

Picture Editorial



Victims of Violence

Because human beings are entitled to privacy in their personal grief it generally is not the policy of the Courier-Journal to publish such pictures as these. But they are so descriptive of the futility of violence around the world, we make an exception.

Above, an old man and a young boy sit homeless, prepared to give up the gift of life, starving in public. They are nameless, will soon be forgotten and had no personal stake in the international power play that left them human refuse at a refugee camp in India.

Below, a young father in Belfast, Northern Ireland, clutches the coffin carrying his 18-month-old daughter, an innocent killed by a shot from a passing car, intended for British soldiers. Her death was attributed to "the hazards of urban guerrilla warfare" by a spokesman of the Irish Republican Army.

Regardless of the principles involved can such violence be justified?



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ANGLICAN BISHOP DIES

Lampeter, Wales — (RNS) — The Anglican Church in Wales lost one of its most forthright champions with the death of the Most Rev. Alfred Edwin Morris, Archbishop of Wales from 1957 to 1967 and Bishop of Monmouth from 1945 to 1967. He was 77.

Wealth Imbalance Discussed

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ulation control without mentioning the right to full social and human development and full participation in world society."

"We in the West have got it absolutely out of balance. We are obsessive about it and we do not balance the rights of people to a better share of the world's resources. We merely tell them to have fewer children."

Miss Ward, now teaching international economic development at Columbia University in New York, said the world might

be better off "if comfortable middle-class ladies who were so concerned with preaching birth control became more concerned with better use of the world's resources."

She asked whether the "wealthy" of the world inherently desire what so many people in the developing nations say they desire — "an underlying will to genocide."

On another front, according to a New York Times report, conviction is growing at the Synod that the Church must broaden its understanding of sin

to include the "structural" injustice of major social institutions that many people assume to be morally neutral.

The Times said that among specific objections cited in speeches have been international trade practices, multinational corporations, the world monetary system and other structures that are instrumental in defining the relationship between the rich and poor nations.

A document submitted by the Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace seems destined to have considerable influence in the formulation of the eventual synodal recommendation.

"The current crisis of the international monetary system," it said, "reveals the degree to which the peoples of the Third World are excluded from decision making that determines the course of the world's economic systems, and affects also the jobs and salaries which provide daily bread to millions of families."

A conscientious objection citation occurs in the section on recommended possible synodal action: "confronted with extreme nationalism often identified with authentic patriotism and faced by a world preparing for war, the Synod should invite men to exercise greater understanding of those who, in the name of faith or conscience, refuse to bear arms, and support those refusing to participate in certain wars, or in certain acts of war such as the bombing of civilians."

(In its report the Associated Press said that the document's references to conscientious objection and unilateral changes in world financial and economic practices were obviously aimed at the United States. The U.S. was not named specifically, it said.)

U.S. Seen 'Unjust' In World Economics

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — A U.S. Catholic Church official, drawing on a document issued by the Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace to the current Synod of Bishops, charged here that the United States is contributing to world economic imbalance through "oppressive policies and practices."

"In other words," said Msgr. Marvin Bordelon, who heads the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of International Affairs, "the role of our nation in the world scene is unjust."

Commenting on the 19-page document of recommendations by the pontifical commission, he said the Vatican body was "forthright in attacking mechanisms of injustice, established disorder, and institutionalized violence" in the world.

He said the commission had pointed out correctly that in 1971 the rich countries of the world are 12 times stronger in economic production than the poor countries and in the year 2000 will be 18 times stronger at present growth rates.

"As a super-power," Msgr. Bordelon said, "the United States is obviously in the mainstream of systematically promoting this imbalance."

In noting the commission's espousal of poor nations trying to organize themselves in movements of liberation from injustice and oppression, the USCC official said, "It is painful but true to say this means in large part liberation of the poor around the world from oppressive U.S. policies and practices."

"The commission noted that too often the (Catholic) Church has allied herself with the rich

Synod Document Keeps Celibacy

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the traditional principle of celibacy.

It also declares: "There should be no possibility of admitting to the priesthood married men, not even in particular cases, unless, keeping in mind the good of the universal Church, the Holy Father, according to his prudent judgment, would indicate that the matter should be subjected to further examination."

First Friday

The November First Friday luncheon, sponsored by the First Friday Luncheon Club and the Daily Mass League, will be at noon Friday, Nov. 5, at the Top of the Plaza. Speaker will be Father Frederick Walz whose topic will be: "I was at Attica Prison."

Wednesday, November 3, 1971

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