

# Fr. Hesburgh:

## Campus Revolts a College Matter

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, U.S.O. president of Notre Dame University, urged the nation's governors to avoid handling rebellious college students by using "repressive legislation or over-reaction in its many forms."

The university should be allowed to handle student revolts in its own way, with help from an outside source to be used only as a final resort and only when the institution asks for it, he said.

The Catholic educator's comments were contained in a letter sent to Vice President Spiro Agnew.

He stressed that the great majority of college students are "a very promising and highly attractive group" who would work hard "if given a real opportunity to participate in changing this world for the better." He added:

"Even the most far-out students are trying to tell society something that may also be worth searching for today if they would only lower the volume so we could hear the message."

Father Hesburgh indicated

that some of today's problems might be solved if the students were given better leadership.

"In a fast changing society," he said, "the real crisis is not one of authority but a crisis of vision that alone can inspire great leadership and create great moral in any society. A rebirth of great academic, civic and political leadership, a sharing of some of these youthful ideals and dreams (impossible or not) would be good for our universities and good for America too."

# ND Students Score His Previous Letter

In his letter Father Hesburgh quoted from his Notre Dame policy statement which said the university would meet any persistent and disruptive protest activities with on-the-spot suspension, expulsion and action by civil authorities.

"The best salvation for the university in the face of any crisis is for the university community to save itself," Father Hesburgh told Agnew, "by declaring its own ground rules and basic values and then enforcing them with the widest and deepest form of moral persuasion for the good life of the university."

South Bend, Ind. — The student senate of the University of Notre Dame has censured the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, the Notre Dame president, for his recent "get tough" policy statement on student demonstrations.

By a vote of 18 to 16, the student senate censured Father Hesburgh, the Notre Dame endorsement of his statement, because "the Student Life Council was not consulted for its approval as a body before this policy declaration was issued."

Richard Rossi, the student president, said: "Although you did mention this letter to the Student Life Council members before you wrote it, I feel the Student Life Council has been bypassed in this decision. You have made a decision affecting the lives of students without their participation in that decision."

The student president said that Father Hesburgh's letter "evokes the image of an odious being handed down from on high." Rossi said such images have no more place in a university than do destructive disruptive demonstrations.

When moral persuasion and academic sanctions fail to deter those who show open contempt for the life style and well-declared values of the university community, there should be no hesitation to invoke whatever outside assistance is necessary to preserve the university and its values," he continued.

At the outset of his recent policy letter, the president of Notre Dame said: "I have outlined the core of it to the Student Life Council."

In his reply of Feb. 18 to Father Hesburgh's letter, J.

Concluding its censure resolution, the student senate said it "demands that in the future the Student Life Council shall assume the initiative in the formulation of any and all policy declarations and statements issued in the name of any branch of the university community — be it student, faculty or administration — in the area of student life."

# Ecumenical Events

## Congregation Moves into Catholic Church

By **DORIS E. PETERS**  
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New York — A friendly make-yourself-at-home ceremonial welcomed a historical New York Protestant congregation into ecumenical "sisterhood" status at an equally historical Catholic church.

From now on the congregations of 12-year-old Broad-

way United Church of Christ will hold its Sunday services at neighboring 111-year-old St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Both are in the Lincoln Center development area. The Protestant church property is destined to be engulfed in a new building development.

Members of the Broadway United congregation gathered

March 2 for the last time at their church. Midway through the final service, the congregation members left the edifice and marched a few blocks to St. Paul's.

They were welcomed at the Catholic church by priests and parishioners, entered St. Paul's and completed the Sunday worship service.

The unusual ecumenical arrangement was worked out between Father Francis X. Ryan, C.S.P., pastor of St. Paul's and the Rev. Lawrence L. Durgin, pastor of Broadway United. Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of New York gave his approval.

In addition to the regular Sunday worship services, the Broadway United congregation will use the facilities of St. Paul's for weddings, funerals, church school classes and other services. St. Paul's will relinquish its regular 11 a.m. Sunday Mass period for the Protestant congregation's Sunday worship service.

Dr. Durgin said that the decision to accept the invitation to conduct services at St. Paul's was a matter of both "conviction and conviction."

Dr. Durgin added: St. Paul's is just a few blocks from us and Father Ryan has been a valuable friend. We've worked closely together on

## Mosque Established in Toronto

Toronto, Ont. — (RNS) — Toronto's Moslems have opened their first mosque here, in a former Presbyterian church.

Worshippers, estimated at 5,000, include persons from more than a dozen Islamic lands, plus several Canadian converts. There is a steady flow of immigrants from Pakistan and North Africa.

