



Cornell Chaplains, Students Refuse Draft Call

Ithaca — (RNS) — The Rev. Paul Gibbons, 34, Protestant chaplain at Cornell University, announces that he and the six men behind him "will refuse in love to go into this war (Vietnam) or accept alternative service." All have been declared "delinquent" by their draft boards. One of the men is Father David Connor, Catholic chaplain at

Cornell (third from right), who with Mr. Gibbons was reclassified from 4-D, clergy designation, to 1-A delinquent. Seated are from left: Nathaniel Pierce, Steven Zimmerman, Prof. James Matlack, Father Connor, Lawrence Kramer and Daniel Casher. (All are 1-A delinquent, except Mr. Kramer who is I-O delinquent (conscientious objector).)

By Archbishop Lucey

Scholar's View Of Authority Termed 'Heresy'

San Antonio, Tex. — (NC) — Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio has labeled as "heresy" some of the views on ecclesiastical authority held by the Jesuit scholar, Father John L. McKenzie, S.J.

The charges were made in a letter to archdiocesan deans and members of the priests' senate the week before the 58-year-old scholar received the 1967 Cardinal Spellman Award of the Catholic Theological Society of America. The award is given annually for outstanding work in theology.

The archbishop's letter was mailed after the archdiocesan senate of priests issued a "position paper" on authority which drew heavily on Father McKenzie's latest book, "Authority in the Church." The paper was one of a series designed to enlighten San Antonio priests abreast of current developments.

The archbishop wrote a point-by-point rebuttal of quotations used in the senate's paper, and labeled two statements heretical. Father McKenzie's view that authority belongs to the whole Church, and not just to the hierarchy, and that love is the only real power recognized by the New Testament.

Besides branding the priest's views heretical, Archbishop Lucey also repeated a recurring rumor that Father McKenzie is about to leave the Jesuits, and added:

"It might have been better all around if he had left the community willingly or otherwise, before he wrote the very dangerous book from which so many quotations have been taken . . ."

When queried at Notre Dame University, where he teaches, Father McKenzie would neither confirm nor deny the rumor.

But he had a reply to the archbishop's charges taken from his own book:

"But men adopt the way of power because they feel that true leadership is beyond their capacity. Apart from the possibility of graceful resignation when this is recognized — a course of action not often enough considered — there is the other possibility of growth to the stature of true leadership."

"That would be my message to His Excellency," said the priest.

U.S. Bishops Aid Latin America
Washington — (NC) — The U.S. Bishops' National Annual Collection for Latin America has allocated \$5,000 for a leadership training center in Coban, Guatemala, conducted by the Benedictine Fathers. Center personnel were forced to invent a written form of Guatemala's K'ekchi Indian dialect before they could begin teaching in the area.

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Public, Speak Up!

'Adult' TV Films; What's Your View?

New York — (RNS) — The advent of the so-called "adult" movie on television and the resultant furor was welcomed by the head of the National Catholic Office for Radio and Television.

Charles Reilly, executive director, said telecasting of controversial motion pictures is desirable because it provides viewers with a focal point for evaluating TV programming.

"The broadcasting and advertising industries," he said, "are particularly sensitive right now to whether the public will accept an ever-increasing number of what are referred to as 'adult' movies on television. This development affords the viewing audience an uncommon opportunity to make known its likes and dislikes in this regard as well as in others."

This sensitivity was crystallized by Howard Bell, code director of the National Association of Broadcasters, in a speech to the Hollywood Radio and Television Society. He said there "can be no double standard for shows made for television and pictures produced for another art form. TV standards must be applicable to all material broadcast into the home."

In urging that the viewers express their favorable and unfavorable opinions to networks, local stations and "especially the advertisers who sponsor the programs," Reilly warned:

"Purely negative comment is virtually worthless. What broadcasters and advertisers need, and respect, is reasoned judgment from the average man and woman in the viewing audience."

"Unfortunately, these are the very individuals who rarely take the time to express their opinions on radio or TV shows because they either feel that no one will pay attention to their letters or because they think that someone else will do the job for them. In either case they are wrong."

He insisted that the determination of what is best for the viewer and his family "is a task that cannot be passed on to the Church, or to the NAB or to the broadcaster. In the final analysis, it is a personal

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Alinsky Asks Tax Aid For Parochial Schools

Dayton, Ohio — (NC) — Cooperative, tax-supported parochial public school programs are called for in urban areas where public schools are undergoing racial change because of the exodus of white families to the suburbs, according to social reformer Saul Alinsky.

Alinsky is head of the Industrial Areas Foundation of Chicago, which has established community-based action organizations in a number of cities, among them Rochester, Chicago and Oakland, Calif.

In a press conference in Dayton, Alinsky said if he were "in the midst of fighting for an integrated school system, one important thing I would be committed to would be the integration of public and parochial schools" in cooperative programs.

"I would be all out for federal funding, and public funds for parochial schools . . . I would try to get the kind of arrangement where parochial schools would be right next door to public schools." Such a plan would provide for a "two-day sharing of facilities," he added.

"The reason for this (position) has, nothing to do with the fact that the Catholic Church really has a bomb on its hands as far as the future of parochial schools is concerned," he continued. The reason is that the parochial schools in most urban areas of America carry within them that precious element which is so essential to an integrated school pattern — white kids. Urban public schools are rapidly losing their white kids.

The poor must organize themselves in order to exercise the

kind of power already being employed by the rest of the community, according to Alinsky. The poor must have their own representatives, not those appointed by others.

He conceded there is "a great deal of rejection of whites" among many Negroes. He took the view that this is a "psychological reaction."

"We have destroyed their spirit; we have degraded them; we have exposed them to a kind of hypocrisy that is killing," he said. "Imagine being a Negro and coming into a church to listen to the jazz of a sermon that the cross of Christ knows no color line and then going out, knowing what is outside in this world every time you turn around."

Alinsky said the "white liberals" are "desperately needed" to help the Negro take his rightful place in American society. He indicated that this was a modification of an earlier position.

Whites in sympathy with Negro aims will be needed, not to lead Negroes, but to organize the white middle class for the advancement of freedom, he said.

Alinsky, a Jew, called on the Christian church to enter all controversies and movements related to Negro rights.

"It is a sorry indictment of American culture and an even sorer one of the Christian church — which represents the most single, revolutionary, controversial idea ever to come on the face of the earth — to back away from something because it is controversial." It is not in keeping with the "church of martyrs," he added.

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