

## Philosophy and Culture Belong to the People

"I look upon philosophy as a very practical subject. . . . philosophy is an effort to use scientific knowledge to develop a program of action that will bring us nearer to getting what we really want out of living."

**Professor Harold Chapman Brown**

formerly Chairman of the Department of Philosophy  
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### TWO WEEK-END CONFERENCES

#### **a 3-Day Conference on Philosophy**

Friday night, Saturday and Sunday—August 6, 7, 8, 1948

- presenting

HOWARD SELSAM, author of "What is Philosophy?" and "Socialism and Ethics";  
Director of the Jefferson School of New York.

#### **a 2-Day Cultural Conference**

Friday night and Saturday—August 13, 14, 1948

For students, cultural workers and the general public interested in the application of  
philosophic and cultural theory to labor, and to the basic problems of daily living.

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	Number of Reservations	Total Amount
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Both Philosophy Conferences . . . . .	..... at \$4.00	.....
Cultural Conference . . . . .	..... at \$2.00	.....
S. F. Philosophy and Cultural Conferences . . . . .	..... at \$3.50	.....
Oakland-Berkeley Philosophy Conference and S. F. Cultural Conference: . . . . .	..... at \$4.00	.....
Single Sessions . . . . .	..... at \$0.75	.....
Dinner—Sunday, August 8 at 6 p.m. . . . .	..... at \$1.50	.....
Reception—Sunday, August 8 at 8 p.m. . . . .	..... at \$0.75	.....
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# PHILOSOPHY FOR THE MODERN MAN

## SAN FRANCISCO

**Friday, August 6**

8 p.m.

### *Philosophies on Trial*

What our philosophies do to us and what we can do with philosophy. A critical examination of the usefulness of philosophic idealism, pragmatism, neo-Thomism and dialectical materialism for the working citizen: professional, trade unionist and business man.

*Chairman:* HOLLAND ROBERTS.

*WELCOME:* DAVID JENKINS.

*Moderator:* DR. HOWARD SELSAM.

*Panel:* DR. STANLEY MOORE, LEON ALEXANDER, GEORGE HITCHCOCK.

**Saturday, August 7**

10:30 - 12:30

### *The Artist Faces the World*

The necessity of an integrated philosophy in working for artistic integrity, social usefulness and a livelihood in America. In turn, the effect of philosophy upon art and literature and their contributions to an expanding, new world outlook.

*Chairman:* LEON ALEXANDER.

*Panel:* HOLLAND ROBERTS, ALEXANDER SAXTON, MURIEL RUKEYSER, ANTON REFREGIER, RALPH STACKPOLE, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

Discussion by the audience.

2 - 5 p.m.

### *The Scientist Faces the World*

The relationships of science and philosophy and the responsibility of scientists for their philosophic outlook in the era of atomic power.

*Chairman:* GEORGE HITCHCOCK.

*Panel:* DR. HOWARD SELSAM, DR. FRANK WEYMOUTH, ROBERT RUTMAN, DR. THOMAS ADDIS.

Discussion by the audience.

8 - 10 p.m.

### *Socialism and Ethics*

The impact of socialist theory and practice upon modern concepts of good and evil: the new emerging ethical standards for judging the good life.

*Chairman:* HOLLAND ROBERTS.

*Speaker:* DR. HOWARD SELSAM.

*Discussion Leaders:* DR. HUGH ORR, JULES CARSON, WILLIAM KERNER, DR. MATT CRAWFORD.

Discussion by the audience.

**Sunday, August 8**

2 - 5 p.m.

### *The Working Class Faces the World*

Unscientific philosophies are antagonistic to the continued expansion of life. How can organized labor and all working citizens build a philosophy that will guide them toward peaceful prosperous living? Is Marxism the philosophy?

*Chairman:* DR. STANLEY MOORE.

*Speaker:* DR. HOWARD SELSAM.

*Discussion Leaders:* DAVID JENKINS, GORDON WILLIAMS, CELESTE STRACK, BERNARD YOUNG, ANGELA WARD, HARVEY RICHARDS, WILLIAM RUBENS.

Discussion by the audience.

6 - 8 p.m.

### *Dinner in Honor of Dr. Howard Selsam*

8 p.m.

### *Social Evening: Reception—Music—Dancing—Entertainment*

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**Monday, August 9**

8 - 10 p.m.

***Social Functions of Philosophy***

The necessity and uses of a conscious theory for living.

*Chairman:* DR. PAUL RADIN.

*Speaker:* DR. HOWARD SELSAM.

Discussion from the floor.

**Tuesday, Aug. 10**

8 - 10 p.m.

***Arnold Toynbee's Theory of History***

*Chairman:* HOLLAND ROBERTS.

*Speaker:* GEORGE HITCHCOCK.

*Discussion Leaders:* HAZEL GROSSMAN, MIRIAM GILLMAN, JERRY WALTER, DONALD THAYER.

Discussion from the floor.

**Wednesday, August 11**

8 - 10 p.m.

***Positivism and Pragmatism***

A critical examination of two popular modern philosophic theories.

*Chairman:* DR. PAUL RADIN.

*Speaker:* DR. HOWARD SELSAM.

Discussion from the floor.

**Thursday, August 12**

***Man and Nature***

Toward the understanding of man's place in the universe. Reductive materialism, pantheism, supernaturalism, contemplative approaches, and concepts of "the alien and inhuman world" versus dialectical materialism.

*Chairman:* GEORGE HITCHCOCK.

*Panel:* DR. HOWARD SELSAM, DR. HUGH ORR, DR. STANLEY MOORE.

## SECOND CULTURAL CONFERENCE

Friday Night and All Day Saturday — August 13 and 14

**SAN FRANCISCO**

**Friday, August 13**

8 p.m.

***Cultural Festival: Art Comes from the People***

Song, Dance and Drama.

*Presented by the California Labor School Chorus, LEO CHRISTIANSEN, Director; People's Songs, California Labor School Folk Dancers, and selected artists.*

**Saturday, August 14**

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

***Culture in America: The 1948 Perspective***

*Chairman:* DAVID JENKINS.

*Speakers:* *The Creative Power of the People*, HOLLAND ROBERTS.  
*Public Support for the Arts*, GEORGE HITCHCOCK.

2 - 4 p.m.

***Panels on Special Fields of Culture***

Literature and Writing—Visual Arts—Music—Theatre Arts.

4 p.m.

***Reports from Panels and Organizational Proposals***

8 p.m.

***The Artist—Conscience of the People***

*Speaker:* ALBERT MALTZ.

Write or call for complete program of the Second Cultural Conference to the California Labor School, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco 2, California. GRaystone 4-8601.

For complete information on Dr. Selsam's appearance at the California Labor School in Los Angeles, August 13 and 14, address the Director, David Hedley, 112 West 9th Street, Los Angeles 15, California.