

Black Catholic Assails Population Unit Report

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Declaring that "society through its laws has a responsibility to protect all human life," a prominent Washington physician who is a member of the Commission on Population Growth and the American Future has sharply rejected the majority's recommendation that a nationwide abortion-on-demand law be adopted.

Dr. Paul R. Cornely, a black Catholic physician who is on a sabbatical from Howard University's College of Medicine here, is one of four members of the 24-member commission who refused to go along with the majority's recommendation on abortion and filed dissents.

Abortion, said Dr. Cornely, "is destruction of human life since it kills the fetus."

The commission's recommendation for more relaxed abortion laws as a part of government policy to control population growth came in the second part of a three-part report to President Nixon and the Congress.

Dr. Cornely also objected to the commission's recommendation that contraceptive informa-

tion and services be made available to minors.

For emancipated minors and self-supporting minors, he asked that guidelines and safeguards set up for family-planning services should apply. Offering contraceptive advice and services to minors living in a family unit, he declared, strikes "at the foundation and root of family life, which are already weakened by our misuse of affluence and technology."

Taking the chapter on abortion point by point, Dr. Cornely declared that abortion legislation is postulated on the welfare of the mother only. "This section of the report," he said, "does not even make an attempt to provide a legal accounting for the unborn developing child."

Concerning the "moral questions," he disapproved of the report because it proposed that only one moral principle be the controlling factor in the abortion situation — the woman's freedom to reproduce.

"Such moralistic monism, simplistic as it is, at bottom fails to consider the freedom

of the unborn child to live," he asserted. He then charged that the commission does not face the question.

"What does it mean as public policy to legitimate the destruction of 'unwanted children?'"

2 Priest Units Join NFPC

Chicago (RNS) — Two more official Catholic diocesan priests' senates and two associations of priests have joined the National Federation of Priests' Councils, the NFPC office here announced.

The four-year-old federation now has 130 affiliates across the U.S.

The latest organization to join was the Priests' Senate of the Brownsville, Texas, diocese. Its affiliation will become official on July 1.

During the NFPC's recent convention in Denver, the Priest's Senate of the Oklahoma City-Tulsa diocese became a member, along with priests' associations from Oakland, Calif. and Austin, Texas.

The senates of more than two thirds of the nation's 153 dioceses are now affiliates of the NFPC. Other member groups are councils, associations and religious communities.

School Tax Credit Bill Proposed

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — A bill providing federal income tax credits for parents covering tuition paid for dependents in private, non-profit elementary and secondary schools has been introduced in Congress by Rep. John J. Rooney (D-N.Y.).

The tax credit allowed under the bill would be 50 per cent of the tuition paid for each dependent up to a maximum of \$500 per dependent, Rooney said.

Such extras as transportation, books, extracurricular activities, and lunches would not be covered by the tax deduction.

"The purposes of this bill are two-fold," Rooney said: "to relieve the financial burden and to head off the collapse of the private and parochial school systems around the country."

"The costs of both private and public education have soared over the past few years and many parents now find themselves facing an almost intolerable burden of supporting the public school system through taxes and the private schools through ever-increasing tuition fees," he said.

ANGLICAN BISHOP DIES

Kelham, Eng. — (RNS) — Dr. Richard R. Roseveare, a staunch critic of racism who was Anglican bishop of Accra in Ghana, West Africa from 1956 to 1967, died here at the mother house of the Anglican Society of the Sacred Mission. He was 69 years old.



Child of Quangtri

A child is carried in a makeshift sling as he and his family flee from the North Vietnamese forces launching an offensive in their area. Refugees fleeing from South Vietnam's northernmost province, Quangtri, have added to the already large refugee population in Indo-China. (RNS)

London Catholic Journal Condemns IRA Violence

London — (RNS) — In a blunt editorial on the Northern Ireland situation, a Roman Catholic review, *The Tablet*, accused the Irish Republican Army (IRA) of wickedness and acting in defiance of an almost unanimous Catholic opinion.

The journal expressed its views in a front-page editorial in which it declared:

"This paper has never been backward in calling attention to the grave disabilities under which the Catholics and Nationalists in Northern Ireland have been compelled to live for the last 50 years, and certainly no objection would have been forthcoming from us against any reasonable protests over such grievances (or doubts of the sincerity of proposed remedies).

