

Problem: How to Help Biafrans and Avoid War

By KIM LARSEN
(NC News Service)

Washington — The starvation of more than a million persons in Biafra as a result of the Nigerian civil war is becoming more of a moral problem for the United States, according to both Church and State officials who testified before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Refugees.

The quagmire that engulfed the U.S. in Vietnam has made officials cautious about any role this nation may play in the Biafran situation. How to aid the Biafrans without becoming involved in their war?

In Vietnam it is matter of taking part in the fighting and becoming involved in Vietnamese politics.

Church and State officials asking the U.S. to help the starving thousands in Biafra, however, tend to shy away from any military and political solutions. Help for Biafrans they declare, must be on the sole grounds of humanitarianism.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, chairman of the refugee subcommittee, opened hearing (July 15) on the Biafran situation by declaring that "the choice in Nigeria is not between military intervention and isolation. Rather, it is an active determination to simply pursue our objectives for a peaceful world and the well being of our fellow man through political means."

Sen. Charles E. Goodell of New York, testifying before the subcommittee, said: "The Administration should make it clear that it is concerned with humanitarian objectives, not with achieving any particular political solution of the Nigerian conflict. Whether Nigeria and Biafra are ultimately united in one nation or divided in two cannot be a matter for us to debate; it is a decision to be made by the people involved."

Church officials seeking help for the hungry Biafrans do not even mention Vietnam. Their appeal sticks strictly to the need to feed the hungry.

The Nixon Administration, which is trying to get the U.S. out of the Vietnamese war, obviously does not want to get into a similar situation elsewhere in the world.

Elliot L. Richardson, Under Secretary of State, outlining what steps the Administration is taking to attempt to stop the starvation in Biafra, emphasized that "the focus of all these efforts is relief. I fully recognize the argument has been made that relief questions are inextricably bound to the political and military issues of the civil war. It is true that the only lasting solution to the relief problem is an end to the war."

After outlining the problems involved, Richardson said the Nixon Administration "does not contemplate either support for or recognition of the secessionist authorities. We regard a peaceful and just reconciliation of Nigeria as in the best interests of Africa and all those, like the United States, who wish her well."

This cautious approach to the Biafran situation, however noble in the attempt to prevent another Vietnamese-type confrontation, is holding back sufficient aid to the hungry Biafrans.

"Thinking people throughout the civilized world are alarmed at the deteriorating situation," declared Edward M. Kinney, assistant to the executive director of Catholic Relief Services.

"The action that must take place," he said, "can come not a minute too soon if the anguished whimpers of thousands upon thousands of dying children are not once again to haunt us, this time to the end of our days."

The Vietnamese nightmare obviously is standing in the way of immediate greater aid to Biafra. The nation obviously does not want another Vietnam. But to aid the Biafrans without becoming involved in another war is posing serious moral problems for the nation. No solution seems in sight.

Medical Supplies Sent to Biafra

Collingswood, N.J. — (RNS) — A \$50,000 shipment of medical supplies for Biafra have been air-freighted to Africa by International Christian Relief, an agency of the International Council of Christian Churches with headquarters here.

The supplies gathered by the agency were shipped overseas on charter flights of Air France, a spokesman for the church group said. He noted that there is an acute shortage of medical supplies in the country and that only 11 of the 48 hospitals originally in Biafran territory still remain in the hands of the secessionist forces.

Now, Now Father Don't Get Teed Off

Columban Father Frank Carroll, on mission duty in Japan, was scheduled to offer Mass at the U.S. Naval Base at Yokosuka, but at the gate discovered he had forgotten his pass. "No pass, no Mass," the Marine guard declared.

Rather than walk back to his parish house, the Dorchester, Mass., priest phoned and asked the housekeeper to send her son over with it.

"Little white pass, please," he called. "Wakarimashitaka. (Do you understand?)" Yes, miss, assuredly, honorable Father, came the reply.

Minutes later the housekeeper's son pedaling furiously, wheeled up to the gate. Puffing through a great smile, he handed Father Carroll — a golf ball.

Nixon Urges Birth Control Expansion

(Continued from Page 1)

in a broadened and more positive perspective."

He also said that the emphasis in the presidential message on research "correlates with the recent decision of the American bishops to establish a special Foundation on Human Life to encourage research in the rhythm method of fertility control."

Father McHugh said he did not agree with all points in the President's message — "the suggestion that our current social problems are largely attributable to population growth, for example, or the call for immediate new programs."

"But," he added, "in its recognition that simplistic concentration on family planning is not an adequate response to the many-sided issue of population growth, the President's message marks progress and opens the door to useful discussion."

If the Church is to have a meaningful role in this discussion, Father McHugh said, "it cannot afford simply to respond negatively to Mr. Nixon's initiative. Rather, the Church must look for what is good in his proposals and must seek ways to maximize the good while minimizing the possibilities for social and individual disruption."

In his 5,000-word document, the President said in the United States alone the population will increase nearly 100 million to a total of more than 300 million by the year 2000. He pointed to the potential impact of the global population explosion if governments, private agencies and the United Nations fail to begin dealing now with the coming problems.

President Nixon said that in the United States there are nearly five million women who "do not have adequate access to family planning assistance."



