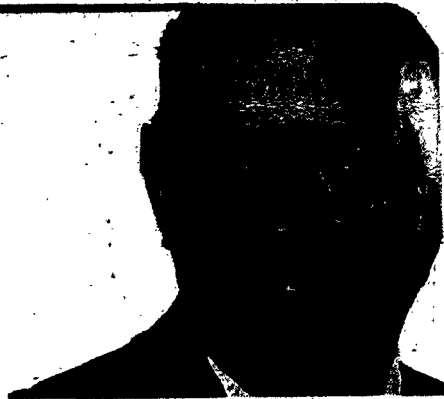


BOB CONSIDINE
On the
Line



To misparaphrase the words and the music of "The Last Time I saw Paris, her heart was warm and gay . . .", the last time Richard Nixon saw Moscow his heart was one with dismay. He was out of office, out of sight, and traveling in behalf of his client and staunchest friend, Dorl Kendall of Pepsico.

The Soviet hierarchy, certain that he was politically finished in the U.S., showed him little if any of the courtesies normally due a former vice president. He was in the hands of Intourist, like every other visiting Joe. When he asked to see his old adversary of an earlier trip, Nikita Khrushchev, the new bunch said ix-nay.

Now, come May, he is going back as President of the United States and the reddest red carpet will be rolled out for him. You can be pretty sure that the Kremlin crowd will do everything to see that he gets a more cordial shake in Moscow than the Chinese Reds will have given him in Peking.

An earlier Nixon trip was a trial and challenge he met with dignity and determination. That was the 1959 trip that produced the "Kitchen Debate" with Khrushchev, then riding high.

On his first morning in Moscow, Nixon and a White House Secret Service man went for a stroll and dropped into a Moscow market. He was recognized and a friendly crowd gathered around. He spoke about his assignment: To open the U.S. exhibit at a Moscow fair. He said he hoped they'd all drop by and see the American display.

Someone spoke up and said that the Muscovites were having trouble buying tickets. The person was referring to a quota the Russian officials had put on the number allowed each person. Nixon thought he was saying that he, and others in the crowd, didn't have the money to buy the tickets. He had come away from the U.S. Ambassador's residence, Spasso House,

without any kopeks, so he asked the Secret Service man to lend him some — which he turned over to the crowd with a smile and an invitation to see what the Americans had on display.

He was berated then and there by an English-speaking Russian who accused him of reflecting on the Soviet standard of living.

Later in the morning of his first full day in Moscow, Nixon paid a courtesy call on Khrushchev at his office. Khrushchev jumped all over him. He demanded to know why the U.S. Senate had passed a Captive Nations Day Resolution at just that time. Did it mean a change in the policy of "peaceful co-existence"? Was it some kind of veiled insult timed to coincide with his trip? Nixon tried to explain that a Senate resolution is not an official law, that the policy of coexistence was not affected in any way. Khrushchev, dumbfounded, blurted (through his interpreter), "You mean it's just a lot of (censored)?" The rude question put Nixon in the trying position of being damned in either Moscow or Washington — no matter what he answered.

The "debate" wasn't confined to the sample kitchen in the American pavilion. It started in the RCA color TV exhibit. Khrushchev was vulgarly rude to the American. He misunderstood a translated word. Nixon said something about the "direction" given by heads of government. Khrushchev decided that he had called him a "dictator." One word led to another. Nixon had not been provided with any real accreditation by President Eisenhower but he was determined not to be pushed around. He said that Khrushchev could say anything he wished, on camera, and he (Nixon) would guarantee him that it would be shown to U.S. audiences, uncut. Would Khrushchev do the same for him? Khrushchev changed the subject, and they strolled on to the kitchen.

"Do Something" Drive To Open Saturday

The Rochester Jaycees with the support of the Pepsi-Cola Bottlers will be conducting a campaign from Nov. 13 to Dec. 4 to promote volunteer activities in the Rochester area.

Under the guidance of the Voluntary Action Center of the Citizen Planning Council, the campaign's aim is to encourage people to "Do Something" for the community by volunteering time and skills to one of more than 160 community service groups.

Three volunteer groups in particular will be emphasized during the campaign: Rochester School Volunteer Program (RSVP); Rochester Community Involvement, Inc.; and Monroe County Department of Social Services.

