

'Escalation of Moral Numbness'

What War is Doing to Us

St. Paul — (RNS)— Churches and synagogues have an unequivocal obligation to maintain for all the right to dissent in the Vietnam war, a Protestant theologian said at an interreligious "service of concern" at St. Leo's Catholic church here.

Dr. Robert McAfee Brown, professor of religion at Stanford University, said that to support the decisions of the Administration regardless of moral implications is a "blasphemy, a worship of false idols."

"We are being told more and more," the United Presbyterian theologian said, "that to dissent is equal to disloyalty. Loyalty must never be strictly to nations. It must be to God."

"In the community of men, conscience is precisely most important when it voices a minority viewpoint."

Churches, he stated, "must point out what war is doing to us. And what it is doing must be termed an escalation of moral numbness."

"There is an increasing insensitivity, a losing of a sense of constraint about how the war is being carried out."

"We are able to absorb atrocities without shock. We talk increasingly only of victory."

"At the Nuremberg trials following World War II, the Allies laid individual guilt upon Germans for attacking villages, destroying civilian property, deporting people, and destroying land around towns."

"Yet we find the same thing in Vietnam. When we do it, we don't call it wrong. We call it 'Operation Cedar Falls.'"

"We as people are becoming numb to the increasing number of civilian deaths."

Dr. Brown said churches and synagogues have a particular responsibility to "press the questions we want to avoid thinking about."

Part of the task, he said, is to raise questions about the attitude in the country about communism. He said Americans have contributed to this question a note of hysteria.

"The Communist monolith has been crumbling," he said. "Communist nations have felt more and more a sense of nationalism and independence rather than international unity. Yet the more we bomb Hanoi, the more we force that crumbling monolith back together."

Requiem, Tributes Offered Priest-Victims of Crash

Garrison, N.Y. — Sixty Friars of the Atonement and other priests at Graymoor, Garrison, offered a celebrated Mass of Requiem June 28 for Very Rev. Alexander Beaton, S.A., and Rev. DeSales Standerwick, S.A., who were fatally injured in a plane crash near Blossburg, Pa., on June 23.

Very Rev. Camillus Daniels, S.A., vicar general of the Graymoor Friars, was the principal celebrant, assisted by Rev. Leon Kotisko, S.A., and Rev. Ralph Thomas S.A.

Auxiliary Bishop Terence Cooke, D.D., representing Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York gave the absolution after Mass. Very Rev. Samuel Cummings, S.A., delivered the eulogy in which he paid tribute to the devoted lives of both priests.

"Father Alexander was our father general for only a short time," he said, "but what he did for the Society of the Atonement will never be forgotten. Together with the fathers meeting in Washington he gave our community a new direction, a new dimension, especially in the Graymoor Friars."

the field of Christian Unity," Father Samuel paid tribute to the years of dedicated service of Father DeSales who spent the 18 years of his priesthood at the minor seminary at Montour Falls, N.Y. "He gave of himself, he was completely dedicated to the apostolate of training young men for the priesthood of Christ. In this work he succeeded admirably."

Father Alexander was elected Father General just last June 3. He was from New Glasgow, N.S., Canada, and is survived by four brothers and one sister. Father DeSales was born in Brooklyn, and is survived by his parents and two sisters, Mrs. Dolores Toolan and Mrs. Marie Morrison.

Both priests had attended graduation exercises at St. John's Seminary and were returning to Washington, D.C., where they had taken part in the general chapter of the Graymoor Friars.

Cenacle Schedule

Spiritual Exercises will be held at the Cenacle Retreat House for Women, 693 East Avenue, Rochester during the month of July as follows:

Retreats:

July 21-23—General Retreat—Rev. Gerard McCarthy, C.S.Sp.

July 28-30—Married Women's Retreat—Rev. Gerard Murphy, S.J.