Collins Family After Church

The family of Apollo 11 Command Module Pilot Michael Collins leaves St. Paul's Roman Catholic church near the Manned Space Center in Houston. Collins, an Episcopalian, flew the mother ship in orbit while his two companions, Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. landed on the Moon's surface. The members of the Collins family are, left to right, Ann, 7; Mrs. Pat Collins, Michael, 6; and Kathleen, 10. (Religious News Service)

Pope Paul Praises Moon Men

(Continued from Page 1)

the instrument by its production and by its use imposes itself as boss? Everything depends on man's heart. It is absolutely necessary that the heart of man become more free, all the more good, all the more religious, as all the greater and dangerous becomes the power of the machine, of arms, of the instruments which man puts at his own disposal.

"Famine still afflicts whole populations. Where is true humanity? Where is brotherhood, peace? What would be true progress of man if these disasters shall continue to become greater?"

"May instead the progress that today we celebrate as a sublime victory work for the real good, temporal and moral, of humanity."



Papal Moon Watch

Pope Paul VI looks through a telescope at the Moon inspecting the area of the lunar surface where American astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. landed. The pontiff, who was at his summer home at Castel Gandolfo, watched the Moon landing on television. (RNS)

587 Draft Violators Reported in Prisons

Nyack, N.Y. (RNS)—The number of Selective Service violators in U.S. prisons at the end of June was 587, according to an official of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) here.

Of that number, 382 were Jehovah's Witnesses and 205 are "religious" or "other" objectors, according to A. Stauffer Curry, director of Interfaith Activities, for FOR. He cited figures provided by the office of U.S. Prison Director Myrl Alexander, as of June 28.

Curry, who is a member of the World Report said at the end of June that the number of draft violators indicted in 1968 was 1,092, as compared to 341 in 1965. The number convicted was 784, as compared to 189 in 1965. Lengths of prison terms increased from 21 months in 1965 to a little more than 37 months in 1968.

NOW



Complete Auto Insurance

WITH HIGHER LIMITS UP TO \$100,000/\$300,000 LIABILITY AND \$25,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE

available to boys 16 years (OR OLDER)

AT N.Y. STATE BOOK RATES WITHOUT THE PREVIOUS "YOUTHFUL DRIVER" REQUIREMENT OF ONE YEARS DRIVING EXPERIENCE

(Naturally, drivers with habitually bad records will not qualify)

- Fire, Theft and Collision insurance can be included
- Policies can be issued in individual boys' name or included with parents policy.
- No more be concerned with "Risk-Pool"
- FS-1 forms issued immediately
- Premium installment financing available.

Policies carried by licensed major New York Insurance Group through

EGBERT F. Ashley Co. Insurance
PHONE 546-2620
300 FIRST FEDERAL BLDG. ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14604

This is absolutely new! A tremendous liberalization of underwriting from heretofore strict restrictions. Phone now for immediate personalized service offered by Egbert F. Ashley Co. Insurance. Famous in Rochester since 1852.

COURIER-JOURNAL

Monday, Aug. 11th
AT
500 NORTON STREET • 7:30 P.M.
"The Best in Family Entertainment"

RED WINGS
SYRACUSE

- See Bishop Sheen throw out the first ball
- Priests and Nuns of The Diocese Will Be In Attendance as Guests of Red Wings and Courier-Journal

50¢ OFF!

COURIER-JOURNAL COUPON

Present This Coupon at Silver Stadium Box Office for
50¢ OFF REGULAR PRICE
OF ANY PRICE ADMISSION
COURIER-JOURNAL NIGHT
RED WING BASEBALL • MON., AUG. 11th

See Page 11 for Additional Coupons

AF On AI

The startling Africa are ari two incidents a ternational after plex continent: reigning Pope to der, in Nairobi, man Tom Mboya;

Pope Paul's religious shrine in pala, Uganda, peacefully dev from a past of political antago with hopes for u

The assassina Christian politic been widely e President Jomo an Africa whee political antago and complicated tage of tribal ar

Some parts o from a problem Uganda — dom Apartheid (raci people by a sr firm in South / ward greater ri

Nigeria, once hope to Weste ed to see Afric tion to their deeply, perhaps by a civil war of whose toll of enormous.

Tribal rivalry Nigeria-Biafra at the Mboya assass which followed Biafra are the 1 of old colonial the perennial hu tions for Africa cording to some stake in the Nig large oil deposit;

Politically an can be compare sandwich: Islam apartheid (with rule) in the Sc outer layers is uly autonomous colonies now rule

While they are nant, force, they times, European cant element in some countries, larger cities w are sought as and doctors.

Religiously, it verse; Protestant Islam are mingle tions, with a str original, animist many countries.

For the Chr theme has been of religious leas pean and Ameri native Africans in many cases, is plete. About one nent's Catholic b

Islam, the d throughout the l ment, is a signific the way down to ca's West coast an on the East coast capital of Tanza below the equator fluence not only the affiliation of

In countries as gal and Somalia, mant religion. Te and Christianity l tioned, along with political differen in the Nigeria-B

Rapprochement some extent, an various denomina of Africa. This is to the growing phere of recent j

Bishop Buffa

Buffalo —(RNS) A. McNulty of pended the diocce last May, has ord and approved a m sentation for the

Father Francis ate president an Family Parish, sa Nulty had approv Senate from 21 t reduced the num points from six to

As a result, said, the new Ser elected during the a greater local i its predecessor.

In his letter re ate, Bishop McNu ceived 217 lette priests in favor operation.

In his letter to the bishop stress was a consultative tive body. "The r is crystal clear w Senate of Priests group who, by ti assist the bishop of the diocese, Bi

