

Bishop Sheen Lauds Drug Industry for Aid

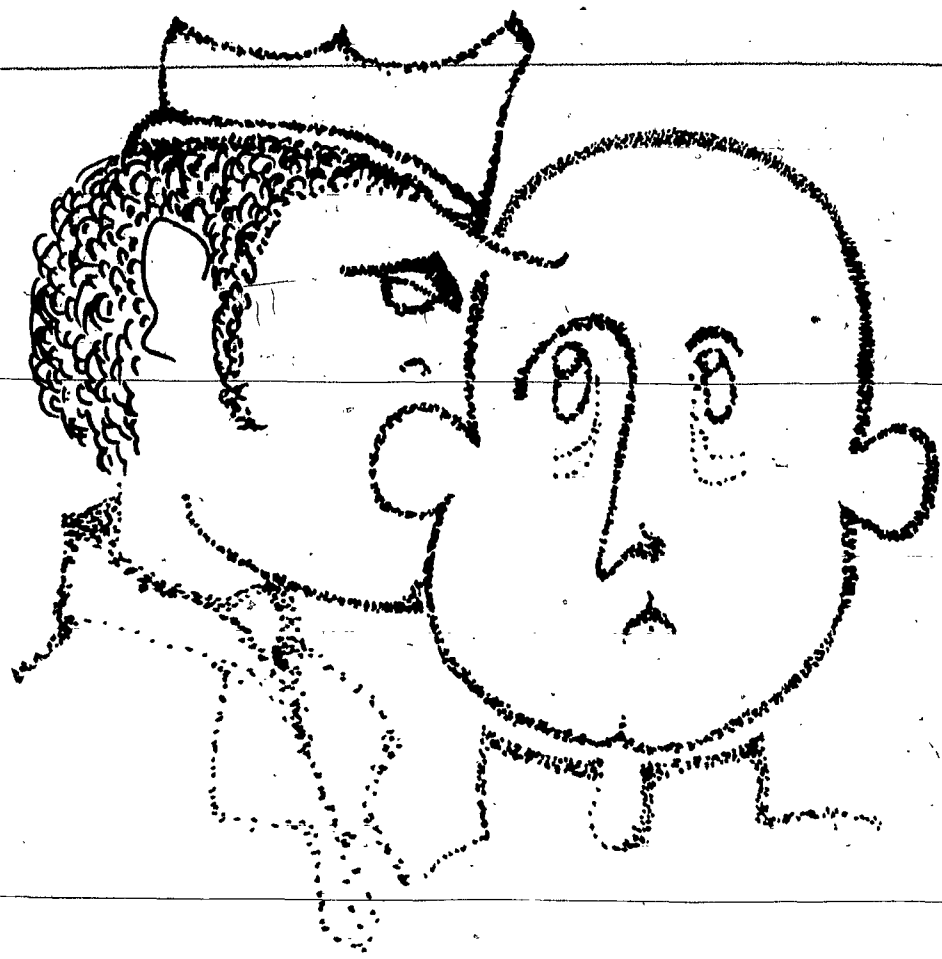
Washington — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen has heaped praise on pharmaceutical manufacturers for their large contributions of drugs for Catholic missions overseas.

From his 16 years experience as head of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which collects funds and material for distribution among Catholic missionaries throughout the world, Bishop Sheen told the Annual Meeting of the PMA, "You have given a total of over \$50 million worth of your products to the poor of the world. You are giving at the present time each year, between \$6 million and \$8 million worth of drugs."

Bishop Sheen also threw out a challenge to do something about the problem of drug abuse.

"Is there a mission that you might have to the American youth," he asked, "through advertising in magazines, through a concerted presentation by your corporate knowledge of the evils of this kind of thing?"

Referring to illicit drug users as "anti-pharmaceuticals," Bishop Sheen said they resort to the chemical order in order to escape from the world. He said religious sects often leave the world for the sake of sanctity but that the "hippie" group leaves it for a "shock, for a thrill, an emotion and a sensation."



Vatican police are sore... in the pocketbook.

Mama Mia, Such Pain!

Vatican City — (NC) — The Vatican cops are sore-footed, sore-eyed, sore at heart and sore at the Vatican authorities. They also claim to be hurting in the pocketbook.

The papal gendarmes, who do the actual stopping at the Vatican gates after the ceremonial and decorative Swiss guards let the gate-crashers by, complain that their hours are too long under the gruelling Roman sun. They complain that their vacations are too short, that their pay is too low.

