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As special campus guest and chapel speaker for this month, the Rev. Paul Verghese brings to Rice a wide background of education and experience. In addition to holding degrees from Princeton and Yale and research work at Oxford, Mr. Verghese has been secretary to Ethiopia's emperor Haile Selassie for three years and also has served in India as coordinator of student religious work for his church.

Now a deacon in the Syrian Orthodox Church, Mr. Verghese will be ordained to the priesthood in November. Before that time, his travels will carry him to the University of Hawaii, where the East-West Center, an international college for academic work, has been established in an attempt to create better understanding between Asians and Americans.

AFTER LEAVING Hawaii, Mr. Verghese will stop in Japan, Hong Kong, and Manila on his way to the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, where he will conduct Bible studies at that meet-

ing.

Although he is pleased with the quality of students and faculty at Rice, Mr. Verghese mentioned that he finds our students somewhat diffident about entering into intellectual discussions, as compared with students in Ivy League schools. Still, he offers, "After having been in the Ivy League I am impressed with the unpretentiousness of students here."

"THE PLIGHT of Man and the Act of God" is set as the general topic for Mr. Verghese's chapel talks, which are offered both Thursday and Friday nights. His addresses this week will be "Two Archetypal Men—the Old and the New," and "Freedom, Evil, and the Law."