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PROBLEMS OF LEADERSHIP DISCUSSED IN USD SERIES

SAN DIEGO, Calif.----When authority relies on old terms and old approaches the failure to communicate with people leads to a decline of power. Authority, attempting to maintain control, tends to become more and more coercive.

This interpretation of the problems of leadership was given by Rev. William L. Shipley, one of two viewpoints expressed in the continuing lecture series on freedom and authority held at the University of San Diego.

Father Shipley added that communication is an essential of leadership, attributing a "failure of communication as the cause of former President Johnson's fall from power."

Leaders have to be innovators in society, Father Shipley said. If society is to change, and it must change to keep from stagnation, leaders must do more than maintain the old ways of society.

Father Shipley added that people in society are required to obey those in authority, but not to agree with them. Truth or falsehood is not a question to be asked about authority. Though, he suggested, one should always question whether the needs of a particular society pertain to a particular order. "Should the Diocese tell me what kind of toothpaste I should use?" he asked.

Dr. John W. Swanke, the other member of the lecture team seized

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on the problems caused by a population of millions. "A giant nation is not capable of serving my needs. They cannot know my needs in Washington if they do not know me."

The community needs government big enough to exercise authority and small enough to know the needs of the community. "The dissent in Southeast San Diego and elsewhere is the legitimate son of the giant in Washington," he added.

While speaking for the legitimate needs of the community for good schools and good teachers, he was vehement in his disapproval of radical tactics and firebombing as a means of bringing change.

Turning to the pronouncements and laws of leaders, Dr. Swanke emphasized his point that "the leader is not empowered to speak without consulting the governed." To serve a community the leader must know his community, and leaders cannot get the knowledge they need of the needs of the community from the newspapers or from blue ribbon commission reports.

The lecture series is open to the public at \$2 a session. The lectures are held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays in Room 238 in the USD College for Men.

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