



NFPC Appointee

Father William F. Graney, 45, of Chicago has been named executive secretary of the National Federation of Priests' Councils, a newly-created post. Father Graney will serve the nationwide priests' organization in a full-time capacity. (RNS)

**Missionary:
Don't Abort,
We'll Adopt**

Yankers — (NC) — Officials of the Capuchin Fathers here said that an American Capuchin priest working on Miyako Island in the Ryukyus has offered to adopt babies born to American women considering abortion.

Father Martin Clarke said that he and four Okinawan nuns who work with him would give the children "a life that is happy if austere, a true joy even amidst poverty and the thrill of living among a simple, happy people."

The nuns and Father Clarke offered to take 100 American babies immediately. They added that they could support the children if they received the amount of money that would have been spent by the babies' parents on abortion fees.

**Bishops Seek End
To Ban on College**

Dublin — (RNS) — Ireland's Roman Catholic bishops will seek Vatican approval of repeal of the ban forbidding Catholic students to attend Trinity College, Dublin, without express ecclesiastical permission.

The ban was imposed more than 100 years ago on the ground that attendance at the Protestant-founded institution constituted "a moral danger to the faith of Irish Catholics."

With the anticipated Vatican approval, Catholic students will be free to attend Trinity College when the new term begins in September.

In announcing their decision, the bishops said that proposals for a merger of Trinity College with University College Dublin (with its more than 90 per cent Catholic student body) spurred a re-examination of the ban.

**Celibacy An Issue
For Buddhists**

Seoul, Korea — (NC) — Celibacy has become a controversial issue among Buddhists in Korea.

Celibate Buddhist monks have vowed to nullify the government's recognition of the nation's married Buddhist monks as a legal organization. The married sect is registered with the ministry of culture and information. Previously, only celibate monks had been recognized as a legal Buddhist group.

Russian Jews Losing Ground

Paris — (RNS) — Two West European Jewish organizations have charged that Jews face "progressive elimination" from "positions of importance" in the Soviet Union. In a joint report released here, the Representative Council of Jews in France and the Board of Deputies of British Jews claimed that since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, "Soviet Jews have been victims of discrimination exercised under the cover of anti-Zionism."

The report said figures "make it very clear that there has been a decline in the proportion of Jews who play an appreciable role in the life of the USSR, and reveal a process of progressive elimination of Jews from positions of importance" in the Soviet Union.

Apartheid Failing, Bishop Says

Natal, South Africa — (RNS) — Archbishop Denis Eugene Hurley said here that the South African policy of apartheid was in its "death throes."

The archbishop denounced apartheid as "a plan to bring about an impossible kind of separation between the different communities" in South Africa, which he said, are "in fact, closely united in a common economic and cultural effort." He predicted that world opinion, "already reaching South Africa through the medium of sport," would initiate "mounting pressures against apartheid in the next decade."

Recently the International Olympic Committee voted 53 to 28 to expel the South Africans from Olympic sports. A recent decision by the government to bar black U.S. tennis star Arthur Ashe from a South African tourney cost the country the right to Davis Cup competition. Britain has cancelled this Summer's scheduled visit by a South African cricket team.

Abortion Rate: 60,000 a Year

London — (RNS) — Six schoolgirls a day are having abortions in Britain, according to the registrar-general's latest report, for the last quarter of 1969.

The report also says that the annual rate of abortions reached 60,000. Single women accounted for 47 per cent of the abortions in the last quarter. The most cited reason was "risk of injury to the physical and mental health of the mother." All operations were carried out in the context of the liberalizing Abortion Act, which became effective in April 1968.

The Royal College of Gynecologists and Obstetricians urged the government to indicate whether the Act is really meant to be interpreted as "abortion on demand."

U Thant Asks: Save Angkor Wat

United Nations, N.Y. — (RNS) — Secretary General U Thant has made a personal appeal to combatants in the Indo-China war to "take every possible precaution to preserve the many historic, religious and cultural edifices in the fighting zone in Cambodia and elsewhere in Indo China."

He was specifically concerned with imminent danger to Angkor Wat in Cambodia, which he described as "one of the most sacred and renowned religious and cultural monuments of man."

In a statement to the press, he noted news dispatches indicating that the Angkor Wat monument was in danger of following the fate of Hue in South Vietnam which, said U Thant, was cultural and religious center revered by all Vietnamese people.

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