

War Still Has its 'Moral Limitations'

Baltimore—(NC)—Although there is no clear cut "Christian" position regarding the Vietnam conflict, Christians should be aware of the moral limitations on modern warfare, Cardinal Lawrence Shehan said here.

In a pastoral letter the cardinal said the Vietnam conflict is a source of concern and controversy around the world, and it is evident that "Christians of equal sincerity and equal devotion to the Gospel may honorably differ" in their views on the subject.

He warned that voices opposed to restraint and to moral limitations in war-making seem

to be growing stronger in the United States.

To resist such "lethal appeals," the cardinal said, "we must constantly recall that only on moral grounds can our cause in Vietnam be just. If our means become immoral, our cause will have been betrayed."

"Certainly no Catholic who claims to find in the living teaching of the Church a source of moral guidance can be indifferent to his duty to care about the overriding moral issues of modern warfare as well as his duty to know and follow the pronouncements of the Church on the moral limitations even of lawful self-defense.



Cardinal Lawrence Shehan of Baltimore issued a pastoral letter calling for restraint in the Vietnam war a week after he met with Pope Paul at the Vatican. The U.S. prelate was one of several Cardinals at an audience on Pope Paul's baptismal feastday, June 24.

The cardinal said the American Catholics have an especially grave obligation in this matter because of America's military potential, the worldwide impact of the nation's policies, and the strength of U.S. Catholicism.

Citing the Second Vatican Council's condemnation of indiscriminate bombing, the Baltimore archbishop commented: "It is clear how contrary to Catholic teaching are some of the suggestions occasionally made about the degree and kind of violence our nation should inflict on its enemies."

"Let us also avoid the narrowness of supposing that all the vice and the bad will lie on one side of any major conflict and that all the virtue and good will lie on the other."

The letter concluded with an appeal for prayers for reasonable and honorable negotiations in Vietnam.

The stated purpose of the pastoral letter was to suggest "some lines of thought about the patrotic duties of an American Catholic in the present hour" and to recall "some of the pertinent principles formulated by the Vatican council concerning modern warfare."



Broadway for Children at St. Agnes

Broadway for children is at St. Agnes High School this summer. Youngsters from 25 area schools will present three plays on the Thursday and Friday evening of the next three weeks of July. Photo shows one group studying the lines for a play. Other photos and story are on page eleven.

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Married Couples Told

Try to Tie Together 'Scattered Humanity'

Washington—(NC)—The dignity of marriage, the value of celibacy, and the equal status of women (including the possibility of their being ordained as priests) were among the themes highlighted at a theological symposium here on Christian marriage.

The July 1 to 4 meeting

was sponsored by the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and attended by theologians and family life specialists.

Father Warren Reich, a professor of moral theology at Holy Trinity Mission Seminary in Winchester, Va., said the chastity prop-

erty to the married state "has too long been placed in a secondary, inferior rank."

The new view of marital chastity, he declared, presents it as "a positive ideal," in the service of both conjugal love and the procreation and education of children.

Thus, he said, the ideal of marital chastity requires that couples "organize their sexual life in terms of this twofold

destiny: the spouse and the child."

Turning to the chastity of the priest or nun, he said it "makes demands similar to those of marital chastity: each calls for a harmonious growth in love and self-control."

"The ultimate meaning and validity of virginity must be found in dedicated love. It visibly signifies the interior life of love in the Church, it stimulates pastoral charity, and it serves as a suitable aid for the continual pursuit of the perfect charity which is the goal of Christian perfection," he declared.

Father Dennis Burke of Los Angeles, speaking on the spirituality of marriage, said a "stop the world I want to get off" kind of spirituality has pretty much dominated our thinking until fairly recently.

"Thus, priests, brothers and sisters made the team and were fully engaged on the field of spiritual combat, while the married laity cheered them on from the stands," said Father Burke, who is completing doctoral studies in the school of religious education at the Catholic University of America here.

A current reaction to this "extreme world-rejection," he said, is "the romantic embrace of this world with few qualifications and hardly any reservations. The world-affirmation approach reduces spirituality to 'where the action is.' God is dead but the oppressed and the needy are alive. Spirituality is doing."

Urging a balanced approach to spirituality in marriage, he said that "any modern spirituality must see the contemporary problem of being human and Christian as one."

A husband and wife should not seek to be "nauseously conscious of being the ideal Christian couple," he said, adding: "I would prefer that a married couple are terribly aware of their scattered humanity and desire Christ to tie it all together each day."

Speaking on marriage in the New Testament, Redemptorist Father Eugene McAlee of Mount St. Alphonsus Seminary, Esopus, N.Y., said the New Testament revelation is that "husband and wife, male and female, are equal in the Christian society."

However, he added, "it is taking a long time for society to catch up with this unequivocal teaching."

He said the Second Vatican Council had given a new slant on St. Paul's comparison of the husband to Christ and the wife to the Church. "The union of husband and wife is compared to the union of Christ and His Church, implying, however, that both spouses are one in Christ," he said.

He urged that ideas of the role of women no longer be tied to the concepts of "a society that is in process of passing away." He said he looks for "the day when women will be fully emancipated and will take their place even in the Church order, by being ordained to the priesthood."

FERRY FLOWERS for an occasion. Photo by Tom Lovgren, Jr., Boston. Woburn, Mass. 01897. 441 Oak Ave. FA-8-7122-247.

Conservative Catholics Agree

All Troubles Are Red

By PAT SCHARBER

Minneapolis—(NC)—"Do not go so far as to presume that every change in the liturgy is conceived by the communists."

This was among the more moderate positions voiced at the second annual Wanderer Forum here, June 24 to 26, and few of the some 550 persons attending agreed.

