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The Catholic radicals have been getting their lumps lately, and not just from outcasts like me. Prof. James Hitchcock's book on Catholic radicalism has exposed the radicals for the shallow people they are. But even more devastating—and far more surprising since it comes from the inner circle—was the attack by the poet Ned O'Gorman in The New York Times recently.

Like everything O'Gorman writes, the Times article was infused by powerful poetic imagery, but for all the imagery, the theme of the article is that what is needed is intellect and not solitary poetic witness.

"The Berrigan event and the events surrounding it lack the clear light of intellect. Cesar Chavez, Dom Helder Camara, Dorothy Day, the Little Brothers of Charles de Foucauld, pastors and teaching sisters, the cloistered Benedictine nuns in Regina Laudis Monastery in Connecticut, are witness, too, to the glory of man and the agony of the times, but not only from the point of view of political rage and consciousness.

"In the militant Catholic left—and in the Black Militant left, too—there is an irrationality that taints the revolution and limits its chances of success. I write of that crippled, howling, petulant, spoiled brat anger, and the self-importance that traps revolutionaries in their own will and leaves their zeal, their visions and their hope abandoned to their egos and to the collective egos of their followers. I am not sure if I can bear any more the small voice crying alone in the wilderness. One seeks the solitary, searing voice of the prophet, but I want to hear it in the street, in the world, in schools, in politics where change is still possible. The Catholic left has nurtured a community of parasites who free-load off the Gospels."

And then he goes on to add even more vigorously, "I yearn for sanity. I wish that the Catholic left in all their masks would open schools, soup kitchens, infirmaries, libraries, playgrounds and nurseries and stay out of jail, get off pot and stop gazing for a while into their religious navels and start rebuilding life. . . . As long as the Catholic puts all his eggs in the political basket, we'll get nothing but bad politicians and empty and tired ideas about man and life."

He apparently subscribes to the incredibly radical notion that the Catholic Church is not just the Berrigans and their followers.

## Deaths

### John Gundell

John Gundell, age 43, died July 6.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn; his son, Kevin E.; three daughters, Karen, Katherine and Karel; three sisters, Mrs. Frank (Patricia) Distefano and Mrs. Leonard (Dolores) Metzger and Sister Marion, SSJ.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by Msgr. John S. Randall, Father Charles Fahey and Father Philip Billotte, Saturday, July 10 in St. Joseph's Church, Camillus.

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"The Catholic Church is that whole, marvelous, neurotic, tremendous fact of its life: the Pope, the bishops, the Vatican, the Gospels; it is all her witnesses — Pope Paul, the bishops, Ivan Illich, Cesar Chavez, Cardinal Cooke, Camillo Torres, Flannery O'Connor, St. John of the Cross, Caroline Gordon, Charles de Gaulle. I am not able any longer to set aside as lost those I do not dig and to receive into my liberal parlor only those I do."

Not only is O'Gorman ready to extend the boundaries of authentic Christianity beyond the courthouse in Harrisburg, Pa. He is even willing to admit room for differences of opinion and agreement in the Church, even on the left.

O'Gorman does not see much admirable in feeling which is not disciplined by intellect.

"Now, there is no intellect at work. Just feeling, rage, and a sulkiness (Francine du Plessix Gray and the Melvilles are the acknowledged legislators in these matters) that traces the defection of every priest, nun and theologian, the origin of every revolutionary idea, and the sexual and social maladjustment of man, woman, child or butcher to some nasty pope, nun, priest or rosary-clicking grandmother. I am tired of the lack of style and breeding in the hooting of the Catholic left."

Good heavens, Mr. O'Gorman, you mean to say that you don't think that "Sister Liz" and "Father Phil" demonstrate style and breeding? Apparently, his answer to that is that is precisely what he means.

"Surely when the letters allegedly written by Sister Elizabeth MacAllister and Philip Berrigan are put somehow into the picture of the Catholic left, one sees just what dismal kind of fantasy can spring up from a Catholicism gone political. Alas, when the Berrigan business got down to the nitty gritty of practical revolution, one just wished they'd all decide to do what they do best and leave the catastrophic, world-changing plots to South Americans, Communists and Green Berets."