Discovery Day:

July 26—5th and 6th Grade Girls—(9:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.) — Rev. John M. Quigley

Coming Events:

August 11-13—Retreat for C.C.D. Teachers—Rev. John A. McCarthy, S.J.

August 25-27—11th and 12th Grade High School Girls — Rev. Stanley Kusman, S.M.

James Reagan Rites Held

Funeral Mass for James W. Reagan was offered in St. Monica's Church, July 1. Mr. Reagan, 86, former night foreman of the maintenance staff of Runder Memorial Building and Runder Library, died June 27, 1967 at his home, 67 Cottage St.

Requiem Mass was celebrated by Father Eugene Sweeney with Father Gerald F. Dunn and Father Robert L. Collins.

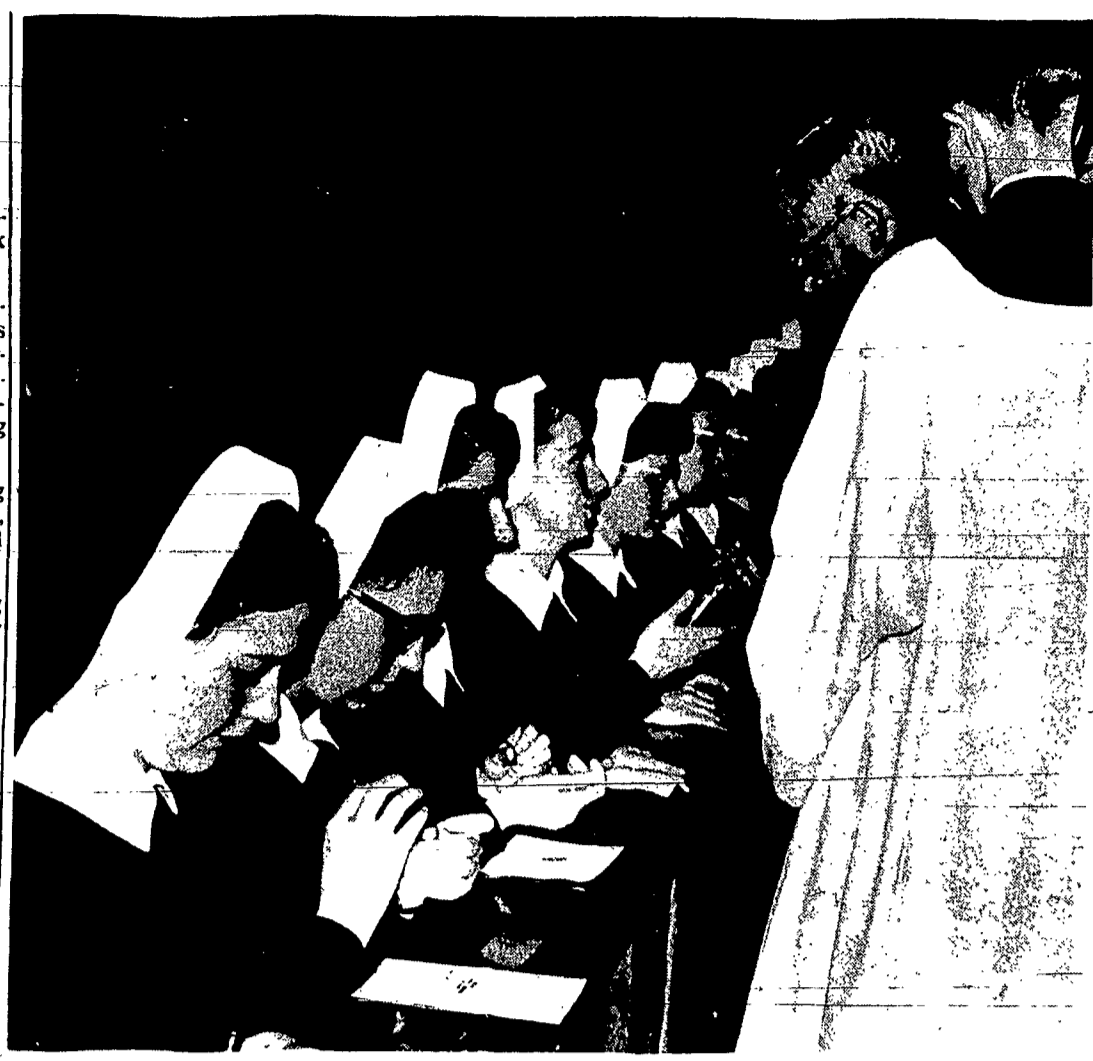
Mr. Reagan was born in County Cork, Ireland. He and Miss Ellen (Nellie) Hagerty, also a Cork County native, were classmates. They were married in Rochester April 26, 1911.

