

James Reston Speaks on Church in China

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"The churches are locked and shuttered, and no credit at all is given to the missionaries that played such an important role in education in China," James Reston of the New York Times said at a press conference here.



Mauro Panaggio, Brockport State; Bill Carey, RIT; Bob Wanzer, St. John Fisher, and Jack Fraser, Roberts Wesleyan, will lead their teams in the Lincoln Rochester Collegiate Basketball Tournament, January 27, 29.

Lincoln Rochester Pairings Announced

St. John Fisher will meet Roberts Wesleyan and Brockport State will take on RIT in the pairings announced for the 6th annual Lincoln Rochester Collegiate Basketball Tournament at the War Memorial Jan. 27 and 29.

St. John Fisher vs. Roberts Wesleyan are scheduled opponents for the 7 p.m. game, while Brockport vs. RIT will play at 9 p.m. in first round action,

"It could be argued," he continued, "that it was the universities started by the missionaries that put an end to the Mandarin mentality and ultimately created the Chinese Revolution."

Reston, a Times vice president and columnist, was invited

here by Rochester Institute of Technology.

Speaking from what he saw during his six-week stay in China with his wife, Sarah Jane, last summer while writing a series for the New York Times, he reported that the government is too worried about the Chinese people to get involved in the world market.

"They are involved in an extraordinary experiment: a moral reformation of a quarter of the human race. I find this to be an exciting effort even if it doesn't succeed. It is a religious movement in effect, the likes of which we have not seen since the Reformation."

He noted growing concern over population growth. "They are very conscious of birth control and claim to have a 30 day pill in the experimental stage," he said.

"The bare foot doctors (medics out in the field) were all supplied with the pill and the loop. Women talked of birth control wherever we went. It is the policy of the government to hold the population, so they are doing it."

The veteran newspaper man commented on television's power to "sell" a candidate, saying: "I hate packaging candidates. It is deception of the people and dangerous. It is very significant that the invention of television, the atom bomb and the antiballistic missile happened at the same time. These three gave the president amazing power. He can unbalance the system easily — one half hour on television and it doesn't matter what all the representatives on Capital Hill are doing."

Commenting on President Nixon's Feb. 21 trip to China, Reston said that even if the trip were just a political move it would not be a bad thing.



JAMES RESTON

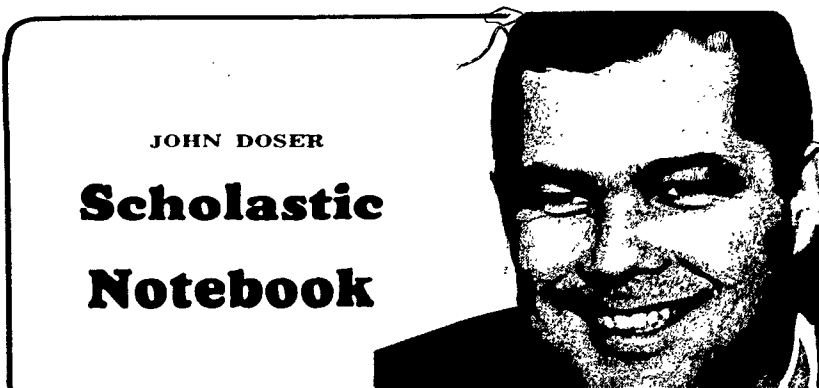
"I don't think there will be any big policy changes," he said, "though we may get a cultural exchange."

Asked if he likes President Nixon personally, Reston answered, "No."

"He doesn't put his cards on the table. Such a political animal makes me uneasy. It is an historic fact that Lyndon Johnson and Nixon have done more to create a crisis in confidence than any other presidents in history," he said.

But he did credit Nixon for minimizing ideology, explaining, "Nixon entered politics at the pinnacle in history of anti communist sentiment and now he is doing something about our relations with communist leaders. And he came into office supporting a balanced budget; now we have the largest deficit ever."

From this, Reston jokingly concluded, "I don't know what that proves except that he doesn't swallow his own baloney."



JOHN DOSER

Scholastic Notebook

A group of Madison High School parents would like Aquinas Institute to share profits from last fall's Aquinas-Madison football game which Madison won before 13,000 fans at Aquinas Stadium.

We doubt that under the present practice of home-team-take all, the Irish will share, but the question has merit.

Rev. Albert Gaelens, CSB, Aquinas principal, confirmed the school grossed \$15,000 from the game. Madison didn't get a dime.

It's not the first time the situation has come up.

