issues and people in private education.

Wayne Pederson is the '85-'86 vice-chairman of the Minnesota Society of C.P.A.'s Not for Profit Organizations committee and is also serving as a member of the National Association of College and University Business Offices.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Kathy Heikkila received the Minnesota Association of Children/Adults with Learning Disabilities (MACLD) Award for service and model college programs and was also a speaker at the MACLD State Convention.

MUSIC

Dr. William Halverson and Dr. Leland B. Sateren have recently completed translating from Norwegian to English the massive new biography of Edward Grieg by Dag Schjelderup-Ebbe and Finn Benestad, professors in the Institute for Music at the University of Oslo, Norway.

REGENTS

Donald G. Padilla, chairman of Padilla and Speer Inc., a public relations firm, has been elected president of the Charles A. Lindbergh Fund. The Fund is a nonprofit organization that makes grants to scientists and other individuals.

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