

Need we Stay on 'Brink'?

New York — (RNS) — Two leading Catholic editors, discussing major news stories of 1962 over a national television network program, took divergent views here over the question of "brinkmanship" in U.S. foreign policy.

Viewing the question in relation to possible thermo-nuclear warfare, Father Thurston Davis, S.J., editor of America, national Catholic weekly, asserted that the present age calls for brinkmanship, while Robert Hoyt, lay editor of The Catholic Reporter, official paper of the Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., diocese, urged that foreign policy be placed in the context of eliminating the nuclear threat.

Father Davis and Mr. Hoyt appeared with Father Albert J. Nevins, M.M., editor of Maryknoll magazine, and James O'Gara, managing editor of Commonweal, Catholic weekly edited by laymen, on the American Broadcasting Company's Directions '63 program.

The program was presented by the National Council of Catholic Men in cooperation with ABC. Mr. O'Gara acted as host and moderator.

IN RESPONSE to a question from Mr. O'Gara on the morality of thermo-nuclear warfare, Father Davis noted that the U.S. had reacted to the Cuban crisis by not shrinking from using "the available force."

"Now, we'll always hope that the available force — the necessary force, the sufficient force — will be conventional, less destructive," Father Davis said.

"But," he added, "ultimately, if the chips are down... we're going to live with the fact that a certain amount of constant brinkmanship is essential to foreign policy and to peace."

Mr. Hoyt, in replying to the same question, defended President Kennedy's implication that the country would use nuclear weapons if necessary to solve the Cuban crisis. "He (Kennedy) was not trying to swing the cold war in one direction or another. He was trying to preserve the status quo."

However, in so doing, Mr. Hoyt said, "we did come closer — closer than we have in a long time — to a possible world disaster."

THE MORAL drawn from the handling of the Cuban affair, Mr. Hoyt declared, should be the urgent creation "of a framework in which this kind of threat won't happen any more."

Father Nevins, an expert on Latin-American affairs, stated in answer to another question that there is a greater danger in the southern hemisphere from trained Communist agents in Russia and China than from Castro sympathizers.

"When Castro came into power, he was answering the needs of Latin Americans and he was tremendously popular," Father Nevins said. "But I think Castro's lost a lot of face. There was a complete reversal when Castro revealed himself as a Communist."

"I think today the danger is from communism itself rather than Castro-type communism," he declared.

Father Nevins also said that the Peace Corps has had a "tremendous" effect in combatting communism in Latin America.

Decency Lists Said Censorship

Washington — (NC) — Does a state agency have the right to distribute to newsdealers lists of publications it deems objectionable to youths?

That question was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court (Dec. 4) in a case whose outcome may shed further light on the much-debated issues of censorship, free speech and the state's power to control objectionable literature.

Horace S. Manges, New York attorney representing four national paperback book publishers, told the court that the Rhode Island Commission to Encourage Morality in Youth was guilty of intimidation in distributing to newsdealers lists of books and magazines it judged unfit for youths under 18. He said the effect of the commission's actions was to suppress literature without a prior "judicial determination" of whether it is objectionable.

Rhode Island Atty. Gen. J. Joseph Nugent argued in reply that the distribution of the lists was "merely advisory" and the dealers could disregard them if they wished.

The Supreme Court is expected to hand down a decision in the case sometime before it adjourns next June.

Rabbi Prays For Pontiff

Chicago — (NC) — A Chicago rabbi has urged Protestants, Jews and Catholics to unite in prayer for the health of Pope John XXIII.

In a letter published in Chicago newspapers, Rabbi Emeritus Morris Teller of the South Side Hebrew Congregation said:

"Not only Catholics, but Protestants and Jews as well, are praying for Pope John's recovery. His life is so precious."

"Only recently I read that during the reign of terror of the unspeakable nazis, he went all out to help Jews as well as Christians escape from the clutches of the nazis."

"By word and deed, Pope John during his long career has shown that not only is he a Catholic leader, but that he is also catholic in the sense that his scope of interest in human well-being is universal. Nothing that pertains to human welfare is foreign to him."

