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**PROF. CLINTON ROSSITER** (right) of the Department of Government receives the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Alfred University President **M. Ellis Drake**.

Clinton Rossiter, John L. Senior professor of American Institutions, warned Thursday against the development of a United States tendency to distrust revolution in other countries. Rossiter addressed a convocation observing Alfred University's 104th year.

He said, "Before we put down our bets on a revolutionary movement, we have a right to ask that

it, like ours in 1776, have the broad goals of freedom and human welfare clearly before it, that it . . . arouse popular enthusiasm and support, and that it place genuine national independence at the top of its scale of values."

Rossiter declared that "the temptation to oppose all revolutions is becoming harder for the men in Washington to resist," and that the situation may result in an "ultimately disastrous distrust of revolution" on the part of the United States.

The communists, Rossiter said, make their largest gains through the "necessary and popular revolution that goes to extremes or even goes astray," and U.S. national interest will be "served rather than subverted" by suc-

tion of the national interest" supported approval, the United States would wisely exercise the power of altruism by extending quick sympathy and support of money, resources, knowledge and counsel to those who desire social and economic improvements. The United States attitude should be formed by the specific situation and by tradition, altruism, and reason, he added.

Rossiter warned that the "peculiar danger of this age is that fully one-third of the world thrives upon a diet of ill-will toward the United States, and that the capacity of the communists to exploit it grows in leaps and bounds."

M. Ellis Drake, president of Alfred University, conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane

cessful popular revolutions.

In his opinion, America should adopt an attitude of "prudent sympathy" toward revolution in general before judging individual cases. If a "cool-headed calcula-

Letters on Rossiter, whom he described as a "productive scholar" who has "won recognition as a thoughtful and articulate interpreter of the current national and international scene."

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