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PROFESSOR BILL JOSKE - PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY 1969 -

- 000 First professor appointed after dismissal of Prof. S.S. Orr 15 years earlier.
Way in which Department was staffed during interim period. Dr MILANOV only member of staff to continue for whole period. Biographical details of Dr Milanov "a tragic and isolated" figure.
- 035 The Department was very small - probably only Orr and Milanov full-time - plus part-time staff.
- 040 Ban on chair lifted by A.A.P. and Staff Association in 1967 (probably).
J. was asked to apply in mid 1968 - by one of the outside selectors.
- 050 Doubts about whether to come. Not because of past history - felt Australian philosophers had a duty to re-establish philosophy in Tas. University. Doubt owing to isolation, being cut off from other philosophers. But urge to live in small city. Disadvantage professionally, in J's experience. Not same number of very good students "I would have probably developed more as a philosopher if I'd remained in Melbourne, but wouldn't have been so much use to people".
- 085 Two immediate tasks perceived on arrival:-
 - 1) To organise programme of relevant philosophy courses
 - 2) To cement relationships between Philosophy Dept. and Tas. community.
- 010 Was Professor Hardy considered for the Chair of Philosophy before it was advertised? Possibly. Rumoured. But it met with opposition from some members of the History Department.
- 140 First appointment as lecturer was charismatic Dr MULDER (?)
- 145 J. would like to have written more than he has done, since coming here.
Has been more involved in administrative and political matters here in small university than he would at Melbourne or Monash. There are not so many professional administrators, or (competent) administrators.

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- 180 Personalities matter much more in a small university.
 185 "The Karmel hoo-ha". If it had been implemented it might have had
 a very bad effect on the University" - so was against it.
 The present situation is different (a) because the College is much
 smaller (b) professors of education are different, and not personally
 involved as former professor (i.e. R.S.S.) was with T.C.A.E. (c) the
 choice now is different. The University will probably take from 5-10
 years "to settle down and assimilate". It will not be an easy period.
 There will probably be 2 standards of degrees: "soft" degrees in some
 areas, tougher in others.
- 235 Neil Batt and the Library Board.
 240 What outstanding staff or students.
 Prof. McAULEY and Prof. CAREY - the two intellectually eminent men.
 Outstanding departments - Physics and Geology.
- 265 Because of its size and isolation, this University needs to think
 hard about its role e.g. its Philosophy Department should see role as
 undergraduate one mainly. People should face up to the fact that we
 don't attract postgraduate students from other states.
- 285 Does the University provide "all-round" university life?
 305 Impressions of two vice-chancellors: both very good in their
 different ways.
 Sir G. C. very good at cementing relations, but did not always
 understand Australians. Prof. Caro understands academics but not
 necessarily Tasmanians.
- 330 Future of Philosophy as discipline, and as numbers game. Contract
 with Classics.
- 370 On Tasmanian education in general: a great pity so many Tasmanians
 simply think of the University as a teacher-training institution.
 Believes the diminution in demand for teachers may do the University
 good "in the long run".
 Education also a more political issue in this small state where
 everyone has the ear of the politicians
- 400 Long term bet: in 5 or 6 years, prior to an election, "they" will
 announce that Newnham is to become a College of the University.