

A Little List

By Mary Tinley Daly



Peace With Justice

By Father Paul J. Cuddy



WASHINGTON—Dean Rusk is demonstrating a durability in his Cabinet position that is a source of continual surprise in Washington. A few short months ago, observers would have considered him a good bet to be the first of the top Cabinet officers to leave the Johnson administration.

Now that bet is down the drain because of Defense Secretary Robert McNamara's announced departure. Further, in the rumors of more Cabinet resignations that are flying around Washington, Rusk's name is mentioned less and less frequently.

From time to time, as evaluations are made of the Cabinet, Rusk has been described as one of the less strong members of the Johnson inner circle. He is considered more an administrator of foreign policy than a maker of policy. When ranked beside McNamara and Treasury Secretary Henry H. Fowler, he appears to be overshadowed.

Rusk was an original Kennedy appointee, and at various times since Johnson entered the White House there have been "leaks" to the effect that, had Kennedy lived and been elected, he planned to appoint a new secretary of State for his second term. These reports have, in fact, been the primary basis for expecting Rusk's departure from the Cabinet.

But the very attributes which in the past have been used to argue his departure seem now to be serving to keep him in office. That he administers policy rather than makes it fits neatly into the Johnsonian style of government. That his personality is less than scintillating fits neatly into the Johnsonian style of politics. But the overriding fact is that his close identification with present policy in Vietnam virtually guarantees his continuance until Johnson should decide to change that policy.

MODEST—The Johnson administration is not noted for modesty in appraising its accomplishments, but at least one official has found a modest term to describe one accomplishment.

The official was talking about inflationary price and wage increases, and took the position that the administration has achieved limited success in checking the spiral.

"In many cases," he said, "we have had a non-negligible effect."

YOU CAN—A magazine of national circulation features a column on things you can or can't do, based on government rulings, new laws, and legal opinions. Here's one that may be added to the "you can't" list.

A Washington judge has ruled that petting a lion in the Washington zoo does not violate a law that prohibits humans from annoying animals at the zoo, because it cannot be demonstrated that the lion does not like to be petted.

The judge did find, however, that a citizen who sought to communicate with a lion in this fashion did violate a rule against jumping over a fence in order to approach the beast.

In other words, if you can pet a caged lion without violating zoo regulations, you'll be found guilty only if the lion objects. If he does, your conviction will be the smallest part of your worries.

Joseph A. Breig

Not All U.S. Aid is Welcomed

The U.S. government, in promoting birth control programs in other countries, is stirring up international trouble for America on the grand scale. The backlash, when it comes — as it inevitably will — is going to give Uncle Sam one of the biggest public-relations black eyes in the nation's history.

The then President Dwight D. Eisenhower was perfectly right when he said that this is an area that government ought to stay out of; and I am astounded that a politician as astute as President B. Johnson should fail to realize this fact.

The size of a family is a moral decision to be made, in the sight of God, by a husband and wife, and not by any public official — a move all not by bureaucrats in some other country who can be suspected, and certainly are going to be accused, of acting out of sinister motives.

The accusations, in fact, already are beginning. As the columnist Carl T. Rowan has disclosed (although he himself favors birth control on a massive scale) newspapers in Brazil have been charging, in big headlines, that there is a campaign to halt or reverse the population growth of that country, which has vast and rich areas in which there are no people.

In Latin America, Rowan wrote, there is "a clear belief that the U.S. wants to prevent Latinos from achieving too great a numerical advantage over the Norte-Americanos." Rowan added:

"And there is a special element of nationalism. As the biggest, most populous country in this continent, Brazil wants to grow, grow, grow — to establish itself as one of the major powers of the world. Its leaders feel that population is a key ingredient of greatness."

Just at this juncture, the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) has announced that it is giving \$1.3 million to India to buy contraceptive pills for 100,000 women for 18 months, and to provide 100 million contraceptive devices for Indian men. And this latter is described by AID administrator William S. Gaud as "the initial inventory in a large, continuing program of commercial distribution" of such devices "throughout India."