But they aren't complaining to anybody but the people who count.

"No comment," replied one tight-lipped gendarme in crisp English when a reporter asked whether he was trying to get a raise.

Another said he was too busy on the job to think about a raise. A third said he only knew what he read in the newspapers.

The Italian press has been saying that the gendarmes' chaplain, Msgr. Giovanni Sassolo, approached Pope Paul VI about dissatisfaction in the ranks. The Pope, according to this account gave the chaplain something

over \$3,000 and told him to use it where it was needed most. He also suggested organizing tourist trips, but according to this account, none of the cops would sign up for the trips.

Whatever the truth of that story, the rest of the account was riddled with easily verifiable factual errors. Yet an authoritative source reported that the Vatican gendarmes are indeed pressing for higher pay, shorter hours and longer vacations.

A rookie's base pay is about \$165 monthly, with an automatic raise of about \$8 every two years. He gets almost \$20 extra per month if he is married, and about \$25 per month beyond that for every child.

In general, the gendarmes work a little more than seven hours daily. They have "privileges," which means they can buy staples and luxuries at the Vatican store at a substantial saving. A rookie gets three weeks' vacation — less than any other employe in Vatican City. But that builds up to a month's vacation for a 20-year veteran. Gendarmes may retire with full pay after 30 years. All other Vatican employes may retire only after 40 years.

Cardinal O'Boyle Offers Conditions to Priests

Washington — (NC) — Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle revealed at a news conference (June 28) that he had offered 41 dissident Washington priests a new chance to return to the exercise of their priestly ministry if they would reconsider their position and accept the Pope's encyclical on artificial contraception.

Cardinal O'Boyle also made public a letter he received from Pope Paul VI expressing encouragement and support for the cardinal in the long standing controversy over the encyclical and exhorting the dissidents to "reconsider" their position.

But the dissident priests announced they would not accept the cardinal's "conditions" for an end to the dispute.

The separate news conferences followed a meeting held the previous evening at the initiative of Cardinal O'Boyle. At that meeting the cardinal read the Pope's letter and proposed once again to the priests that they accept the Church's teaching.

In his letter the Pope asked Cardinal O'Boyle to convey to his "direct and faithful collaborators, as well as to the priests who give cause for some anxiety, our fatherly greeting and the assurance of our constant prayer and our sincere affection."

"To the latter in particular," said Pope Paul, "we wish to send, through you, a cordial, sincere word of exhortation to reconsider their position, to reflect on their responsibilities, and generously to provide their collaboration."

"We trust that these words of ours will not be in vain, and that the priests in question, animated, as we like to think, by a sincere desire of absolute fidelity to Christian truth, will seek a meeting with their own bishop to re-establish full communion of sentiment and of aims with him, in the supreme interest of the Church and of souls."

A chancery source speculated that one effect of the Pope's letter, which, along with a covering letter from the cardinal, was slated for distribution in all churches in the Washington archdiocese, would be to demonstrate that Cardinal O'Boyle is not "way out on a limb" on the question of artificial contraception, as the dissidents and some of their supporters have charged.

Father John Corrigan and some of the other dissidents told newsmen that they could not accept a "personal condition," which, he said, Cardinal O'Boyle had mentioned at the meeting. He said this condition was that

"no alternate view (to the papal teaching on artificial contraception) is ever to be presented in the pulpit or confessional."

Father Corrigan said the dissenters were prepared to accept a statement on the encyclical which was issued last fall by the American hierarchy in the pastoral letter "Human Life in Our Day." The pastoral letter, while praising and supporting the teaching of the encyclical, said it "does not discuss the question of the good faith of those who make practical decisions in conscience against what the Church considers a divine law and the Will of God."

"The encyclical does not undertake to judge the consciences of individuals but to set forth the authentic teaching of the Church which Catholics believe interprets the divine law to which conscience should be conformed," the pastoral stated.

Cincinnati Plans Emergency Talks On School Aid

Cincinnati — (NC) — Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati, dismayed at the possibility that the Ohio legislature might ignore the needs of non-public schools, said emergency meetings of the archdiocesan organizations will be summoned to consider "alternatives to state aid."

