



Aquinas hockey coach Jim Zupton, left, talks with his assistant, Jim Webster, and star players Jack Richard, Mark McCaffrey, Mark Wiedemer and Joe McQueen.

Aquinas, McQuaid to Play

Aquinas and arch rival McQuaid, vying for first spot in the Monroe County Hockey League, will play at the new RIT rink at 1 p.m. Saturday (Feb. 20).

The Irish beat McQuaid in their first outing 1-0 but lost to Fairport later on, so each team has one defeat. Jim Zap-

ton, in his first year as Irish coach, is delighted with his offense.

"I knew we had good defense going into the season, but our offense has really been the season. Ten out of our fifteen players have scored goals — that's good for high school hockey," said the Aquinas coach.

RACL Viewpoints

The Pen Vs. the Sword

By George Jost

Many Americans are concerned about the breakdown of law and order and the lack of respect for authority that seems to characterize so much of the protest movement in this country. The usual assumption is that everything was going just fine until the blacks and students started to make demands.

There are some, however, who believe that the breakdown has come not from the grassroots but from the top. One remembers the scandals of the Truman era, the mink coats and freezers. From there it was but a jump to Sherman Adams and vicuna coats. Then there was Bobby Baker with his influence peddling under the Johnson Administration.

When George Wallace stood in the doorway of the University of Alabama and defied the Supreme Court order to integrate, another blow was struck against law and order; and by the way, that great patriot stood under the Confederate flag, not the American flag.

When the civil rights workers were brutally murdered in Mississippi several years ago, no one was captured by the fabled FBI or by any other police force.

In the wider area of world affairs, we have been fighting a war in Indo-China for seventeen years now, seven of them the bloodiest we have known. This war still has not been declared by Congress, which has the authority under the Constitution. Four consecutive presidents have not thought it necessary to ask that authority and the corresponding congresses have not gathered up the courage to insist on it.

For the last few years, the emphasis on law and order has not been on crime, but on putting all the idealists who cry for peace and justice behind bars. This is another subversion of law and order. If this continues, all the best people will be in jail and the rest will hold the keys.

This has been possible because those brought to trial for

acts of disruption have never been allowed to expound the reasons for their acts. Even murderers are dealt with according to their motives, but those who act to promote peace are allowed to answer only as to whether or not they did in fact perform a certain action. This is all very legal and tidy but does not serve justice and does not promote law and order.

At the moment, however, there are high hopes that the forces of repression have overstepped the bounds of the territory in which they could be expected to win. I refer to the upcoming trial of Father Philip Berrigan and friends for conspiracy to kidnap and bomb government facilities.

There will be no way for the government to prevent a full defense in this case. In the other cases, the defendants admitted their acts but called attention to their motives, which the courts would not credit. In the coming trial there will be no such escape for the prosecution.

After a life of violence dedicated to "protecting" the revolution, Napoleon wrote from exile: "The more I study the world, the more I am convinced of the inability of brute force to create anything durable."

Now that the government has stepped out from behind the protection of legalisms and attacked the focal point of the peace movement by alleging what everyone admits would be a crime if it were proved, we may have the classic example of the pen versus the sword.

If there is a shred of decency left in us there should be no doubt which will win that one.

HOLY GHOST SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Holy Ghost School registration for grades 1 thru 8 will be Monday, March 1 and Tuesday, March 2 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the school office and from 7 to 8 p.m. in the convent. To enter grade 1, the child must be 6 years of age by next Nov. 30.

Eire May Soft-Pedal Church In Attempt at Reunification

Dublin — (RNS) — In an effort to improve relations with hostile Protestants in Northern Ireland, the government of Ireland (Eire) is pondering constitutional changes to reduce the "special position" of the Roman Catholic Church in Irish life.

Prime Minister John M. Lynch, in an interview, said he realized that certain aspects of the laws and constitution of Ireland were "unacceptable to many Protestants." That is why, he added, "we are willing to change this if it will ease the unification of Ireland."

One of the constitutional changes envisioned by Lynch concerns Article 44 which recognizes the special position of the Holy Catholic Apostolic and Roman Church as the guardian of the faith professed by the great majority of its citizens.

Another possible change concerns the article prohibiting divorce. Protestants also object to Ireland's legislation on birth control.

Changes in these areas, impacting on the traditional teachings of the Irish hierarchy,

would doubtless meet with public opposition.

Against the background of new outbreaks of violence in Belfast and Londonderry, Northern Ireland, Lynch reaffirmed his commitment to peaceful policies to achieve the 50-year-old goal of Irish politics — the unification of the 26 counties of Ireland with the six counties of Northern Ireland, or Ulster, which have remained tied to Great Britain. Ulster's Protestant majority is strongly opposed to joining the Catholic Republic of Ireland.

No kind of violence, no kind of aggression from this side will solve the problem," Lynch said. "But it won't be solved just by nice words, either."

Knights Launch Spring Drive

A membership campaign to honor Pope Paul VI was announced recently by the Knight Kenneth Rochester, Cops Knights of Columbus, 1000 Ave At the late named Christy cote as general chair program.

Northcote said of Columbus as ward to increase the areas of social responsibility in the spirit of Vatican II, all Catholic men exercising their direction.

The recruitment will be conducted Spring For further (716) 244-4340.

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