How long does anybody suppose it will take for millions upon millions of Indians to begin to ask themselves, suspiciously, why the United States is so anxious to reduce the number of Indians on earth?

Such questions will spread all around the world, because AID also is proposing to give \$2.5 million to the International Planned Parenthood Federation for anti-birth projects in various underdeveloped nations. Only a person whose vision stops at the end of his nose can fail to see that this is going to raise dark suspicions everywhere concerning American motives — and that those suspicions will be exploited to the hilt in anti-American propaganda.

January is "inventory time" wherever you go.

In department stores 'tis almost impossible to get the size, color or style you want until "after inventory." Same at the grocery store and from your favorite friendly neighborhood drugstore. "Those vitamins will be available after inventory." In the meantime one can jolly well get through the cold-and-well season until the new stocks of vitamin C arrive—or double up on the natural C vitamins, citrus fruits and the dark green vegetables.

In the financial department of any household, comes inventory time, as mentioned in this column last week, assessing debits and credits, mostly debits.

And at our house we find the most confusing assortment of items classified, or rather unclassified, under the general heading of "Miscellaneous."

With the friendly camaraderie of holiday visiting, friends and kinfolk dropping in, aftermath of objects looks like a "take your pick" table at a parish bazaar.

Family Day at our House
Large part of the miscellany was residue from the day the whole 30 of us spent together at our house, 17 children, 13 adults.

Vainly, for a while, we struggled as a telephone committee to reunite possessor and the unpossessed.

"Did you leave a pair of gloves here?" we long-distance telephoned Eileen, "a natural colored pigskin, size 7?"

"No, the ones I lost were black wool. But I did lose a popgun. Rather, Michael lost his popgun. Is it there?"

Well, that accounted for the popgun propped in the corner, but not for the pigskin gloves, and no trace of black wool gloves.

"Did Tara lose her shoe?" we asked Mary, "just one shoe? Perhaps she put on her boots and forgot the shoe."

Nope. Tara was Miss Goody Two Shoes.

By that time, we gave up. Certainly if any child lost one shoe, what with the price of children's shoes nowadays, the parents could do the sleuthing.

Will Call
Same thing with all the other impediments.

We simply made a miniature inventory of items not belonging to anybody living at our house, put the miscellany all in to a big carton labelled "To be called for" and await results.

Rather surprisingly, we have thus far received few requests.

In the box are lone mittens, five; diapers, three; a baby bottle; a stuffed animal; green sweater, size 10; a baby tooth wrapped carefully in a paper napkin (somebody wondering why the Good Fairy doesn't produce that dime under the pillow, or has the price gone up to a quarter?); a teen-doll's curler; a pink rosary; two umbrellas; a vital part from a game, same for a camera; batteries for a toy truck; a baby blanket (security?); a pipe; a 1968 diary; a note starting, "Dear Uncle Joe, Thank you very much . . ."

And buttons: Here is a collection of everything from the large overcoat type to the tiny dabs that pop off the back of a fat baby's neck; suit buttons, dress buttons, shirt buttons.

Anybody who doesn't have all his buttons is welcome to search the Daly button jar. Ten-to-one, the loss shall be found therein.

To paraphrase the lyricist William Schwenck Gilbert in "The Mikado,"

"I've got a little list, I've got a little list . . ."

Of what never would be missed, never would be missed.

Let's Communicate . . . Seminary Changes

Becket Hall:

From what I've been reading in your column it is apparent that the college seminary structure, as viewed at Becket Hall, has been revised to meet the times. What, if any programs have been or are planned for St. Bernard's, the major seminary of our diocese?

Franklin J. S.

