

U.S. May Consider Acting on TV Profanity

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — The Justice Department may prosecute radio and television stations that broadcast profanity, according to Dean Burch, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

Burch testified before a Senate subcommittee that was critical of profanity used on some radio broadcasts and concerned about movies that may someday be shown on television.

Sen. John O. Pastore (D-R.I.),

chairman of the subcommittee, objected to the FCC's "permissiveness" in failing to act against stations that have broadcast profanity. Present standards of the FCC would permit television networks to show the controversial film, "I Am Curious (Yellow)," he charged.

Sen. Pastore and Sen. Edward Gurney (R-Fla.) cited a Pacific Foundation station in Los Angeles that broadcast a poem containing several four-letter words.

FCC Commissioner Kenneth A. Cox said the Los Angeles station had been trying to present both sides of a public controversy over a teacher's use of the poem in a public school and had presented the broadcast in the evening to avoid young viewers.

In the past, the Justice Department has advised the FCC that such cases are "not prosecutable," he added, because they involve no appeal to "prurient interest," a major guideline in such cases.

Burch said he had found a different attitude about prosecution during a recent meeting with Justice Department officials.

"I feel the word 'profanity' still has meaning," Burch said. "The FCC has the duty to pursue a course of action."

Sen. Pastore asserted that what is broadcast into a home should not be protected by court decisions on movies, art and literature. Sen. Gurney said that in the past the FCC has fined shrimp-boat operators who use "dirty" words over their short-wave radio communications.

CHRISTIAN ESTABLISHMENT 'DISENCHANTMENT' SCORED

Minneapolis — (RNS) — A United Presbyterian pastor told the U.S. Congress on Evangelism here that there is "a general and alarming deep disenchantment with the Christian establishment by a large segment of American society of all ages and classes."

Dr. Richard C. Halverson, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian church, Washington, D.C., said that "one stubbornly persistent view of the church today, held by insiders as well as outsiders, is not only not supporting her outreach, it is sabotaging it."



Bust of Pope Paul VI

Italian sculptor Corrado Ruffini puts the finishing touches on bust of Pope Paul VI which will be placed in Vatican Galleries along side busts of his predecessors. (Religious News Service)

New Office Established On Permanent Diaconate

Washington — With 87 men currently enrolled as candidates for the permanent diaconate in the United States, diocesan officials throughout the country will be alerted within the next few months to the opportunity of establishing diaconal training programs in their particular areas. A new central office for information will give advice and assistance in setting up such programs.

Father William W. Philbin, a priest of the Chicago archdiocese, is executive director of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the diaconate.

The 87 men currently enrolled are in four training centers now in operation in the United States: St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn.; St. Joseph's Seminary, Washington, D.C.; Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit; and Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Mich.

"There is no one national, centralized program," Father Philbin said. "The restoration (of the diaconate) is decentralized, in the sense that a diocese or group of dioceses has basic responsibility for the programs they establish."

"Ultimately," he continued, "the bishop of a diocese — the man who

ordains a deacon — is responsible for seeing that the candidate is properly equipped and trained."

The training program includes two school years (four semesters) of academic preparation and pastoral experience. The academic preparation emphasizes the study of Scripture, systematic theology and liturgy, together with pastoral psychology, sociology and communications.

The centers in Detroit and Washington are diocesan-based, and their training programs are being "tailored" to the needs of those particular areas, Father Philbin said. Candidates at these centers are enrolled on a part-time basis, attending classes and group discussions twice a week for two years prior to ordination, while retaining their present jobs. A third year will be devoted to post-ordination training with continued pastoral supervision in diocesan work.

The U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Permanent Diaconate was formed in October, 1968, after authorization had been granted by the Holy See to the bishops of this country to establish the diaconate for married and unmarried men of mature years in those dioceses where the local Ordinary requested it.

New Ecumenical Unit Urged by NCC Aide

By MARJORIE HYER

Detroit — A new concept of a general ecumenical council in the United States, broad enough to encompass Roman Catholic as well as Protestant and Orthodox denominations, has been proposed by the general secretary of the National Council of Churches to replace the organization he now heads.

Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy made the proposal in his report to the NCC triennial general assembly, meeting here.