Discount Land Sale Protested

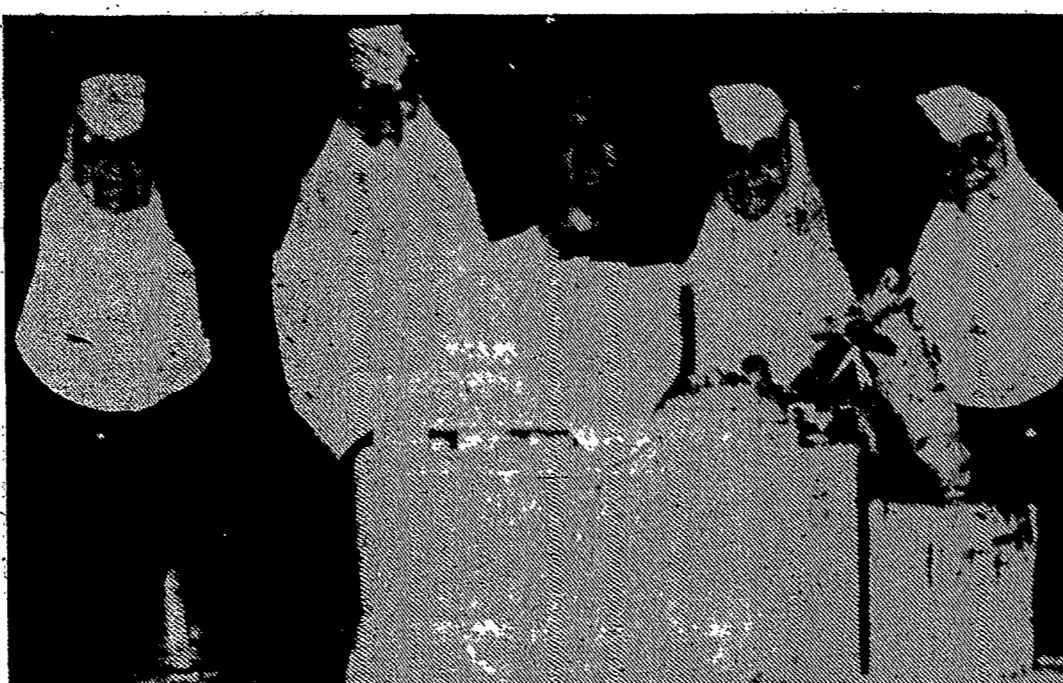
New York — (RNS) — Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) will bring court action against the sale of 22 government-owned acres on Long Island to the Rockville Centre Roman Catholic diocese at a 70 per cent discount of the appraised valuation.

This was announced here by Paul Duling, regional director of POAU's New York branch, also known as Americans United for Separation of Church and State. He added that POAU would also ask a Congressional investigation of the transaction.

The diocese has purchased from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare 22 acres of the former Mitchell Air Force Base, Hempstead, N.Y., for \$182,000. Market value of the land had been set by the department at \$550,000.

The land had been transferred to the department under a plan by which the General Services Administration makes acreage available to educational institutions at a discount of up to 80 per cent of its valuation.

Seniors' Honor
Notre Dame — (NC) — Adlai E. Stevenson, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, was named for the tenth annual Patriotism Award of the University of Notre Dame's senior class.



Shower For Henrietta Nuns

FOOD SHOWER given by the Rosary Altar Society of Good Shepherd Church, Henrietta delighted these nuns. They received many staple foods and a surprise package filled with money with which they will be able to complete a shopping tour for the items of their own choice. From left are: Sister Mary Timothy, Sister James Mary, Mrs. Walter Seleski, Sister Mary DePaul, Sister Mary Madeline.

Father Kueng Now He's an Optimist

By PATRICK RILEY
Vatican City — (NC) — Father Hans Kueng, Swiss theologian who has created a stir with his book on the ecumenical council and Christian unity, has stated that the Council's first session has turned him from a pessimist into an optimist.

He declared: "I had feared that the Second Vatican Council would make statements which would have a bad effect on the ecumenical movement. But the Council has offered no difficulties for eventual reunion. In fact the Council has rejected all dangerous initiatives."

Father Kueng, author of "The Council, Reform and Reunion," is a professor of theology at the University of Tuebingen, Germany.

The Vatican announced this week it named him one of the "periti" — an official adviser at the Council.

HE LISTED three other chief reasons why he believes the Council will be a success. "The first, he stated, is 'the change of atmosphere effected in the whole Church by the Council.'"

"None of us will return home as we came here," he said. "The level of discussion has been higher than at the First Vatican Council. I never thought that we would have so many good speeches. Many of them came from American bishops."

The second reason, he continued, is "the great prudence

of the Council in rejecting all dangerous initiatives." The third reason, he went on, is that the liturgical reforms suggested at the Council are "fully in line with the renewal of the Church and the ecumenical encounter."

He pointed out that German Protestant reformers of the 16th century demanded liturgical reforms very much like those proposed at the present Council.

Among such reforms he listed suggestions that there be a ritual in the Mass similar to the Last Supper so that Protestants and others can easily see that the Mass is a reliving of the Last Supper; that the liturgy should be immersed in Scripture; that the spirit of Scripture "has to penetrate the whole of the liturgy"; that all the people should participate in liturgical worship; that the liturgy should be adapted to different

nations. He also mentioned celebration — the joint offering of Mass by more than one priest — and Holy Communion under both species, bread and wine.

