The formulas of day-to-day contemporary life are inadequate to meet new world situations, Dr. Robert D. Doherty, president of Carnegie Tech, declared in a "Carnegie Day" address in Carnegie Music Hall today.

Addressing the faculty and entire student body of the Institute, Dr. Doherty called on them to return to "the very fundamentals of science and life".

Asserting that it had been his careful observation for 25 years that most persons live in a state of complacent confusion, he stated:

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In a world which will certainly become even more confused and demoralized than it is today, Dr. Doherty told the students:

"It is of commanding importance to your own welfare and to your country's that you prepare yourselves...to meet with intelligence, courage and confidence the new and trying situations which rapid changes are now bringing about."

To accomplish this, he said:

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This can only be brought about by clear, straight thinking, and by a recollection of the virtues measuring all great human achievement, hard work, sacrifice, faith, and courage, he concluded.
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This may strike you young men and women personally and professionally, nd as citizens.

"In the confused and demoralized world in which we now live, and which will certainly become more confused and more demoralized, it is of commanding importance to your own welfare and to your country's, that you prepare yourselves to deal with such a world, that you prepare yourselves to meet with intelligence, courage, and confidence the new and trying situations which rapid changes are now bringing about. I need not tell you that the world is well along its way to barbarism, chaos, famine; that whatever nations may win this terrible war, will be haunted and harassed by the impossible task of halting the drift toward these miserable ends... The formulas of day-to-day contemporary life won't do, because they won't apply to the new situations we shall face. In our thinking we must return to the very fundamentals of science and life. There must be a clarification of basic philosophies—personal, professional, social. There must be clear, straight thinking. And to have these there must be genuinely educated people. Walking encyclopedias and handbooks will accomplish little."
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"superficiality becomes a habit, until confusion becomes accepted as a normal state of mind."

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The pervasive confusion occurring in our nation of incomparably rich educational opportunity results from undertaking too much in the time available, Dr. Doherty said.

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Clear, straight thinking and a reapplication of the virtues measuring all human achievement, hard work, sacrifice, faith and courage are needed to overcome today's complacency in confusion, he concluded.

(Carnegie Day program and awards follow)