



Wisconsin Launches Educational Program On Abortion Issue

Superior, Wis.—(NC)—The five Catholic Sees of Wisconsin participated Jan. 11 in the largest educational program on abortion ever attempted in the state. The feast of the Baptism of Christ was designated "Right to Life" Sunday.

Bishop George A. Hammes of Superior, in a letter to clergy, stated, "the divinely decreed right to life is being denied in a modern reenactment of the slaughter of the innocents. We cannot afford to react with too little too late, as has been the case in other parts of the country."

Bishop Hammes referred to bills liberalizing abortion laws introduced in the Wisconsin legislature and said that they have been endorsed by powerful groups financially capable of mounting an intensive campaign in their support.

"If we do not join the Christian and Judaic millions who accept the sanctity of life in embryo, we can lose by default to a materialistic minority," the bishop said.

At all Sunday Masses in the state, 500,000 brochures were distributed. The brochures, entitled "Questions and Answers on Abortion," were prepared by the National Right to Life committee in Washington and printed by the Wisconsin Citizens Concerned for the Unborn, a committee with headquarters in Milwaukee.

In Wisconsin, the statutes allow for a therapeutic abortion only to save the life of the mother. Previous attempts to liberalize the state laws have failed. The bishops hope this mass educational program will mobilize public

opinion against liberalization of state laws.

In addition to the religious and moral arguments against abortion, the brochure lists medical, legal, and social reasons why the liberalization of abortion laws should be opposed.

Cut Spending On Military, Cardinal Urges

Philadelphia — (NC) — John Cardinal Krol said peace "cannot be built by violence" and called for a sharp reduction in the military spending which has brought mankind to the brink of mass destruction.

The Philadelphia archbishop spoke (Jan. 4) in Sts. Peter and Paul cathedral before some 1,700 persons at a special ecumenical service geared to the World Day of Peace advocated by Pope Paul VI.

"Peace cannot be built by violence," the cardinal said. "Peace is more than a mere abatement of armed conflict or its deterrent by a balance of terror — of military power."

"We pray that men will recognize the dangerous brinkmanship of those, who by aiding and abetting enmity and strife, pursue a 'no war—no peace' policy for their own economic or political gain," he continued.

Bias Denied in Hurricane Aid

During a U.S. Senate hearing in Biloxi, on Hurricane Camille relief, Gov. John B. Williams lashed out at the president of Mississippi's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Aaron E. Henry was rapped by the governor as a "professional charge-maker" after the NAACP leader said state agencies had discriminated between black and white hurricane victims.

The charges, declared Gov. Williams, were "baseless, groundless and fabricated."

The charges were initially brought by a coalition of community agencies, including the Delta Ministry of the National Council of Churches. Voluntary as well as governmental agencies were implicated. A particular target has been the Governor's Emergency Council.

In his remarks, Henry said he did not think all the discrimination was intentional. "I am naive enough, sometimes," he told the Senate panel, "to feel that some people discriminate unintentionally."

Cloning: Scientific Discovery Raises Moral Issue

Boston—(RNS)—A symposium of scientists and theologians here tackled the problems of genetic engineering, spurred in part by predictions that it may soon be possible to produce copies of an individual.

The process is called "cloning," and is basically the making of an identical being by implantation of a female with the nucleus of a cell from the person to be duplicated.

Spurring the study is the discovery that all individual cells of higher organisms have the same complete set of genes. In theory, a new human being could be "cloned" from a cell taken from any part of the body.

Scientific, moral, political and even economic factors are raised by cloning. Implementation of the process is thought possible in a number of years, or at least within the next few decades.

Participants in the Boston University symposium considered the best tube synthesis of a cell and genetic operations to remove undesirable hereditary traits or disease to be much further away.

Dr. Bernard D. Davis of Harvard University Medical School said he thought the first use of genetic engineering might be the determination, on genetic considerations, of the number of children a couple may have.

Dr. John R. Platt, of the University of Michigan Health Research Institute, noted that the "cloning" of animals could greatly increase the world's food supply. He thought "cloning" would take place in two or three years.

The issue of technology in relation to life was sharpened by Dr. James Shapiro, a Harvard scientist who is a member of a team which recently isolated a gene. Dr. Shapiro appeared unannounced at the symposium. He asserted that advanced technology is not merely a scientific and moral matter, but is also political.

Dr. Shapiro expressed fear that "the power to change man's genetic makeup will be used for ill." The 26-year-old researcher did not advocate halting scientific progress but he urged that application of advances be taken out of the hands of "the small group of people who make our decisions."

Moratoriums For Peace Set Monthly

Washington, D.C.—(RNS)—The Vietnam Moratorium Committee, whose activities were launched last Oct. 15 by massive local demonstrations, will observe the 15th of each month between January and April as a "peace action day."

Sam Brown, a co-chairman of the organization which has received considerable religious backing, made the announcement.

Moratorium leaders originally said activities would be increased one day each month. Two were set aside in November, three in December.

However, the November days coincided with the anti-war Mobilizations in Washington and San Francisco and the Moratorium's campus emphases were overshadowed. Memorial and prayer events in December, including Christmas Eve, attracted only a fraction of the support given in October.

The first "peace action day" will coincide with the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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