These alternatives, he said, could include:

- Establishment of a tuition plan for Catholic elementary schools in the Cincinnati archdiocese, which are now tuition-free.
 - Dropping of additional grades from the Catholic elementary schools. (Grade one was discontinued in the Cincinnati archdiocese in 1964, and a number of schools have dropped the second grade, also.)
 - Withdrawal of parish support from diocesan high schools, leaving them completely dependent upon tuition payments. (Parishes now contribute \$90 to a central high school fund for each of their students in Catholic high schools.)
- Discussion of these alternatives will be taken up at special meetings of the archdiocesan board of education, the archdiocesan pastoral council, the board of consultants, and the priests of the archdiocese in clergy conferences.

NCEA Gets Ford Foundation Grant

Washington — (NC) — The National Catholic Educational Association has received a \$25,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to develop plans for a variety of programs to help meet the needs of Catholic education.

The grant is the latest contribution to the NCEA Service and Expansion program. The association is the nation's largest professional organization for Catholic educators.

The NCEA said the \$25,000 will be used to carry on programs and projects on the problems of Catholic educators and the nonpublic sector of education.

Among the areas in which projects may be developed are: planning and decision-making in Catholic education; financial reporting; an inventory of Catholic educational personnel; Catholic education in the inner city; training for administrators; new instructional methods; attendance studies; adult education; and professional assistance to teachers.

The Ford Foundation grant complemented an earlier \$15,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The Carnegie funds are being used for a feasibility study of a national statistical data bank for nonpublic education.

Lutheran Council Rejects Manifesto

Minneapolis — (RNS) — The Church Council of the American Lutheran Church has rejected the "strong, coarse, seditious" language of the Black Manifesto which demands millions of dollars in "reparations" from the nation's churches and synagogues.

The question of financial demands made in the Manifesto was referred to the ALC's budget commission and Joint Council which were to meet here on adjournment of the Church Council meeting. Top authority in the 2.8-million member denomination between biennial conventions, the Church Council urged the ALC's 5,000 congregations to respond compassionately to the crisis needs of minority peoples.

But it said that portions of the "Black Manifesto" are "inflammatory, filled with hate and must be repudiated."

Minnesota Passes Pornography Bill

St. Paul, Minn. — (RNS) — Both houses of the Minnesota Legislature have passed a bill to ban sales of pornographic material to persons under age 18. Gov. Harold LeVander said he will sign it.

The House passed the measure by a 129-3 vote; Senate passage was unanimous.

Hierarchy Candidates

Lafayette, La. — (NC) — Clergy of the Lafayette Diocese have been invited to send nominations for the clergy for the episcopacy. Approval of the program was given by Bishop Maurice Schenayder at the request of the diocesan Senate of Priests.

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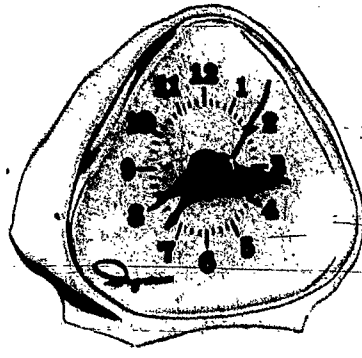
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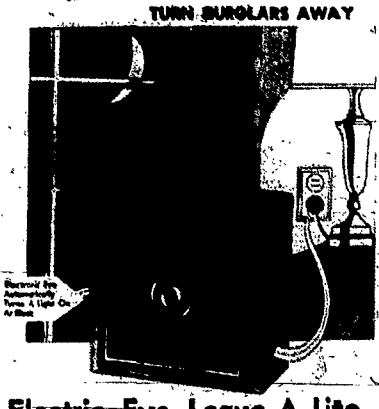
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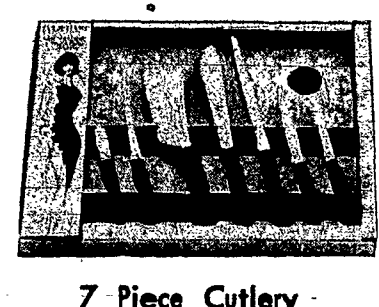
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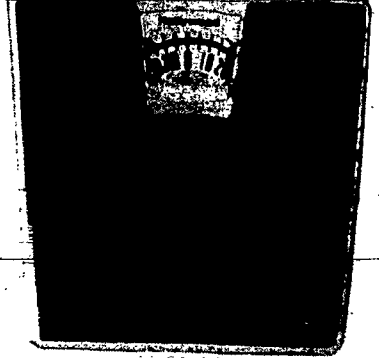
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