ASKED WHAT forms the renewal of the Church might take, Father Kueng replied that a clearer definition of the relationship between the bishops and the pope would be very important. He also said that the relationship between the bishops and the Vatican administrative staff — the Roman curia — should be made very clear.

"The episcopate is really the collaborator of the pope," he said. "The curia is only an executive arm of the pope," he said.

He added that he also hoped to see a new decentralization of the Church emerge from the council. "I often say," he declared, "that the United Nations secretariat in New York is more catholic than the Roman curia of the Catholic Church."

Father Kueng said that before the Council opened there was a great deal of pessimism about whether it would act as an independent body. "But the Council showed its character and its personality on the very first day of the election," he stated. He was referring to the Council's decision to nominate its own slate of candidates for membership on the Council commissions charged with writing the proposals submitted to the Council.

Miracle at Aylesford?

Reluctant Girl Cured

London — (NC) — A Catholic doctor has reported that a teenage girl, now healthy and happy, was inexplicably cured of acute lymphatic leukemia five years ago after a visit to a shrine of Our Lady near here.

Dr. Gabriel Fielding told the story of the apparent cure of Pauline Scott of Maidstone, Kent (30 miles from here) in an article (Nov. 28) in the monthly Family Doctor, published by the medical profession for general reading.

Dr. Fielding said in his article that when he started treating Pauline she was an unhappy, resentful child who seemed to know there was no hope of a cure.

"Pauline was nine when it became generally known that she was dying of an unusual blood disease," the doctor says. "Many people started to pray for her. Pauline's name (she was not a Catholic) was put on the list of the (Anglican parish church and she was remembered every Sunday. Baptists, Methodists, Congregationalists and many other denominations became interested in the approaching death of this little girl."

Dr. Fielding said that he asked that prayers be said for her in his own church.

The girl continued to grow worse and she was taken to a hospital. One day when she was feeling a little better, Dr. Fielding took her for a ride in his car. He says they stated with no definite idea of where they would go. They eventually decided to visit the gardens at the Carmelite priory at nearby Aylesford. The girl enjoyed the trip, although she was in pain, and they went there many times afterward.

(The Aylesford priory is a pilgrimage center in honor of Our Lady and of St. Simon Stock. It is said that the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon there and revealed the devotion of the brown scapular to him.)

(The Carmelites founded the priory in the 13th century. It was taken from them during the Reformation, but in 1850 they moved back in.)

The doctor reported that on a later trip, Pauline "agreed to enter one of the chapels where, with her mother's consent, she was given the blessing of the sick. Then, after a good deal of persuasion from her mother, she lighted a candle to the saint whose good offices she had sought. She lit this candle sulkily and without any sign of prayer."

Pauline's condition became worse, the account continues. She was taken to a hospital and put in an oxygen tent. Her parents waited two days in a hospital corridor.

Suddenly, the child's nausea ceased. Treatment was started again. After a few days she received blood transfusions successfully.

Her parents were told that she could go home for a little while, but they were warned that she would probably not live more than six or eight weeks.

DR. FIELDING said he visited her shortly afterwards and was surprised when he found her looking well.

Pauline made a rapid recovery, the doctor says, and went back to school.

"I cannot explain the story," wrote Dr. Fielding. "I can only vouch for its truth. I have hesitated over putting it into words for very many reasons. But principally perhaps because I did not wish to arouse false hopes in the minds of the people with similar troubles."

He told British newspaper reporters: "Pauline was not at all a pious little girl. She was reluctant to go to the shrine. But I took her there because I thought it might be the will of God to intervene."

"I think the cure is one of those providential cures," he added. "There is no medical explanation for it."

U.S. Catholic Schools

13 Million by 1980?

Washington — (NC) — The federal government estimates that enrollment in U.S. non-public schools may run between 9 million and 13 million by 1980, most probably about 10 million.

The broad spread between possible enrollments comes from the projection of future elementary and secondary enrollment used four different methods to estimate future enrollment.

In the case of non-public schools, which now enroll about six million, it adds that special difficulties in making a projection were factors such as family income levels, changes in sources of revenue available for support of the schools and "degree of urbanization."

The report notes that in the past decade the percentage increase for enrollment in non-public schools has been far greater than that for public schools. But it says it does not know if this will continue.

"Between 1950 and 1980, non-public school enrollment increased an estimated 82 per cent, while public school enrollment increased 43 per cent," said the publication.

If this high rate of growth continues, it said, enrollment in non-public schools by the school year 1979-80 might go as high as 18,902,000.

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