

Vietnam War, A Bloody Mistake

New York — (RNS) — Commonweal, Roman Catholic weekly published by laymen here, devoted most of its Sept. 22 issue to the war in Vietnam.

The range of the comment ran from serious questioning of the philosophy behind U.S. involvement in Vietnam to denunciation of the Johnson Administration's policy as well as the present government in Saigon.

Calling the military engagement in the tiny Southeastern Asian land "a tragic and bloody mistake," editor James O'Garra set the tone of the issue in an article called "Treadmill to Disaster."

Mr. O'Garra charged that the "Administration policy on Vietnam is misguided, often cynical and by and large unsuccessful. All we have achieved by

escalation is a bloodier stalemate on a still higher plateau."

He said that the U.S. is backing a government in South Vietnam which does not have the support of the population because the leaders of the military junta which recently was replaced by elected officials represent the same attitude which the Vietnamese people found in their former French overlords.

"Out of the ten generals who participated in the coup which brought (General Ky) to power, nine were born in North Vietnam, not South, and nine fought for the French against the nationalists, only a small minority of whom were Communist."

"We really cannot win the war for the Vietnamese, and any military effort in that unhappy country will remain bloody and useless without serious internal reforms. 75 per cent of the farms in the South are owned by absentee landlords."

"We badly need to know what the Vietnamese people want — not what the generals say they want. But Premier Ky said he would respond 'militarily' if a civilian with whose policies he disagreed won the presidency. If he is a Communist, or if he is a neutralist," Ky said."

Michael Novak, regular contributor to Commonweal who recently returned from Vietnam, observed that "it seems quite plain that the U.S. does not want to stop the fighting and begin to talk."

"With every American soldier who has been killed (over 13,000) or been crippled in

Vietnam, American emotional stakes in the war have risen. The buddies of every fallen man, his family and the public as a whole are impelled to ask that these honored dead will not have died in vain."

"Thus the U.S. government cannot face the realities of Vietnam truthfully. It cannot admit that the war is largely a civil war. It cannot admit that the government it supports is not a free government. . . . civilian workers in the field report hatred for Americans grows daily in once friendly villages."

A program of "gradual de-escalation" to bring U.S. commitments in Vietnam "into balance with its stake there" were outlined in the magazine by John K. Moriarty, a specialist in defense research and political-military analysis.

Steps set forth include terminations of bombing in the North, the bombing and shelling of villages in the South, and crop-spraying which is designed to curtail the food supply of the Vietcong.

Mr. Moriarty also suggested reaffirmations that the U.S. is not going to abandon South Vietnam, that its objectives are aimed at preventing a take-over by force and that it will leave when hostilities are over rather than stay to exploit as the French did.

He urged U.S. "encouragement of the South Vietnamese government to get on with the so-called 'other war' — the land reform measures, administrative and political reforms, the attempt to make the government a friend rather than an

\$52 Million Project at Notre Dame

Notre Dame—(RNS)—A five-year, \$52-million fund-raising effort, "probably the greatest ever undertaken by a Catholic university anywhere in such a brief period," has been launched by the University of Notre Dame.

Named "SUMMA: Notre Dame's Greatest Challenge," the

major segment of the program, \$20 million, will be used for faculty development. The remainder will be divided between graduate education, \$13.9 million; special research programs, \$4.5 million; and general university development, \$13.5 million.

Speaking at a dinner on the

campus attended by the university's trustees, senior faculty, members of the SUMMA national committee and 300 campaign leaders from 39 cities, Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., said the program would "develop the university in depth and achieve its highest priority goals."

Speaking of YOUR HEALTH...

By LESTER L. COLEMAN, M.D.

Hopeful News In Medicine

THE DANGER of accidental poisonings in children is still a great health hazard. Despite all the warnings by health officials, thousands of children are still made desperately ill by consuming taste-like-candy medicines that fall into their curious hands and mouths.

It is well known that these youngsters have a magnetic attraction to and find the well-labeled candy medicines even when they are stored away in a thought to be inaccessible spot. They have a special talent for opening bottles with caps that are said to be fool-proof, but are not.

