



An Arab grandfather remembers his farm in Palestine before war a decade ago made him an exile. The youngster has never known anything but destitution.



The United Nations looked for cracks in the curtain of crisis which hangs over Middle East. Here U.S. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg confers with UN delegates.

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A New Concept in Education for Leaders of Tomorrow

St. Andrew's Now King's Preparatory

Bishop Sheen issued this statement at The Pastoral Office Wednesday:

An entirely new concept in religious vocational education will be introduced during the coming year in the school formerly known as St. Andrew's Seminary.

Up to this time, it has been a high school for boys who believed they had a vocation to the priesthood.

A survey of the clergy of the diocese revealed that the majority favored closing the school as it presently exists. Such a vote throws an onus on the bishop to reconsider the whole problem of training for vocations.

St. Andrew's presently fits into the first of the 444 program of seminary education—St. Andrew's being the first four years of high school; Becket Hall the college course, and St. Bernard's Seminary completing the last four years of Theology.

The proposed new plan is to convert St. Andrew's into a co-educational school in which both high school boys and girls will test their vocation for a dedicated service to God, humanity and the Church. The other two seminaries, for philosophy and Theology will be exclusively for young men seminarians.

The new school will not start with the idea of vocation; it will start with the education of the person.

Much of our elementary seminary training has been based on the vocation, rather than on the person. Once students express even the vaguest possibility that they have a vocation, they are immediately thrown into an isolation and an apartment to prepare them for ordination twelve years in the future. It is no wonder that less than ten percent survive to their final dedication.

This segregation of young men in such seminaries and their being set apart from

youths of the other sex, often starts the development of their personalities. As a tree grows thanks not only to its rootedness in the soil, but also because of its communion with light and air, so too, young men and young women should have communion with one another during the four years of high school, in order to unfold their personalities which are the root and ground of their vocation, and by communion with the loftiness of ideals which the school will offer.

The human person cannot be developed if there is missing one of the basic relationships of life, namely, that between young men and young women.

Even the very future prospect of being "set apart" which is the essence of the religious life and holiness, requires some knowledge of that from which one is being set apart. But until that decision is made, say at the end of the high school course, there should be a normal, healthy brother-sister association which makes for less giddiness among girls, more chivalry among boys, and a healthy sublimation of all instincts and drives which later on may be channeled and redirected into zeal and apostolate.

THE NEW ORDER

What was formerly known as St. Andrew's Seminary, for boys "studying for the priesthood,"

will now become a co-educational preparatory school known as KING'S PREPARATORY. It will open next fall to high school boys and girls who fulfill the following conditions:

1. It will accept only leaders—not followers, namely those who wish to rise up above the mediocrity of the commonplace, and a conformism which dulls all originality.
2. Academic requirements of admission will be the same as all accredited high schools.
3. But since the person is made up not only of intellect, but will, character will be of equal importance in determining admission.

4. The applicant need not declare her or his vocation to the religious life, or to the priesthood, though this will secure immediate admittance, other requirements being fulfilled. Some who feel that they have a vocation, in the end may discover that they have none; others who do not believe they have any such vocation may discover it during their training.
5. The absolute requirement for entering the school must be a proveable desire to dedicate oneself, in any way God may elect, to the service of humanity, the poor, the community and the missions. Those who discover they have no religious vocation will still be equipped for the lay apostolate.

All first, second, third and fourth year high school students who seek admittance to KING'S PREPARATORY will present their academic requirements, after which competent counselors will interview them and their families to determine their character and readiness for such an education.

The teaching program will be revised and upgraded to make this one of the outstanding schools of the country.

KING'S PREPARATORY is for the spiritually elite, who wish to be something more than birds in gilded cages, which our affluent civilization makes possible. Rather, it is for eagles who want to rise above dull conventionalities to a life of reverence for the poor, for all races and for God. KING'S PREPARATORY, therefore, will be a kind of testing ground for the new heroism of youth, for the leaders of the next generation, either in the vertical relation to God through the religious life, or the horizontal relation to humanity.

It will not assume that youths are sent on explorations through life not knowing their destiny, and ending in the despair of the meaningless existence. Rather, it will regard students as pilgrims, having charts, compasses, bearings and beams to guide them through life. It will be the first school of vocation in the United States where

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Probes for Peace Red Robes for 27

U Thant of the United Nations said this week that the world stands at the brink of World War III... nuclear war... and obliteration.

Pope Paul at the Vatican said 27 prelates would don new red robes as Princes of the Church.

The blood red vestments of the new Cardinals were seen by some as an ominous omen of the direction the Arab-Israeli confrontation was going.

The Pope sent a plea to Moslem and Jewish chiefs of state urging them to make every effort to maintain peace "which is so vital for the well-being of the human race."

He then told a throng in St. Peter's piazza at Rome, "We must help with our prayers those who are trying to avoid new, frightening conflicts."

While spokesmen for the contending parties in the Middle East crisis voiced their different viewpoints at the United Nations, a "Pacem in Terris" convocation got under-

way in Geneva, Switzerland, — itself a victim of a divided world.

Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions of Santa Barbara, California, the convocation, named for Pope John's famed peace encyclical, opened on a muted note. North Vietnamese, Red Chinese, and Soviet Russian delegates, at the last minute, boycotted the meeting because of "criminal acts of escalation by the United States" in its Vietnam war.