He was a member of St. Monica's Holy Name Society.

Surviving are his wife, Ellen, one daughter, Mrs. Jeremiah (Margaret) Mulcahy, one grandson, James J. Mulcahy of Churchville, N.Y., one great-granddaughter, Debra Ann Mulcahy, one great-grandson, Timothy Jerome Mulcahy, several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Alvah Halloran and Son, Chili Ave.

DEADLINE FOR NEWS MONDAY NOON FRIDAY DELIVERY



Fifteen young women received final vows and crucifixes marking their profession as Sisters of St. Joseph in Nazareth Motherhouse chapel last Saturday, July 1. Monsignor Richard K. Burns, Vicar of Religious for the Diocese of Rochester, presided.

Nun's Vows Called:

Weapons of the Spirit

A nun's triple vows are powerful weapons in the daily struggle of the Church Militant. Monsignor Richard K. Burns told 15 Sisters of St. Joseph making their final profession last Saturday.

Referring to the feast of the Precious Blood, which was being celebrated that day, Monsignor Burns told the nuns that their dedication would help bring the benefits of the Precious Blood of Christ to the whole world.

"The vow of poverty is a helpful corrective to a world preoccupied with seeking possessions."

"Chastity, freely accepted, is an eloquent sermon in a sex-obsessed society."

"Obedience can help restore the balance to a day in which self-will was glorified out of proportion."

St. Salome's Parish

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6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.;
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Property Improvement Loans	286,078.58
Loans made under Home Modernization loan Plans . . . all repayable in 5 years or less.	
Other Loans	89,027.15
Made to members who use their passbooks as security for an amount up to 90% of their savings.	
Student Loans	120,249.37
Loans made to college students for educational expenses under provisions of the New York State Higher Education Assistance program.	
Shares in Savings and loan Bank and Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of New York	322,700.00
As members of these organizations we are privileged to use their credit facilities and numerous other services.	
Office Building and Equipment	466,841.93
Cash on Hand and in Banks	1,055,264.55
Government Bonds	862,249.26
Prepaid Expenses	133,588.16
Our Total Assets	\$25,375,032.14

LIABILITIES:

Savings Accounts	\$22,698,270.87
This includes the savings of individuals, families, partnerships, corporations, civic and social organizations. Savings are insured up to \$15,000 by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporations.	
Loans in Process	190,176.37
These loans have been made and the funds set aside for disbursement. Most of these loans are for the construction or modernization of homes in the Chemung Valley area.	
Other Liabilities	114,779.39
Deferred Credits	133,560.58
Interest paid in advance by borrowers and other un-earned income.	
Reserves	2,258,244.93
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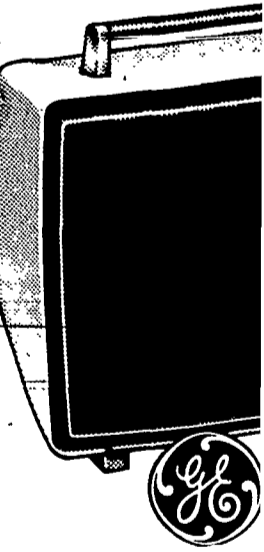
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