RSVP is funded by the Rochester Board of Education and is headed by Mrs. Mary Doughty. Volunteer work is conducted at elementary or high schools chosen by the volunteer within the city limits.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hampton heads Rochester Community Involvement, which is devoted to helping inner city children through one-to-one relationships

in a "Big Brother-Big Sister" program.

Monroe County Department of Social Services is a county-funded agency whose director of volunteers is Mrs. Jane Hummel. It handles numerous social problems in the community.

On four successive Saturdays, Nov. 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., volunteer sign-up and information booths will be set up at several area shopping centers like Midtown Plaza and Greece Town Mall.

In addition, during the campaign, Jaycees will be speaking to clubs and organizations encouraging their members to respond to the "Do Something" appeal.

This program was endorsed by President Nixon in 1969 and has been conducted successfully in a number of cities across the United States, including Rochester this past January.

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More Letters to the Editor

A Bouquet

And a Brickbat

Editor:

May I use this letter to comment on two different items in recent Courier-Journal editions? First—a bouquet to Bishop Hogan for his recent announcement of "guidelines" dealing with the marriage of young people. Today, more than ever, it is increasingly easier to get "into" and "out of" marriage. The divorce rate is not only appalling but offers one of the greatest threats to stable family life and a stable society. I feel that more careful consideration and reflection will certainly prevent at least a few personal tragedies in the future. This is certainly consistent with our Bishop's long standing concern in this area. I can still remember his classes in religion at DeSales High School a few(?) years ago when he frequently expressed similar concerns.

Second—a brickbat for Father Richard O'Connell's Guest Column in your latest issue. His point is well taken. We certainly, many of us, spend more time worrying about "changes" and "externals" and far too little time on "doing" and "being" a good Christian. My objection is that he points the finger of accusation in only one direction — toward those who oppose change. What about those who push change (often down others' throats)? What about the liturgical exhibitionists? What about the objective moralists? What about the great number of people who are sincerely in support of the "changes"? Are these people automatically "good Christians"? Might it not be better to perform a spiritual and/or corporal work of mercy as Father O'Connell suggests than attend meetings of liturgical commissions, study clubs, etc.?

Frankly, Father O'Connell, I'm not sure whether the Lord is excited or disturbed whether

we sing in Latin or English. I'm not even sure if the Lord is excited about singing at all. Are you?

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Money System 'Barbaric'

Editor:

Early in his administration, President Nixon described inflation as "robbing and cheating." Economists agree; yet in our entire political and clerical system we find no intention of stopping it — only reducing it — i.e. continue to rob and cheat, but keep it below the boiling point of violent revolution; say 3%. Those days are long gone. "Robbing and cheating" — spurred by automation — has placed our nation and the free world on the brink of unprecedented depression in the midst of unprecedented affluence and waste.

In the long and trying years of its domination, inflation has made robbers and cheaters of us all — unaware in most cases, no doubt — but robbers and cheaters just the same, as demonstrated by the price-wage spiral with its subsequent advantages that accrue with unearned and illegotten money. Neither is there any indication that reform of our unconstitutional money system is either contemplated or desired.

Judaic-Christian publications such as the Courier-Journal abound with appeals for the poor while completely ignoring a more consequential aspect — the reason why so many honest hard-working people are destitute. Our Divine Lord condemned defrauding of the poor with far more vehemence than he counseled charity in their behalf.

Vociferous elements — priests included — are protesting war by vandalizing Government property instead of con-

structively protesting the true cause of war — a barbaric money system that requires waste, war and rumors of war for its survival.

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What 'Renewal' Doesn't Mean

Editor:

In a front page story entitled "Pastoral Council Group Meets at Becket Hall", Courier-Journal, 10-20-71, there was an unbelievable quote: "If we really want change in the Church we have to wait until everybody over 40 dies."

Let me assure that unnamed woman, and everyone who shares her heady, high-minded, unchristian attitude, that your problem is far greater than you imagine. There are large numbers of young people, under forty, that are well established in the "absolute" truths of the Roman Catholic Faith and have been taught to "dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell."

The implication of the above statement is that there would be no problem putting things over on the kids if we could just get rid of the parents. I think a lot of the people who are trying to relieve the hierarchical structure in the church of some of their burdens had better talk less about the "spirit of Vatican II" and read the documents a little more thoroughly.

St. Paul instructs us to exhort one another: "and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:25. What all of us must learn to do is base our judgments on error, not on the motives of individuals.

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