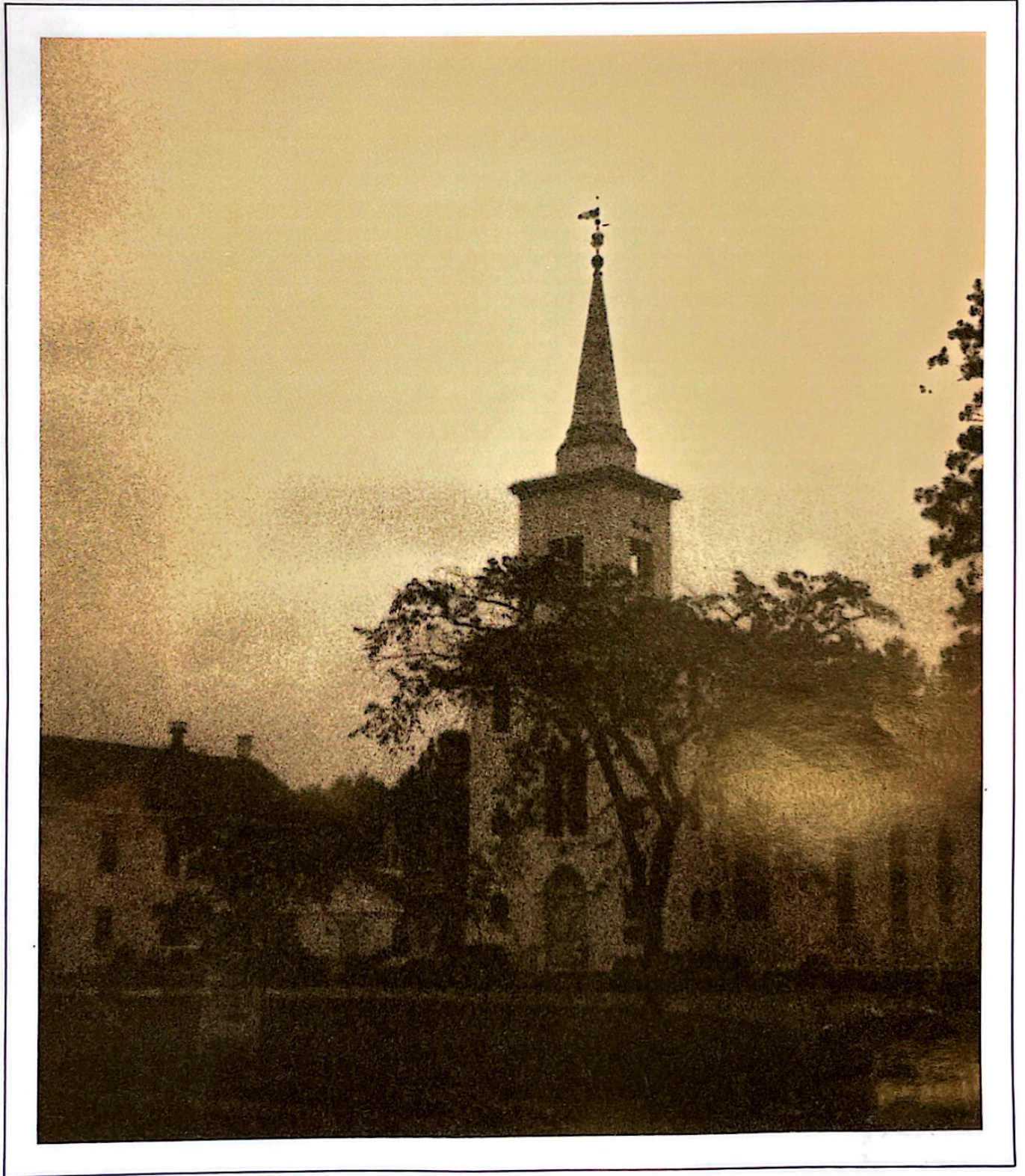


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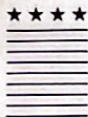
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The Center's prejudice is democracy; its operating procedure, the dialogue.

Robert Maynard Hutchins [1899-1977]

The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions was founded by Robert M. Hutchins in 1959. It is a center of independent thought and criticism engaged in interdisciplinary dialogue to examine and clarify the basic issues confronting democratic societies.

Members of the Center are from throughout the United States and sixteen foreign countries, and include fifteen hundred educational institutions and libraries.

The bi-monthly CENTER MAGAZINE, sent to all members, publishes reports of the work of the Center: dialogues, articles, and interviews. The views expressed in the magazine do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, its staff, or its Board of Directors.

Funding for the Center's program comes from membership contributions, from gifts, and from grants. The Center's director, staff, and Board of Directors are responsible for determining its program.

The Center caters to no special interest or faction. It must, therefore, depend upon the understanding and generosity of those who recognize and value the importance of the unbiased search for practical wisdom in the political order.

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Over the years, many Center members — reflecting their improved financial circumstances and recognizing the ever-expanding costs and, therefore, needs of the Center's program — have increased their annual contributions and have moved into the higher giving categories. All members are respectfully encouraged to consider the Center's needs and their capabilities at membership-renewal time.

The Center director and staff are most grateful to Center members for the continuing support of their work down through the years. Members are invited to engage in the public discourse that is the work of the Center by expressing their views in letters to the editor.

MEMORANDUM TO CENTER MEMBERS

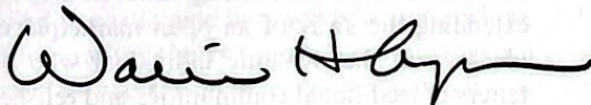
Regular readers of this section of the magazine will notice two changes. First, the usual writer of this column, Donald McDonald, is not writing it this time. Second, the present writer has addressed the Center's members before, but not since 1981. The reason for the change is that Don McDonald retired on July 1, 1987, and I have been asked to take over the leadership responsibilities.

I say "take over" because no one can replace Don McDonald. He has been a primary source and a dedicated keeper of the institution's stability since 1965, when he was first appointed a Senior Fellow by Robert Hutchins himself. Since that time, everything that has been published at the Center has been done under his watchful eye and his cultivated wisdom, and much of it has come from his skillful pen.

In the beginning, he assisted John Cogley, then became editor of this magazine in 1974, and continued in that capacity until 1983. Nearly three years ago he was appointed Acting Director of the Center, for what was understood to be a brief stint. But he continued functioning in this office, as we have indicated, until his retirement, just weeks ago.

He brought worlds of experience to his responsibilities. Not only is he an editor of consummate ability, but he understood the goals and objectives of the institution Mr. Hutchins founded, and worked tirelessly to achieve them in the judicious and creative spirit in which they were intended. What is more, he was the only member of Hutchins's original group to make the transition from Montecito to the Santa Barbara campus of the University of California, when the Center was relocated.

All of us are enormously indebted to Don McDonald for the countless contributions he has made to the work with which we too have been entrusted. We shall miss him, while continuing to call upon him, and want to wish him the very best in his well-deserved retirement.



Acting Director