



### Bishop Walsh Home

Bishop James E. Walsh, Maryknoll missionary who spent 12 years in Chinese Communist prison, addresses 5,000 who welcomed him back to his hometown, Cumberland, Md. Behind him is Md. Gov. Mandel.

## Reverse Death Trend, State Bishops Urge

(Continued from Page 1A) therapeutic techniques may entail as a byproduct the death of an unborn fetus. In such circumstances the death of the fetus is the unintended but perhaps inevitable consequence of the therapeutic procedure. This is morally permissible only when there is proportionate reason."

The booklet in a section called "An Informed Conscience," notes that people must ask themselves, "What am I going to do about it?"

For many the answer is: "I oppose it; I will work against it; I will have nothing to do with it."

"An informed conscience advises that some acts are good; some evil; some can be done; some cannot without abusing, ignoring or destroying conscience," the booklet continues.

The section goes on:

"Abortion, the direct destruction of a human life in the human womb is morally, gravely wrong. Catholic doctors, therefore, cannot in conscience perform abortions since it would be sinful and wrong to do so.

"Also conscience would say: 'I cannot help perform an abortion because that too is immoral' . . . so Catholic nurses, for example, cannot in conscience aid in performing abortions since doing so would be sinful and wrong."

The booklet notes that the forming of conscience may become increasingly difficult with auxiliary hospital personnel as well as with social workers, bookkeepers, hospital board members, etc.

It lists a long list of principles and then simplifies that "with the growth of individual freedom, more and more re-

sponsibility is accorded to individuals to make moral judgments about their actions . . . it is important for everyone to be aware of the moral implication of his or her acts concerning abortion and to be prepared to defend his own acts as well as to advise others so they can respond in a Christian way."

The bishops declare that they "have supported and commended those individuals who would have nothing whatsoever to do with abortions and who make it public and plain that they will not do so."

## Bishops Urge Yes Vote On Housing Proposition

New York State's Catholic Bishops urged a "yes" vote on Proposition 1, the only above-the-line proposition on the ballot this November.

A statement, subscribed to by all the State's Catholic prelates, urged voters to approve the proposition which would, they said, "help local housing authorities finance new, desperately needed, low rent housing in our state."

Housing experts in the state indicate that passage of the proposition can mean better housing for 8,000 to 10,000 families who are now unable to live decently in our society.

A review of statistics for the last 30 years shows a drastic decline in public housing starts. In the 1940s 34,000 units were built; the 1950s 28,000 units, but in the 1960s only 3,500 units were built.

In the first place, the Bishops said neither private resources nor the individual families themselves are able to bear the entire burden. The original funding legislation passed in 1939 recognized this fact. The proposition approves an increase in the amount of funds available . . . not an entirely new program.

### Australia's Dictum

## Paisley, Stay Home

Sydney — (RNS) — Northern Ireland's Protestant firebrand, the Rev. Ian Paisley, will be prohibited from visiting Australia during the scheduled 4-day tour by Pope Paul in early December.

Australia's immigration department notified Australian High Commissioner Sir Alex Downer in London of the decision and told Sir Alex to inform Mr. Paisley that he will be welcome to visit Australia at any other time.

The message to London reportedly stated that the militant anti-Catholic clergyman's presence in Australia during the papal visit would be "embarrassing" to the government.

Mr. Paisley was invited to Australia by the Protestant Federation of Victoria State and it was stated that because he holds a British passport he could not be kept from entering the country at his pleasure.

The Rev. Frederick Channing, a Bible Presbyterian Church pastor from Palmerston, N.Z., announced earlier that Mr. Paisley was invited to a conference in Sydney to form an Australian branch of the International Council of Christian Churches (ICCC).

The ICCC, formed and headed since its inception in 1948 by Dr. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, N.J., has condemned the World Council of Churches and its ecumenical thrusts, especially toward Rome.

Originally slated for September, the ICCC conference was postponed to coincide with the Pope's visit to Australia.

The Australian government said all ship and airline companies will be instructed not to bring the controversial Presbyterian Free Church leader to Australia.

If he does come, the government said, he will be put on the first plane back.

Before the ban on Mr. Paisley became known, Anglican Archbishop Marcus L. Loane of

Sydney, himself an outspoken opponent of the papal visit, said he did not welcome the news that Mr. Paisley might visit Sydney "either this year or in the more distant future."

"His sometimes reckless statements, including his recent criticism of the Royal Family, are thoroughly reprehensible," the Anglican prelate said.

Archbishop Loane said "any attempt to compare the political and religious situation in Northern Ireland with that in Australia may be mistaken and is certainly undesirable."

"I deplore the proposal for the formation of a branch of the ICCC, either in Sydney or elsewhere in Australia," he added.

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