

LETTERS

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War Editorial Appreciated

Editor:

Your editorial "U.S. Bishops Should Speak Up On War" (7/28/71) should be read and headed by Catholic bishops throughout the United States.

You are to be commended for speaking out on the moral issue involved. The bishops should follow suit.

John J. Cannon
Mumford

Godless Society Will Pay

Editor:

The very thought of abortion is grotesque and inhuman — never mind an affront to God Almighty. But so are unwanted children; suffering and underprivileged children overflowing the crime and drug infested ghettos. It will not be legislated out of existence; on the contrary it will expand to be universally accepted.

Abortion is none other than the ultimate of growing immorality and injustice incumbent on the death of God. Who needs Him? This is the age of "progress." We have money to burn, and plenty more where that came from: "Investors" are accumulating it wholesale as the stock market zooms upward on unprecedented and incredible volume; as prices and wages spiral into the stratosphere; as members of the establishment receive pay hikes that exceed the total salary (former salary) of many of their dismissed subordinates.

Yes, we have lots of money; lots of fun; and God is dead indeed; but — one of these days in the not too distant future He shall return; and we'd better believe it.

Edward A. Veith
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Webster

Father Shamon Draws Praise

Editor:

We are encouraged by Father Shamon's column. His adherence to Catholic doctrine, blended with an awareness of the fundamental greatness in our Republic, make his writings an anticipated joy.

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War Editorial Deplored

Editor:

Father Richard Tormey's recent editorial, "U.S. Bishops Should Speak Up on War," (4/28/71) struck another blow for Communist aggression in Indochina.

While condemning U.S. action there, Father Tormey neglected to mention the fact that it has been the North Vietnamese who have been invading the South all these years, and not the other way around.

When Father Tormey asks U.S. bishops to condemn war he really asks them to condemn U.S. military aid to the South Vietnamese. This action itself would be immoral as it would leave the South Vietnamese to face a blood bath.

During World War II, we

could have condemned war as being unjust and immoral and refused to participate in it, but would this have brought peace?

The war in Indochina could have been over years ago, but, because of liberal elements in our society such as Father Tormey, we were forced to fight a no-win defensive kind of war. Thus because of a division among our citizens regarding the Indochina conflict we are involved in a long drawn-out affair.

The people who are crying hysterically for an immediate withdrawal of all U.S. forces in Indochina are the same people who have prevented a military and political victory in this war-torn land years ago.

Robert Bart
Ithaca

Courier Policy Questioned

Editor:

When I spotted the title "Population Expert to Speak Here," my reaction was astonishment, until I read further. Then I realized that the "expert" in question supports the position that the Courier-Journal has alluded to every fifth issue for several months now: The Population-Distribution hypothesis.

Population distribution compounds the problems of racial tensions and traffic congestion. The main problems we are faced with, however, are directly related to sheer numbers of people, and largely independent of how those people are shuffled or re-shuffled. As for feeding tomorrow's population as well as today's, a friend of mine asked "What about the next day's?" when I quoted your article. A good point.

At St. John Fisher College, which I attend, there recently was presented the movie "1985," a fictional representation of our possible future in a disturbingly realistic news-report form, which was followed by a discussion of how over-population can, and does threaten us. I recall no mention of this in your newspaper. Although Fisher seems to encourage comment from both sides, your policy seems to favor only those you agree with.

John A. Belli
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Faith Rather Than Fear

Editor:

In reading our Bishop's column "Pastoral Perspective," I recall from years back as a young kindergarten teacher a song: "Open All The Windows; Open All The Doors. Let the Merry Sunshine In!" This little song really holds a depth of meaning and could be applied today.

To quote the Bishop: "Rather than be dismayed by the turbulence of our era, I rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit, who confirmed the first Bishops and the Infant Church on the first Pentecost." Could we not welcome this same Holy Spirit who is just waiting for us to "open all the windows, open all the doors" of our hearts and "let the merry sunshine in" in the form of love and faith which only the Holy Spirit can instill?

Truly we would then be able to live our lives in faith rather than fear and frustration.

Kay Sullivan
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Rochester

Need Alternative To Fighting

Editor:

I am responding to a letter by John C. Cannon (Courier-Journal, April 21) who equated anti-abortion and "the war" and the morality of each. Neither is "pro-life," so both are wrong, as I see it but "the war" is not all so simple.

