

N.Y. Abortion Practices Draw Harsh AMA Reproval

New York (RNS) — The American Medical Association announced here that it is "violently opposed" to abortions when the woman is in an advanced state of pregnancy.

Bernard Hirsh, head of the AMA's legal department responded to a report in the Chicago Tribune that, under New York's liberalized abortion law, 26 babies have been "born" alive during the abortion process.

At least one of the babies

lived and is now up for adoption, the Tribune said. The newspaper also reported that others died within two days of the abortion.

The 26 "live births" occurred as the fetus showed some evidence of breath, pulse, or movement while being aborted, according to the Tribune.

Hirsh said that he was "horrified" at the report, and noted that most doctors believe that it is not right to abort a woman

after 12 to 14 weeks of pregnancy. The New York law allows abortions up to 24 weeks. Another AMA spokesman also said that 24 weeks was too late for an abortion because it is so close to a natural birth.

Dr. Michael Newton, director of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, said, "I think most of us would regard 24 weeks as too high a limit for abortions. Medically it is desirable for abortions to be performed before

20 weeks and preferably before 12 weeks."

Two of the infants who were aborted alive were baptized by a Catholic priest and then given an anonymous burial, the Chicago Tribune said.

Mr. Hirsh said that there is no way of determining if a pregnancy has gone beyond 24 weeks. If a baby is born alive during an abortion he has all the rights of any other person and a doctor is obligated to try to keep the child alive, he said.

Bishop Walsh To Receive Peace Award

Maryknoll Bishop James E. Walsh, who was freed last July after 12 years in a Communist Chinese prison, is to be awarded the 1971 St. Francis Peace Medal for "outstanding contributions to world peace," according to a spokesman for the Third Order of St. Francis, which makes the award annually.

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Cash and Due from Banks	\$ 8,502,097.21
U.S. Government and Federal Agency Securities	10,728,928.32
Municipal Securities	11,538,386.75
Other Bonds and Investments	494,424.84
Real Estate Mortgages	11,867,112.75
Loans and Discounts	31,200,771.76
Bank Premises and Equipment	4,120,274.35
Other Assets	534,347.02
TOTAL ASSETS	\$78,986,343.00

LIABILITIES

Deposits	\$67,240,065.61
Other Liabilities	3,226,315.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$70,466,380.85
RESERVES	
Allowance for Possible Loan Losses	\$ 878,842.73
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
Capital Stock	\$ 4,000,000.00
Surplus	2,600,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,041,119.42
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 7,641,119.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES & CAPITAL	\$78,986,343.00

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