"But what is extraordinary and horrible in a country of Christian origins is an assumption that if you have grievances you are at once entitled to kill in order to remedy them. Far above any arrangements of any particular constitution stands the Divine Command: 'Thou shalt not Kill.' Christian tradition admits with reluctance certain extreme circumstances under which it is legitimate to defy that prohibition. A man may kill if that is the only way in which he can defend his own life or those for whom he is responsible against an assailant. A statesman may under certain extreme circumstances declare war on an enemy country."

"But the leaders of the IRA," *The Tablet* added, "are not the heads of any state. They are not able to elect a single representative to any constitutional body which would give them the least right to claim that they represent the will of the people."

"It is truly amazing and horrifying that such things should be done in even a nominally Christian cause, and it is not surprising that Cardinal Conway (the Primate of Ireland) and other Catholic leaders should have spoken without qualification in condemnation of it. The cardinal and all other reporters of the scene bear witness to the fact that the IRA are now doing such things in defiance of an almost unanimous Catholic public opinion."

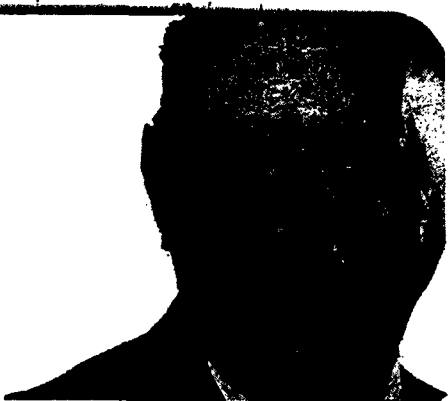
Directive Clarified By Vatican

Vatican City — (RNS) — A recent Vatican directive allowing for the adoption of non-Christian names at baptism is not intended to discourage baptized persons from having Christian names, according to the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship.

The reference was to the new rite of "Christian initiation" of adults into the Roman Catholic Church, published last month. That directive states that in countries where non-Christian religions are widespread the local episcopal conferences would be authorized to allow the baptized person to take a name derived from the local culture, in place of a saint's name.

The congregation's notice, published in a bulletin, emphasized that the directive was not at all intended to discourage long-standing tradition.

BOB CONSIDINE On the Line



There was a touching memorial to the late Walter Winchell at the Lambs Club the other day. Walter would have liked what the magnetic eulogists had to say.

Walter's last years were glum, after his mercurial prime. He lost his son and his wife, his health and "the" column. He seldom referred to it as "my" column. "The" lent a different kind of prestige to it. It said, in effect, that there wasn't any other.

He was the hottest property in the newspaper business for the better part of 20 years, a confidant of President Roosevelt, J. Edgar Hoover, and hosts of elegant and inelegant tipsters.

Walter never underestimated the importance of the column. One Monday he came into the city room of the New York Mirror with his usual vigor — he invented jogging, I think — and landed on the edge of Editor Jack Lait's desk.

"How did you like the column today, Jack?" he asked. "Great, wasn't it?"

Jack said, after a while, "I almost threw it out of the paper, Walter."

Walter was as shocked as he would have been later if he learned that somebody had burned a Dead Sea Scroll.

"But, why?" He demanded of his nominal boss.

"Because I heard you say all those things on the radio last night at nine o'clock, and I knew I'd have to try to sell it this morning, that's why," Jack said.

It would have crushed a lesser

man, but it didn't even nick Walter.

Walter said, evenly, "You print Roosevelt's Fireside Chats the following day, don't you?"

Winchell commanded the most rapt attention on his radio show. Literally, the nation stopped whatever it was doing on those exciting Sunday nights, tensed up to the edge of its collective chair, cupped an ear. Walter actually was speaking to Mr. and Mrs. America and All the Ships at Sea. Nobody interrupted him, except with lotions of love.

The late Frank Conniff and I subbed for him in ABC-TV and radio during his 1954 vacation. Walter gave us briefing after his last telecast and it seemed aimed mostly at me, for I was doing the TV fill-in. He said, as he rolled his sleeves back down and took off the gray fedora that was his patented prop, "Now comes the tough part of this job. The phones. They'll start ringing and ringing right now. You watch. And the people out there will be yelling and yammering at me, and I'll be yelling and yammering back. This is the toughest time, just after I go off the air."

We waited for about 20 minutes in the utterly silent studio. Then a phone rang, and I jumped a foot.

"Okay, YOU answer it," Winchell barked at me, wanting to initiate me into the ordeal that would follow my own TV commentaries.

I picked up the phone, trembling. It was a woman's voice. Voice said, "Hi, my husband works on the No. 2 camera. His name is Sam. Have him pick up a quart of milk on the way home."

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