The diocesan administrators concerned with seminary training have seen serious problems facing our major seminary which must be dealt with in the near future. Already significant steps have been taken to update and revitalize the present major seminary system. There have been extensive changes in the faculty and curriculum. The seminary rule has been revised placing a greater emphasis on personal responsibility and maturity. All this has been done in keeping with the guidelines set forth by the Second Vatican Council as implemented under the direction of Bishop Sheen. It has also been encouraging to see that Bishop Sheen has appointed a board of advisors composed of educators both Catholic and Protestant, clerical and lay whose responsibility is to seek out ways of bettering the educational aspects of our seminaries. Although at this time the board's potentials have not been fully realized, it is our hope that this potential may soon be put to more adequate use.

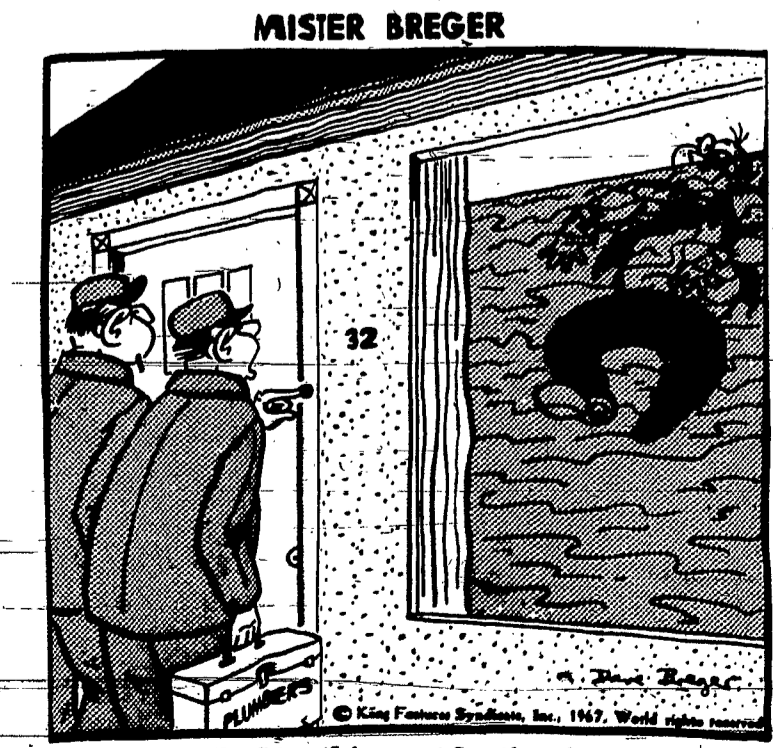
At present we find three

major problem areas concerning St. Bernard's which must be faced in the immediate future. They are, the antiquated state of the present seminary buildings, the need for further revision and development within the present facility in order to meet the pending demands of our modern age. Complicating the second problem is the fact that being small in size, St. Bernard's finds it difficult to attract a sufficient number of faculty members of noted high caliber.

Bishop Sheen has shown his keen interest in bringing to the faculty of St. Bernard's people who will be able to give our future priests the best possible preparation for their ministry. Men such as Douglas Hyde will do much toward broadening the horizons of the men now studying at St. Bernard's.

An overall answer to the present problems has been suggested by our Bishop. This possible solution involves the cooperative union of a new St. Bernard's with Rochester College Divinity School. The expressed purpose would be, in the light of the present spirit of ecumenism, to advance the theological studies of the seminarians. This plan would afford the seminarians the opportunity of entering into dialogue and study with Protestant theological students and at the same time enable the administrations of both schools to combine their resources for mutual betterment.

New Week—Another Possibility

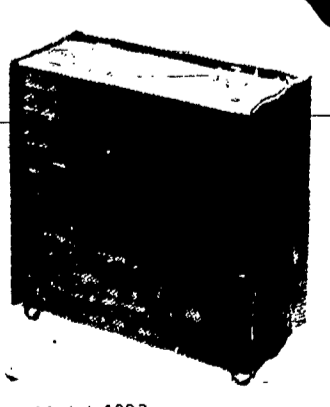


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