Dr. Allen K. Done, of the University of Utah Medical Center, came up with a simple but brilliant idea that may well be the answer to preserving the unnecessary lives lost by poisoning. I am certain that this originated when he witnessed even adult frustration when they attempted to open the plastic strips that contain gum, vitamins, sugar substitutes and packages of peanuts.

I personally know that I have tried my fingers, my nails, my teeth and my temper and have often given up and thrown away the tempting goodie in sheer despair.

Dr. Done has created a perforated plastic envelope which seems to resist opening by children who finally give up in disgust and go seeking other easier mischievous activity. He believes that children lose interest and do not pursue the task after a few minutes.

He claims that these packages are not particularly inconvenient for adults. I'm afraid he's in for a great surprise when he learns that adults too, give up rather quickly.

It will be worth the frustration for children and adults, however, if it can prevent any of the 53,000 cases of accidental poisonings that occurred in 1965.

Gigantic strides are being made in the prevention, treatment and control of all forms of mental illness. The greatest hope probably lies in the understanding of the chemical imbalance of the body that may be a cause for this vast disease of civilization. Treatment with drugs holds forth the greatest promise for the control of schizophrenia, one of the most desperate of all mental diseases.

Until the final answer is known, all available methods are used in the hope that somewhere at least a single human being can be helped to emerge from the isolation of his own world of fantasy.

Mrs. Marian Chase, a dancer, has found that mental patients, unapproachable by any other means, have become gentle, less aggressive and happier when they are taught the joys of dancing. Rhythm and music have therapeutic value to liberate many of these oppressed patients from their own fears, hatreds and anger.

Mrs. Chase working under the supervision of psychiatrists at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, D.C., has added considerably to the recovery of patients and has offered them a sense of belonging during the long period of despair.

Mrs. Joan R. Cheff of New York City has been duplicating this form of therapy at the Bellevue Hospital in New York City. She is but one of a large group of dedicated people trained by Marian Chase who is bringing to the mentally ill an additional contribution to their eventual recovery.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH—Medical advice from loving friends is cheap and that's about what it's worth. These columns are designed to relieve your fears about health through a better understanding of your mind and body. All the hopeful new advances in medicine reported here are known to doctors everywhere. Your individual medical problems should be handled by your own doctor. He knows you best.

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Laymen Prefer War Policy

Dahlonega, Ga.—(RNS)—Roman Catholics in this town of about 3,000 in north Georgia do not agree with their archbishop's stand on the war in Vietnam.

The Parish Council of St. Luke's church has approved a letter to Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta which challenges his recommendations on the war in Southeast Asia and supports efforts of Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York.

Father Gerald Peterson, pastor of St. Luke's, said, "The people drew up the statement on their own initiative. I substantially agree with the document, but I feel that the archbishop does have a right to speak individually and as a church leader."

The letter, which was also sent to the archdiocesan newspaper, The Georgian Bulletin, endorsed the prelate's right to his opinion, "but not a right to speak non-religious viewpoints publicly as though you were speaking for us."

5 Million Good News

New York — (RNS) — The American Bible Society here celebrated the distribution of the five millionth copy of "Good News for Modern Man," a paperback edition of the New Testament in "today's English."

Cardinal Says 'I Believe' In U.S. Vietnam Policy

Quantico, Va. — (RNS) — Cardinal Spellman of New York warned here that it is far too easy to criticize the U.S. war effort and attempts to obtain peace in Vietnam without producing viable alternatives. He insisted that the problems are not as easy to solve "honorably" as peace advocates claim.

Speaking at an open air Mass at a Marine Corps School here, about 40 miles south of Washington, he said, "It is far too easy to ignore the repeated efforts our government has made to secure peace and it is far too easy to imagine that we are free from the divisive effects of Communist propaganda and simply to cry for peace."

The Catholic Military Vicar to the Armed Forces took cognizance of the fact that many believe him to be a "hawk," for his well-known Christmas visits to men in the front lines.

"I really don't care what I am called," he said, "because I believe in ministering to the spiritual needs of these men and women."

"I believe deeply in their dedication to their country, and, quite simply and frankly, I believe in the basic rightness of our country's cause."

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