Communists were held responsible for the changes in the liturgy, for the lack of prayers in public schools, for the war in Vietnam, for the war on poverty, and for the many other ills afflicting our society.

The forum was sponsored by The Wanderer, national Catholic conservative weekly published in St. Paul. Those attending had come from 10 countries and 38 states in the U.S. to discuss "the decline of western Christian civilization."

Wanderer Editor Walter Matt called the whole Great Society "the poor ape of God."

"God and his law," he explained, "have been thrust out of home, school and state in America."

Phyllis Schlafly, Alton, Ill., author of "A Choice Not an Echo," chided the U.S. Supreme Court for "forbidding kids to pray in school, but giving the green light to press and the mass media when it comes to pornography."

Bella Dodd, a former Communist, compared Project Head Start to the Chinese communist commune system. "It's an attempt to steal the children before they're old enough to say their prayers," she said.

She also called the National Education Association "an arm of the state department," and

the American Federation of Teachers "a communist front organization."

The "liberal press" took an acute wrist slapping from a majority of the speakers. While Frederick Wilhelmsen, philosophy and political science professor at Dallas University, labeled Ramparts "theological pornography," his Dallas peer, Bella Dodd, attacked Mad magazine.

Wilhelmsen said "the scandal of 50 million Catholics whose press, with a few honorable exceptions such as The Wanderer... maligns the most venerable traditions of the Church and gives the palm of justice to its enemies from Luther to Marx and beyond" is abetting the new atheism.

He said that the "metallic life of America's mass media" is responsible for making "electricity synonymous with consciousness."

Among the individuals coming under attack, Father William DuBay of Los Angeles, author of "The Human Church," was probably the most frequently named.

Msgr. Ladislav Parker, superior of the West Coast Norbertine Fathers at Orange, Calif., called Father DuBay "the brash young man who inserts his thoughts ex-cathedra... making it possible to wreck the Church from within."

Running a close second among the villainous was Father Hans Kung (German theologian and author, who was hit as the worst of the new breed by Fa-

ther Michael D. Forrest, M.S.C. of Geneva, Ill.

Father Forrest called Father Kung, "a Catholic semi-Lutheran" who whitewashes Martin Luther, regards practically the whole body of theologians at the time of the Reformation as a collection of ignoramuses... and waters down Catholic doctrine.

Other personalities drawing several barbs during the convention included Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J., Harvey Cox, Michael Novak, Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike, John Cogley, United Nations Ambassador Arthur Goldberg, and Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren.

Also found guilty was Jesuit Father Teilhard de Chardin. "I don't care if Chardin is right or wrong—he's dead, and I'm not sorry," Father Ferdinand C. Flaque, pastor at Sacred Heart parish, Staples, Minn., said.

One of the few persons not present who received praise was Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles. The group sent him a congratulatory wire on the triple occasion of his 80th birthday, 40th anniversary of ordination and silver jubilee in the episcopate.

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How to Build A Monument, Italian Style

Naples—(RNS)—Roman Catholics have been barred from participating in a Communist-sponsored drive to build memorials to the late Pope John XXIII.

First such memorial is planned in Piscinola, a Naples suburb.

Observers here said the Communist initiative stemmed from the party's campaign to establish a dialogue with Catholics.

In Piscinola, where the first monument is to be built, the local chapter of the Communist Party distributed the following leaflet:

"Citizens, the Communists of Piscinola wish to start a subscription to raise the necessary funds for a monument to John XXIII.

The Roman Catholic chancery office at Naples, informed of the campaign, issued the following statement:

"This Curia has been informed of an initiative by a political movement, which is definitely anti-Christian, to erect a monument of John XXIII. Owing to the evident political speculation on which the initiative is based, it is prohibited to the clergy, to the Catholic laity, and to Catholic associations to participate in any way..."

Departure Rite Next Week For Diocesan Missioners

The departure ceremony for the first two young priests of the Rochester Diocese to be missionaries in Bolivia will be held at St. Thomas More Church, Brighton, Friday, July 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Bishop Kearney will preside at the rite and present Fathers Peter Deckman and Thomas O'Brien with their Missionary Rosaries and Crosses.

The two priests will work with U.S. Maryknoll missionaries in parishes in Bolivia.

Father Deckman was formerly a curate at St. Thomas More parish and Father O'Brien, at St. Lawrence parish, Greece.

Parishioners and friends are invited to attend the departure ceremony. A reception will follow the rite.

Pope Ordains Seventy For Latin America

Vatican City—(NC)—As a sign of the Universal Church's deep commitment to the growth of the Faith in Latin America, Pope Paul VI ordained 70 young men from Europe, North and South America in St. Peter's Basilica July 3. All will work in Central and South America.

Among the men 57 were diocesan priests and 13 were members of religious orders. The only U.S. citizen was Daniel Corbett, 24, of the Buffalo diocese, who was ordained as a deacon only a month before in Buffalo.

The Pope concelebrated Mass with the 70 young men. After the reading of the Gospel he delivered a homily on the significance of the day's ceremony and on the needs of the Church of Latin America.



Mass Comes To Slums of Mexico City

Mexico City—(RNS)—A group of Jesuits in Mexico, some from the U.S., have started a variation of the European worker-priest movement to bring Christianity into slum areas and factories. They do not work alongside the Mexicans, but visit plants and poor areas to celebrate Mass, hear confessions and give pastoral advice. In this photo, a Mexican priest, Father Cesar A. Gonzalez, says an open-air Mass for the poor. The Jesuits serve at the El Centro Laboral Mexico, or the Mexico Work Center.

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