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President Nixon, the first to hold regular services in the White House, is given Religious Heritage of America's Churchman of the Year award by Housing and Urban Development Secretary George Romney, who received award in 1969. (RNS Photo)

Father Hill vs. Fanny Hill

New York — (NC) — Father Morton A. Hill, S.J., a member of the Presidential Commission on Obscenity and Pornography and president of Morality in Media, Inc., is the subject of a full-page-plus-one-column ad in the June 22 issue of Time magazine.

The caption is "Father Hill vs. Fanny Hill," the latter referring to a film condemned by

the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures, and rated "X" by the Motion Picture Association.

Sponsor of the ad is Coordinated Communications, Inc., a New York public relations firm. It speaks of air and water pollution and suggests: "Perhaps we should direct our attention also to the pollution of the mind."

Irish Ambassador at Vatican

Vatican City—(RNS) — The new Irish ambassador to the Holy See, Thomas V. Cummins, presented his credentials to Pope Paul VI on June 25.

Mr. Cummins, 57, is returning for a second tour of duty as the Irish ambassador. He held the post from 1962 to 1966.

In welcoming him, the Pope praised the Republic of Ireland for exercising "on a worldwide scale" its influence for good, especially in missionary work, and prayed that "Ireland's light may long shine in the sight of men."

Priests Open Anti-War Drive

Oklahoma City — (NC) — Paulist Father John B. Sheerin, editor of the Catholic World, and Father William F. Nerin, an Oklahoma City pastor, have announced that they are sending letters opposing the Indochina war to every priest and bishop in the United States. The letters ask for contributions and for a statement of commitment against the war.

Money for the mailing came from a bank loan of \$8,000 on

a note signed by Bishop Victor J. Reed of Oklahoma City-Tulsa.

"We hold that American participation in the war in Vietnam is wrong, unjustified and unjustifiable," Father Sheerin explained. "We are asking Catholic priests and bishops throughout the country to join us in this belief." He added that he thought President Nixon "sincerely wants to get us out of Southeast Asia and this is a move in that direction."

'Ferocious Repression' In Saigon Charged

Nyack, N.Y.—(RNS) — The Fellowship of Reconciliation said it has received reports here that the Thieu-Ky government in Saigon is facing a crisis similar to that preceding the fall of the Ngo Dinh Diem regime in 1963 and has "reacted predictably with ferocious repression."

According to FOR, the reports have been corroborated and show a worsening situation of repression in which students, disabled veterans, Buddhist monks and Catholic priests are imprisoned and tortured.

Protests against the Saigon government, the reports claim, have turned toward anti-American demonstrations; newspapers are confiscated for pub-

lishing pictures of persons who have survived incarceration, and all universities and high schools are closed.

One of the FOR sources is Don Luce, a Vietnam representative of the World Council of Churches and former director of International Volunteer Services.

FOR has issued several protests of what it feels is an American press failure to report on torture and repression in South Vietnam.

"Nothing so clearly reveals the nature of this war," said an FOR statement, "as the fact that the Thieu government is so strenuously opposed by these non-NFL, non-Communist people in their own country."

Crime Control Must Be Just, Cardinal Says

Washington —(NC)— Washington's Cardinal Patrick O. O'Boyle has warned that efforts to reduce crime in the nation's capital must not infringe upon citizen's constitutional and human liberties. Speaking about the D.C. crime bill currently under discussion on Capitol hill, the cardinal said:

"Human rights and constitutional rights must not be sacrificed in the effort to reduce crime. Congress has a special obligation in this respect since the citizens of the District of Columbia are in a true sense voiceless, having no representation in Congress elected by them.

"I strongly urge Congress to continue the fight to reduce crime in the District of Columbia. At the same time, all human rights must be protected and positive steps must be taken in the areas of education and housing to remove the tragic conditions that help to breed crime in our city."



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