You seem quite intelligent, Mr. Cannon, but all too narrow minded to condemn our leaders, as you put it, for using the war to achieve an end. What end? Were we not invited to go to Vietnam?

Everyone I know is against war and wants an alternative. Face it Mr. Cannon and all anti-war pushers, world wide absence of war is impossible unless everyone and every nation responds to our peace initiatives and makes attempts at peaceful solutions to problems.

Can one neighbor live in peace away from home when his next door neighbor uses war and warlike practices to solve problems? Communications and transportation have brought Asia next door. Can we have peace without encouragement from them? U.S.A. fears Communist aggression. Can we lay down our arms and get taken over?

Love one another and you can't be for abortion or war as I see it. We must all make moves against both but we need alternative solutions.

Turn the other cheek, does it work? Nation to nation.

Rosemary P. Austin
Painted Post, N.Y.

'Revue' Workers Get Thanks

Editor:

We would like to express our gratitude at this time to all who so generously supported "An Irish Revue," and also to the numerous people who sold tickets for the show.

A special "Thank You" to all the performers and committee members who worked so hard at making the show such a tremendous success. May God reward you.

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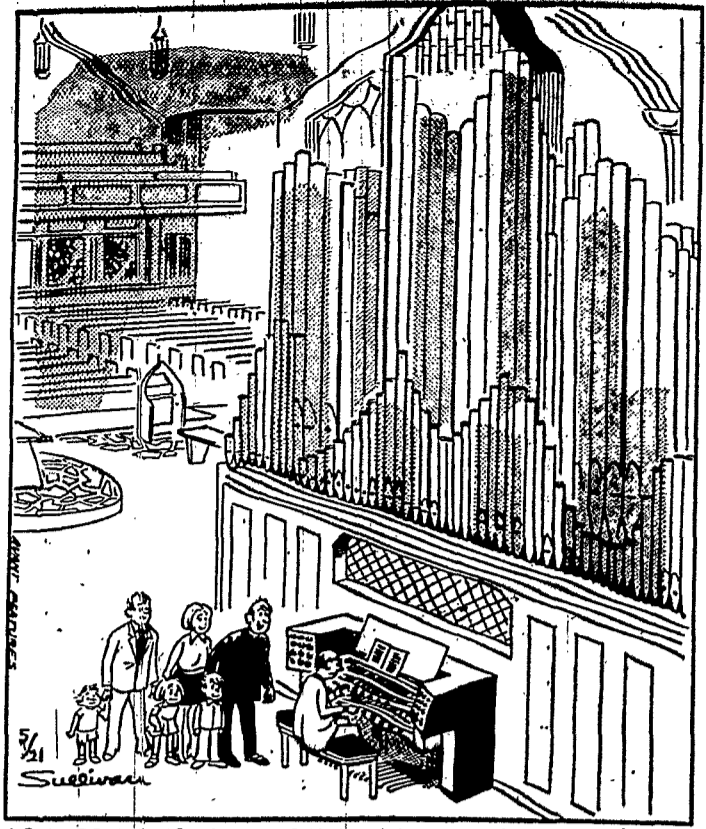
Father Cuddy Is Taken to Task

Editor:

Hurray for Father Cuddy! It must be wonderful to be always on the "Right Side." Unfortunately, such a position seems to have led him into smugness.

In his column April 28, he criticized Father Duryea, whose name he refused to mention, for being double-faced, and he set himself up in judgment of the married priest. Nowhere did he mention that the people of Father Duryea's parish supported him by a vote of 630-29. As far as I understand the nature of the church, it is still composed of the laity and the clergy, and the laymen has a voice in his Church.

He is highly critical of the National Federation of Priests for not taking a stand on the abortion issue. I presume that the Reverend Cuddy is opposed to murder and killing, yet nowhere do we see in his column any opposition to the war in Vietnam, nor do we see him criticizing the refusal of the American bishops to issue a statement against the war. Per-



"OH, COME NOW, MR. QUIGLY, THE LORD WON'T MIND IF YOU PLAY A FEW BARS OF SESAME STREET'S 'RUBBER DUCKY' SONG!"

haps war is a good and is no scandal to others.

If the married priest is a scandal and an evil, then such an institution will fall. But if it is from God, then no one can

fight against it. Until such is decided, no one is on the right side, and the law of Charity should be operative.

David J. Ambuske
Fairport

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