His proposed new organization envisioned a "consultative assembly" in which all Christian communions and agencies could regularly gather to share their views on major issues in the life of the church and the nation, speaking to their own faithful with a common voice whenever agreement is given to them.

Within the framework of this general ecumenical council, Dr. Espy proposed the creation of a "broad framework" comparable to the specialized agencies of the United Nations. Under this umbrella would be gathered "highly focused instrumentalities for particular spiritual, educational, theological, social, communication or service objectives," he explained.

These organizations would be largely autonomous. Member communions of the larger council would be free to decide which of these groups they would support.

John Cardinal Dearden of Detroit, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, who spoke briefly to the assembly, said in response to a question that he would "certainly study" the new proposal, which Dr. Espy had speculated could be put into effect within five to ten years.

In today's ecumenical climate, he said, the consequences of NCC actions "are far-reaching. They will affect us as well as you."

Noting that it was only five years since Vatican Council II issued the document on ecumenism, the cardinal declared that "so much has been accomplished in that time."

He particularly praised "that type of dialogue that will cause us to know and appreciate" Christians of different traditions.

Thus, Roman Catholics may find themselves within a year's time facing the decision of whether or not to join the new ecumenical general council.

U.S. Accusing Own Soldiers A 'New Event'

Vatican City — (NC) — The decision of U.S. authorities to bring U.S. soldiers to trial for war crimes "is a completely new event" in a world where war criminals are ordinarily tried by their enemies, the Vatican City weekly magazine has asserted.

"And it is precisely this fact that gives us food for hope," L'Osservatore della Domenica commented.

"We want to say that credit is due the Americans when they decide to make amends as best they can and, in some way, repair the guilt with which some of their soldiers have stained themselves."

"In fact neither the fury of war nor the ideological reasons that push opposing armies into the field can ever justify crimes against a population that is unarmed and therefore not capable of repelling the physical offense brought against them."

The magazine also observed: "It is clear, unfortunately, that every war produces its crimes. Sometimes crimes are inevitable in the exasperated climate that overwhelms the combatants struggling for survival. But they must never be accepted."

After referring to "the revelations" on the alleged massacre of civilians at Song My village in South Vietnam, L'Osservatore della Domenica said:

"On this point we must give recognition to the Americans. The Allies put Nazi war criminals on trial in Nuremberg, and that Karl Adolf Eichmann (a Nazi war criminal) was tried and executed in Israel. But for a nation to put its own war criminals on trial constitutes a completely new fact."

Radio-TV Center Opens In London

LONDON (NO) — Archbishop Martin J. O'Connor, president of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications, at Pope Paul's representative, consecrated Mass with John Cardinal Heenan of Westminster at the opening of the new Catholic Radio and Television Center here.

Built at a cost of \$400,000, the center is technically one of the most advanced set-ups for radio and TV in the world.

Its purpose is to make programs on tape and film—especially for developing countries—to train men and women in the use of the media, to teach religious broadcasting and to act as a center for exchange of ideas between broadcasters, whether Catholic or not.

Backed by the bishops of England and Wales and of Scotland, it serves all three countries.

Already, from temporary premises, it has trained 600 missionaries, most of whom are now full-time broadcasters, 147 of them in Africa, Asia and South America.

30 Bishops To Study Communications

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — About 30 members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States will attend classes in January to learn how "to present the message of the Church more effectively through modern media."

Their teachers, some of the top professionals in the communications field, will present the bishops with the necessary techniques at a week-long workshop at Loyola University in New Orleans, Jan. 11 to 16.

The conference will be sponsored by the Communications Department of the United States Catholic Conference, secretariat of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Warren W. Sched, director of the Communications Department, said, "The aim of the workshop is to give the bishop-participants laboratory and lecture instruction from leading professional communicators in order to equip them with the knowledge and experience required to present the message of the Church more effectively through modern media."

The bishops, according to Mr. Sched, will attend during the workshop period, 16 hours of studio and on-camera laboratory sessions, 14 hours of lectures, 13 hours of group discussions and critiques, and five hours of screening. These screenings will be outstanding examples of television programming in the public service and religious fields.

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This year, UNICEF \$4 million in profits will be channeled health, learning, erished children.

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Last year's UNICEF clear profit of \$3.1 million, 10% of the United Nations Children's sale of \$3,182,785.

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