Two years ago Aquinas met Fairport under the Mt. Read lamps and beat the Reds by a TD before 14,000—and Aquinas put all that revenue into its bank account too. Nothing dishonest about it, that's the result of home-team-take-all.

Aquinas seems to be the only high school in the Greater Rochester Area which, when pitted against a rival of formidable quality, can attract a good crowd. When the other Catholic schools played Monroe County public schools for the first time two years ago, and when Catholic schools competed against City schools for the first time last fall, none had crowds comparable to either AQ-Madison or AQ-Fairport.

Section 5 President Carl T. Palumbo, in an interview last month, told a story about

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crowds. He said he listened to several other New York State Public High School Athlete Association officials backslap each other about some of their "great" football crowds.

"They had 8,000 for a Long Island playoff (probably taking advantage of the 9th game which the NYSPHSAA OK'd and Section 5 voted down) and thought that was great. I told them back in Rochester we had 13,000 for a regular league game," Palumbo said.

One of the reasons we frequently champion the cause of Catholic participation in public school leagues here is that revenue can be produced when Catholic and public schools play each other.

It's a painless method to add a few extra dollars to each school's coffers although one could argue that profits at the expense of students is not a noble deed.

While the public schools vote to keep the Catholics out of Section 5, there doesn't seem to be any reason to change the home team-take-all-set-up.

We do feel however, that the situation should be handled more equitably in the future regarding City-Catholic sports. After all, the Catholic schools' biggest supporters is the Rochester public school league and it doesn't make sense to insist that the home team continue to take all.

Roger Staubach

Religion Gives Me Strength

New Orleans — (RNS) — Roger Staubach, former Navy scrambler and now quarterback of the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys may have injected a "ringer" into the recent world-championship proceedings here—something called "spiritual values."

"I have values I believe in," the Cowboy quarterback conceded during a victory-luncheon celebration following the Super Bowl win over the Miami Dolphins, 24-3.

"I believe there's something much greater than what we're put here to do. Being an athlete is just frosting on the cake," he added.

Speaking to newsmen about religion being a basic part of his life, Staubach, a Roman Catholic, said: "I don't try to be anything special, I just try to be myself, and I have values I believe in."

"I feel I'm a Christian, and there are Christian values I

live with," he continued. "Christianity exists in the spiritual realm, but also in everyday life. If that's square, well, that's the way I want to live it."

The 29-year-old former Heisman trophy winner who spent four years as a naval officer said he once had an "interest" in the Catholic priesthood, like many other Catholic high school youngsters, but he never studied for it.

"My religion gives me strength," Staubach said. "It helps in pressure situations and makes pressure relative," indicating that pro quarterbacks come under plenty of pressure.

Married and the father of three girls, he said that his "spiritual values" gave him strength last year when he and his wife lost their fourth daughter. "It keeps me from being complacent as a player, too," he added, "because I know there are more important things to do."

Joking with newsmen about

his strong belief in the hereafter, Staubach said he understood "every pass up there is a touchdown . . . and there are no defensive backs."

Communications Subject of Talks

"Communications for the Clergy" was the theme of two recent clergy conferences held at Becket Hall, Rochester, and in Elmira.

Father William Graf, assistant pastor of St. Thomas More Church, stressed the increasing importance of Sunday liturgy to communicate the message of Christ.

Father Graf spoke on the necessity of the preacher's preparation, saying that it should begin early in the week—deciding on a theme and developing the theme through the week.

"We have the greatest message in the world," he said. "Only the best possible preparation is worthy of it. Jesus lived, died and rose again to give us new life, here and hereafter. People are craving for such a hope and we must make it real to them."

The second speaker of the conference was James Noonan of Stirling Homex, who explained the use of closed circuit TV for self-evaluating sermons.

Unbeaten in CYO

In last week's CYO basketball standings, St. Stanislaus, unbeaten in six games, was mistakenly omitted from the East Division of the High School League.

Arms Race Epidemic Assailed by Pontiff

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI deplored the arms race "epidemic," saying that it was "most disconcerting" that it should be spreading its "contagion" at a time when men had become more aware of membership in the same human family, and were ever more "keenly desirous of justice."

Denying the validity of arguments that armament industries were necessary to main-

tain the economics of nations and prevent mass unemployment, Pope Paul asked, "How can it be admitted that there is no way of finding work for hundreds of thousands of workers other than to set them to work making instruments of death?"

He also denied the validity of the opinion that peace had to be based on "a balance of arms and forces."

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