## Appeal for Middle East Peace

Paris — (RNS) — Three leaders of Catholic, Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in France have issued a statement appealing to the great powers to do their best for a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

The statement was signed by Archbishop Francois Marty of Paris, Pastor Charles Westphal, president of the French Protestant Federation, and Metropolitan Meletios, president of the Orthodox Inter-episcopal Committee.

## CARE IN AFRICA

CARE has started service to Lesotho and Kenya, Africa, with emphasis on self-help aid to develop rural resources.

Father Ryan said: "We here in New York's West Side inner city are vividly aware that the time is past when Christian churches can go their separate ways, serve their own special groups and be satisfied that they are faithful to their calling. The move may be a new departure, but it is no mere novelty."

The "Christmas ship" has been re-christened the "pudding ship," said a World Council of Churches official. "The pudding ship would be something straight out of Gilbert and Sullivan—if it weren't so senseless."

Many of the unusable items were left on the steps of churches and synagogues of New York in late December by well-intending individuals. Some of the goods were to be given to missionaries. It was estimated that 70 percent of the 300 tons were not suitable for relief.

Three hundred tons was given by concerned individuals and companies in a drive throughout the New York area. The ship was chartered by Abie Nathan, the Israeli "peace pilot," and the donation program was backed by a number of influential civic and religious leaders.

Nathan was warned by Edward M. Kinney of Catholic Relief Services that the project "could end in a fiasco."



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# Newman Chaplain Helps Prevent Campus Violence

Newark, N.J. — (NC) — Possible violence on the Newark campus of Rutgers University was prevented (Feb. 26) when a Newman Apostolate chaplain put himself between barricaded Conklin Hall and a group of white students charging with a telephone pole as a battering ram.

"You're out of your heads," yelled Msgr. Patrick D. McGrath as he hopped in front of the charging students. "Put that thing down," he demanded.

Msgr. McGrath then talked with the students and convinced them to put their complaints in writing to university officials.

Conklin Hall, a classroom building, was seized (Feb. 24) by about 30 black students. They call themselves the Black Organization of Students. They have demanded the dismissal of two white admissions counselors, more black personnel in the admissions office, and automatic admission to the college of any black high school graduate.

Violence threatened to break out several times on the Newark campus, especially when the white students, later identified as students from nearby Essex County Community College, charged Conklin Hall with the telephone pole.

Police around the campus area watched the incident when Msgr. McGrath stopped the white students. They did not intervene.

Msgr. McGrath is administrator of St. John's Church here. He is a World War II veteran who served as a chaplain in the Pacific theatre.

## Press Meet Takes Ecumenical Tone

Atlanta — (NC) — The Catholic Press Association will hold its first joint convention with the Associated Church Press at the Marriott Motor Hotel here, May 21 and 22. Theme of the convention is "The Religious Press Faces the Future."

Some 500 Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox journalists are expected to attend the convention, which will include workshops and seminars devoted to issues and problems of concern to religious journalists.

## Push Prayer Bill

Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.), left, and Rep. Chalmers P. Wytler (R-Ohio) compare notes on bills they have introduced in Congress to uphold the right of voluntary prayer in schools and other public places. (RNS)

# Ravioli for Biafra?

## Much of U.S. Food Contribution Useless

San Tome — (RNS) — The docks and warehouse areas serving the Churches' Biafran relief operation here have taken on the look of a garbage heap as 300 tons of unusable, poorly crated goods have been unloaded from the U.S.-sponsored "Biafra Christmas ship."

Chocolate mousse, ravioli, sweet pickles and barbecue sauce are not items to feed the starving civilians of Biafra, the breakaway former Eastern Region of Nigeria.

The "Christmas ship" was loaded in the U.S. in December. It did not sail under church auspices.

When unloading began, many of the individual donations, in poorly wrapped cartons, tore apart. Cereals, custard mix, strawberry pudding and pickles spilled over the wharves.

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Washington — (RNS) — The United States, in fact, the problems being the civil disorders, "making the seeds of unanticipated future disorder division."

This assessment was published here in an appropriate reaction to a racial crisis pictured by National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders in Kerper Report on March 1968.

"One Year Later" leaped on the first anniversary of the document, mostly called the Kerper report, an evaluation was found the U.S. suffering der generations of "racism" and tending to two separate, unequal states, white and black.

Twelve months after Kerper Report, Urban Africa and the Urban Coal found that "we are a closer to being two social black and white, increasing separate and scarcely less equal."

The new evaluation created that some steps been taken to eliminate discrimination, the percentage of Negro unemployment has declined, and there been some improvement in communications between ghettos and city halls.

Generally, however, one-year later study disclosed that "progress in dealing with the conditions of ghetto life has been slow where in scale with the lems."

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