

Freedom From Fear -- A Line Must Be Drawn

By GERARD E. SHERRY
Editor, Central California Register

The tragic news from Cuba of the abortive attempt at revolt is one of a series of sudden uncertainties faced by millions of families throughout the world. The frightening specter of war looms on the horizon and all over the world there is set in the hearts of the people a great fear.

If this sounds morbid, let it be taken so. For war is morbid, and so is the disruption of family life. Anyone who witnessed the tragedies of the last war understands this as no other can.

The victims of war are not only those who died valiantly in the military service of their country but also the so-called stay-at-homes whose family plot becomes less and less immune from the modern methods of military destruction.

One vividly recalls the flight of families in Germany, Belgium, France, Italy in the last World War, and since then in China, Korea, IndoChina, North Africa, the Middle East, Laos and now Cuba.

It is not only the question of panic that is related to the movements of civilian population. It is a question of survival, of getting away from a tyrant in order to live in peace and security.

Of course, this side of war is always forgotten in the miseries of military defeat or the flush of military victory. This does not mean that one should be afraid to fight. After all, the defense of one's motherland or fatherland is not merely a military duty but can also become a moral duty — all the more so when it is a question of defending the nation against oppression and tyranny.

Modern methods of destruction have made total war almost unthinkable. This has led most of the civilized countries of the world to resort to using every means possible to avoid world conflict. Incidents which only 20 years ago would have led to the so-called "gunboat diplomacy" are now tolerated in the interests of world peace. Prolonged negotiations take place over the release of this natural and that national. Insults to countries are taken without retaliation because of the fears

of war which might spread beyond local boundaries.

This fear has led to one grave danger—the tyrants of the world knowing the moods of the people and their fears, take risks against free peoples.

This "bending over backwards" is a serious weakness in the arsenal of free nations. This, because the tyrant knows that the free nations will do all that is humanly possible to preserve peace. The danger lies in the fact that even those who "turn the other cheek" eventually have to react to save their dignity and national honor. One can go so far with a tyrant. However, there must be a line drawn, otherwise the free peoples of the world will be engulfed and enslaved.

Such is the present world situation. Russian imperialism, aided and abetted by their allies in Havana has created an international problem of immense proportions. The most recent subversion moves made in Latin America have been traced to Fidel Castro. Coincidentally, one of his henchmen has recently returned to Cuba from a visit with the master tyrant, Khrushchev in the Kremlin. Castro's "agrarian reform" can now be seen for what it really is—a power play to subvert the whole of Latin America.

It is surprising to find that a great number of well-educated people, including some political scientists, have only recently made the discovery. Yet, the information has been available ever since Castro's student days and more recently in the Communist and fellow travelers he had around him in his rebel mountain stronghold. Of course, we've only got ourselves to blame.

I am reminded of the phony "wringing of hands" which took place in this country and in many neutral areas of the world during the Suez Crisis. Britain and France, with long experience in the affairs of the Middle East decided that the stability of that area and its people will be better served by clipping the wings of the Egyptian leader, Nasser. Instead, led by the U.S. and neutral nations, the United Nations clipped the wings of Britain and France.

Now we come across a danger to our own security in the shape of a Communist bastion on the island of Cuba. Although Cuba

is a sovereign nation it has obligations to the United States and the rest of Latin America.

Through the greed and ambition of Castro and his henchmen, the security of this hemisphere is threatened. We will have to act. We might be forced to intervene and establish a government more to the needs and desire of the people of this area of the world.

It could mean that in doing so, we bring other world forces into play. For instance, the Russians might well come, physically, to the aid of Castro. There are not only military and economic dangers resulting from the Cuban fiasco. Christianity is very much involved. It might be our sad lot to again take

up a Holy Crusade to defend Christians against atheist materialism. It all sounds very dramatic, but is also very possible.

This is not to suggest of course that our present attitude to Cuba is part of a Christian crusade. We realize that any military or economic actions we might take are necessary to defend the right of free peoples to live the way they want to.

Whatever action is taken by President Kennedy in the name of this country, we must stand behind him. We must stand up and be counted in order that peoples all over the world can be free of war and given hope for the future.

New Bishop Consecrated In Kentucky

St. Cloud, Minn. — (NC) — Bishop Henry J. Soenneker was consecrated second Bishop of Owensboro, Ky., in a ceremony in St. Mary's cathedral here.

HE WILL BE enthroned May 9 in his new diocese, which covers 12,502 square miles in western Kentucky and has a Catholic population of 37,800 in a total population of 629,300.

Bishop Peter W. Bartholome of St. Cloud officiated at the consecration (April 26) of Bishop Soenneker, 53-year-old native of Melrose, Minn., who is the first priest of the St. Cloud diocese to become a bishop. A score of archbishops and bishops, some 400 priests and hundreds of laymen attended the ceremony.

Bishop Francis J. Schenk of Duluth, Minn., and Bishop Joseph M. Mueller of Sioux City, Iowa, were coconsecrators. Archbishop William O. Brady of St. Paul, Minn., preached.

BISHOP SOENNEKER was born in Melrose on May 27, 1907. He studied for the priesthood at the Pontifical Josephinum College, Worthington,

Well Strike Me Pink--- They'll Bowl By Mail!

Winooski Park, Vt. — (NC) — Bowling by mail, latest innovation of the collegiate sports world, will be adopted by St. Michael's College here next November as a varsity sport.

The striking situation was detailed by Robert Beran, Wisconsin State College director of intramural sports, who is recruiting for the newly formed National Intercollegiate Bowling Association. ATHLETIC Director George (Doc) Jacobs said some 40 students at St. Michael's had been face-to-face bowling as an intramural sport.



Photo from President

PATRICIA DEL VECCHIO, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DelVecchio of Colvin St., received an autographed picture of President and Mrs. Kennedy to add to her scrapbook of the first Catholic president. Patricia is a fifth grade student at Holy Family School.

Therapy Workshop

Washington — (NC) — Catholic University of America is offering a workshop, June 16-27, on speech and language therapy with the brain-damaged child. Workshop director is William T. Daley, assistant professor of speech correction at the university.

LAST WEEKS PAID

CIRCULATION

65,773



suddenly it's summer! and whether you're a career girl, a stay-at-home, vacation-bound or just planning a trip to town . . . you'll find the look you've been looking for in this smart collection of

SUMMER SUITS FROM SIBLEY'S



1. Always-tight, crisply classic cotton seersucker two-piece suit in green or blue with white; sizes 10-18, 12.95

2. The look of linen in Dacron polyester and rayon with white-banded jacket. Pink, toast, green, royal, navy; sizes 10-18, 12.95

3. Two-piece multi-striped cotton suit with a newly wide collar, patch pockets and relaxed, easy-fitting jacket; sizes 10-18, 12.95

4. Three-piece suit of cool Dacron polyester and cotton in green mini-plaid with sleeveless beige overblouse; sizes 10-18, \$25.

5. Collarless linen-look rayon costume in sandalwood, blue or pink with its own matching sleeveless polka-dotted blouse; 10-18, \$25

6. Acetate, rayon and silk checked costume with solid banding, solid blouse. Toast or black with white; sizes 10-18, \$25

Sibley's Career Suit Shop, Second Floor, Irondequoit, Eastway, Southtown