A world divided, hostile, on the brink of atomic annihilation — such is the world the Church is sent by its Lord to serve and to be a messenger of peace. To aid the Pope in this awesome responsibility the new Cardinals assume more a burden than an honor.

Four of the 27 are Americans—Archbishops John P. Cody of Chicago, Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington and John J. Krol of Philadelphia. The fourth is Monsignor Francis Brennan who heads the Vatican's top matrimonial court, the Rota.

What's the Cause of Crisis?

By MSGR. JOHN G. NOLAN (NC News Service)

The big news in the Middle East is not the renewed drumming of war, but the fading prospects for peace.

There's a difference.

In the mixed-up Middle East, war is already the norm. For 19 years, seven nations have been declaredly at war over the Holy Land, held apart by only nominal armistices observed most often in the breach.

Jerusalem is divided like Berlin; more than 1.3 million Palestinians can be counted as war refugees and, to the neighboring Arab states, there is no such place as Israel. On their maps, it is ominously called "Occupied Palestine."

Withdrawal of the United Na-

tions Emergency Force (UNEF) separating Israel and Nasser's Egypt removed the bandaid from a festering wound the world has neglected for a decade.

Required to call off his peace-keeping force by the consent provisions of the UN Charter, Secretary General U Thant also

(Monsignor Nolan is the president of the Pontifical Mission for Palestine and national secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. In this special article, he reports on the heightened Arab-Israeli crisis from his continuing study and frequent presence in the Middle East.)

felt compelled to say that UNEF "has allowed us for 10 years to ignore some of the hard realities of the underlying conflict."

The world, he said, "is confronted now with a brutally realistic and dangerous situation."

What does he mean by brutal, dangerous realities? Let's look at the background. Let's also look at the prospects now exposed by recent events.

The latest tightening of the noose around Israel — Egypt's mobilization against the Sinai border — calls forth at once a premise that can light up all thinking about the Middle East: that all such gesturing, however cavalier and by whichever of the belligerents, is frequently intended for domestic consumption.

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Father Doerbecker's Golden Jubilee in the Priesthood

*Grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,
An eve untouched by shadows of decay,
The brightness of a holy deathbed blending
With dawning glories of the eternal day.*

Roman Breviary.

That prayer, in Latin, has been on the lips of priests daily since their ordination.

One priest who has said it faithfully close to 20,000 times is Father Henry J. Doerbecker.

He will mark his golden jubilee in the priesthood next Friday, June 9.

He lives in retirement at St. Ann's Home and will celebrate his 50th anniversary Mass privately.

Father Joseph McDonnell, who succeeded him as pastor of St. Michael's Church, Newark, will celebrate a Mass honoring Father Doerbecker's jubilee Sunday, June 4 at 12 noon.

He will then present a spiritual bouquet prepared by parishioners to the jubilarian at St. Ann's whose failing health prevents his attending the Mass at the Newark Church.

Father Doerbecker commented on his life in retirement — "I am thankful to be as I am. I have time for thought and prayer for myself and especially for my good friends..."



FATHER DOERBECKER
Fifty Years a Priest

In his half-century as a priest he has served three parishes as pastor — St. Michael's, Newark; St. Mary's, Geneseo, and St. Patrick's, Aurora, and St. Michael's Union Springs.

Prior to his pastorates he was a curate at Corpus Christi Church, Rochester, and chaplain at the Catholic orphans' homes — St. Joseph's and St. Mary's — formerly at the Bulls Head corner on Rochester's west side.

Father Doerbecker's priesthood has been characterized by a concern for God's "little people" — children, the aged, the retarded, the unknown, the scorned.

As pastor at St. Michael's, Newark, he was also responsible for the spiritual care of residents at the Newark State School.

During his Newark pastorate he also saw to the construction of a \$254,000 two-story school and a convent for the Sisters of Mercy who staff the school.

He has always been meticulous in providing a dignified setting for religious services — whether by refurbishing churches where he was pastor or by his personal attention to altar and sanctuary furnishings and sacred vessels.

Those who know him well know that his devotion is much deeper than these external aspects of religious life.

He set himself a regimen of daily spiritual practices — comparable in many ways to that of a cloistered monk — and then added

to it the full round of pastoral duties ranging from the routine administrative chores to catechizing youngsters, convert instructions — duties he obviously enjoyed, as well as finding time to keep himself up-to-date in his reading of books and magazines on both religious and secular subjects.

He likes to illustrate his conversations with anecdotes — like the time he was chaplain at the orphanage during the lean years of World War I. One evening the meal was a bit Spartan and the youngsters complained. A nun asked the chaplain to speak to them. Father Doerbecker says he described the plight of children in the areas where the war was then being fought and pointed out, "How much they would appreciate a meal like this!" and then one of the local lads came up to him and asked him, "Couldn't we send them this one?"

To at least one priest, Father Doerbecker's anniversary recalls many pleasant memories of first days in the priesthood when as a newly ordained cleric he was assigned to be assistant pastor to the present jubilarian. It was this relationship which translated the idealism of seminary life for that young priest into realistic service of God, His Church and His People. It is, therefore, in deep gratitude and respect that this writer joins Father Doerbecker's friends many of whom already are enjoying in eternity the fruits of his priestly ministry to wish him a happy anniversary.

—Father Henry A. Atwell

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