### SUMMER BAZAAR

The annual summer bazaar for the benefit of Most Precious Blood Church will be held July 23-25 at the parish center. The Aquinas Marching Band will perform Saturday. On Sunday, the feast of St. Ann, a band concert is slated and fireworks will be shown during the evening.

## Hornell Student Wins Award

Hornell — Raymond Rahmlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rahmlow of Washington St., has been awarded the Joseph F. Lamb Memorial Scholarship by the New York State Council, Knights of Columbus.

Ray ranked third in this year's graduating class at Hornell Senior High School. He participated in cross country, basketball, and track. He was president of the National Honor Society and of the Math Club. He was also a member of the High School Band and of the Varsity Club.

He has received a National Merit Letter of Commendation and was recently named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Ray plans to attend St. Bonaventure University in the fall.

The scholarship of \$400 per year for four years is given to the son or daughter of a member of the Knights of Columbus. Ray won the scholarship in competition in the 16 counties of District 33.



### New Nurse

Michelle L. Callan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip E. Callan, Lochnavar Parkway, Pittsford, graduated with honors from Boston College, June 14. Conferring of the Bachelor of Science marked Miss Callan's entrance into the nursing profession. She has accepted a staff position with the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, Mass. and will specialize in pediatrics.

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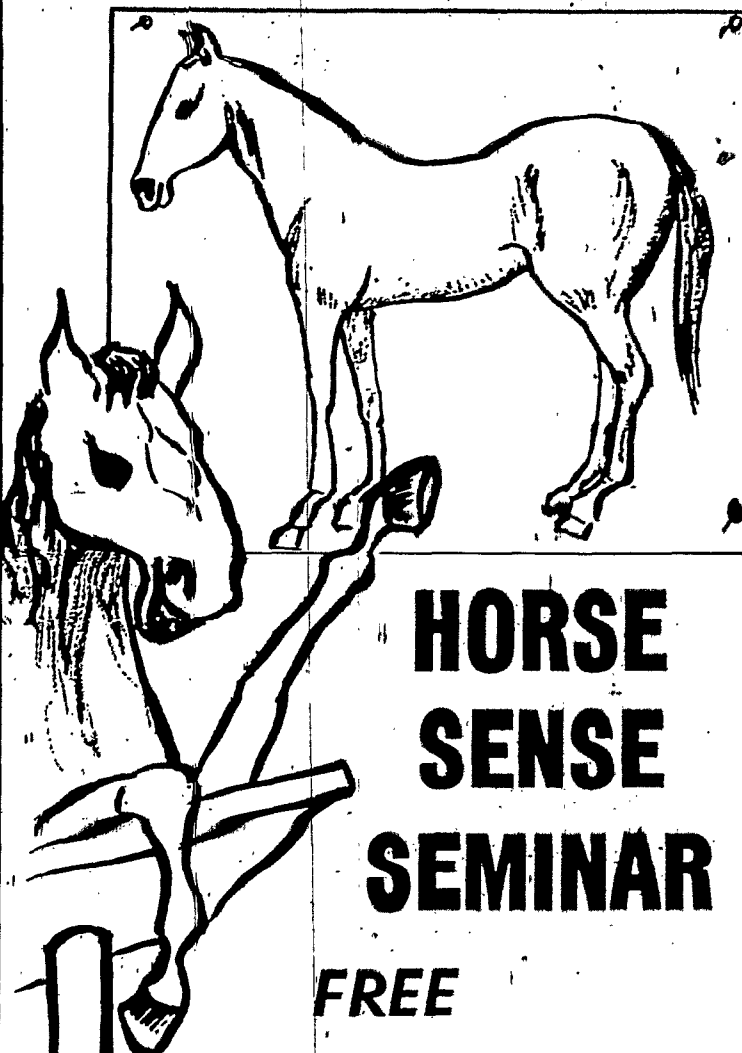
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