

Religious Leaders Deplore Shooting of Gov. Wallace

New York (RNS) — Religious leaders across the nation joined in deploring as "wanton" and "vicious" the attempted assassination of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace on May 15 as he campaigned in the Maryland Democratic Presidential Primary.

"We see this vicious attack upon another distinguished American as reflecting a dark and frightening fact in American life," said United Methodist Bishop Kenneth Goodson of Birmingham.

"Some citizens fear free speech, honest dissent and ardent advocacy of heart-felt positions," stated the bishop, who was joined by the cabinet of the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the denomination. Mr. Wallace is a United Methodist.

The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said the attempt on the life of Mr. Wallace is as frightening to him as the assassination of Dr. King. "I think it only goes to tell us that America is much sicker than most of us think," said the civil rights leader, who has disagreed often with the Alabama governor.

Evangelist Billy Graham had words similar to those used by Mr. Abernathy. "We're involved in the pornography of violence," he stated. "This shooting comes as a terrible shock and indicates once again the tragedy and sickness of this country."

In one of the earliest responses to the incident in Laurel, Md., Philip Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, said again, "Our country has been shamed by the use of violence against a public figure. We

urge all men who cherish our democratic institutions to seek to calm the passions this act will evoke and to redouble their efforts to eliminate the conditions that breed such behavior."

Speaking for Bishop Joseph L. Bernardin, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, Father James Rausch, associate general secretary, expressed hope for the recovery of Gov. Wallace and the three other persons struck by bullets allegedly fired by Arthur H. Bremer, 21, of Milwaukee.

Laitry Council Starts Bangladesh Drive

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — The National Council of Catholic Laitry has initiated a "family-to-family" program of aid to the people of the new nation of Bangladesh, urging U.S. families to "sacrifice" \$100 each for a family in that war-ravaged Asian land.

Following a plan outlined by the famed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the NCCL arranged

through Catholic Relief Services U.S. Catholic Conference, to transmit the money and accompanying letters from American families to families in Bangladesh villages.

A major aim of the program is to rebuild villages as communities and to dispel fear and hatred among the Bangladesh people.

In addition to the family-to-family program, the NCCL is expanding its Help-a-Child and Child-in-Need programs to include the children of Bangladesh. Through these programs, Americans can "adopt" a child, providing support and education, or simply send funds to the neediest and poorest children of a given area.

The nationwide NCCL campaign was approved during a recent meeting of the council's board of directors.

Contributions for these programs are being sent to NCCL headquarters at the U.S. Catholic Conference, Washington, D.C.

Cardinal Lauds Aid Measure

New York (RNS) — Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York congratulated the New York Legislature for its "creative action" and "dedication to the welfare of all children" in passing a bill to aid non-public schools.

"We are confident that this legislation will meet the constitutional test of providing aid which the Supreme Court says must be 'secular, neutral, non-ideological' and aimed to assist parents and children," Cardinal Cooke said.

"This legislation recognizes the role which schools, public and non-public alike, play in stabilizing life in deprived urban centers," he said. "These operation and maintenance grants to non-public schools educating economically deprived children, although small, are welcome."

Cardinal Cooke said the education opportunity grants offered to low-income parents "will assist these parents in exercising their constitutional right of freedom of choice in education."

He said "the legislative provision allowing middle-income taxpayers to take tuition payments into account when they figure their state income tax is a recognition of the financial difficulty in which middle-income Americans find themselves in these days of rising taxes and increased costs."



Stella Maris Open House

The annual open house at Camp Stella Maris is scheduled June 4 to acquaint parents of prospective campers with the features of this Catholic boarding camp for boys and girls.

Highlight of this year's open house will be a chicken barbecue all afternoon on the grounds of the camp, 3052 East Lake Road, Livonia.

Festivities will start at 1 p.m. and run until 5 p.m., with the

barbecue to be served at a minimal cost.

Six children will be given a free week at the camp as a result of their participation in the annual essay contest. Winners will be announced during the course of the afternoon.

Camp Stella Maris is a residential camp for boys and girls, and it offers supervised cabin life, a skilled recreation staff and excellent waterfront facilities on Conesus Lake.



Country Auction

Mrs. Edward Caster, left, and Mrs. Henry Freitas display an antique picture frame to be auctioned off at St. Pius X's 19th annual Country Auction, to be held Monday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the old church grounds at Chestnut Ridge Road. Proceeds from the auction will be used to help equip the brand new Learning Center at St. Pius X School.



Mayoral Visit

After speaking at the St. Thomas Moore Women's Guild luncheon, recently, which raised about \$300 for the school library, Mayor Stephen May visited each of the classrooms and posed with the eighth grade girls.

Fennell Elected

Elmira — J. Peter Fennell has been elected to the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center here. Fennell was named to the board at the group's annual meeting held recently.

A native of Elmira, Fennell is a graduate of St. Bonaventure University. He is a director and officer of the insurance brokerage firm of Perry and Swartwood.

Fennell is a communicant at St. Patrick's Church here and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club, B.P.O. of Elks, the Elmira City Club and the Elmira Country Club.

Charles F. Kennedy was re-elected chairman of the hospital's board of directors at the annual meeting, while Arnold Jerome was elected assistant treasurer.

BOB CONSIDINE

On the Line



Mother's Day has safely come and gone. Nothing much new. Candy and flower stocks were up, and the customary number of mothers were maimed in car accidents while driving over to do the cooking and laundry in the kid's posh new apartment.

Hallmark, the card people swore on a stack of the collected works of Edgar Guest ("It Takes a Heap of Lovin' to Make a Mom") that 200,000,000 Mother's day cards were distributed this year. That moved Mother up to fourth place among the inspirational figures and events in the U.S. She now trails only Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter.

To repeat, she's fourth. Mom's out of the money again, alas.

Fortunately, things will be lots better for her by the year 2000 A.D. (Moses promised in the 13th century before Christ that things would be better for her no later than 1000 B.C.) By 2000 A.D., I learn from an exclusive multigraphed understatement from Frank Masi, vice president for marketing Cascade Data, Inc. (Is there any other degree of data?), that "American housewives will be totally liberated from the chores of domesticity and will be running their homes like small successful businesses.

"Kitchen cabinet computers will keep them apprised of what household bills are due, dates of kiddies; school holidays and a continuing stream of information on which foods are available and the best prices.

"Small household computers will enable families to determine

well in advance what they will be able to afford and in which areas. They will also be kept informed of what price increases they can logically expect based on the rising cost of living." (Sounds like some scoundrelly Administration of the 21st century will have tampered with the Nixon controls, egad.)

Milton Caniff, creator of the incorruptible and indestructible Steve Canyon, got all shook up at the recent annual awards dinner of the National Cartoonists Society, held in New York during Publishers Week. The suave artist who has meant more to the U.S. Air Force than the inventor of the wing served as master of ceremonies — and envelop opener — during the distribution of the awards.

Finally, he announced the biggest prize of them all, the winner of the Reuben, named for the late great Rube Goldberg and given to the outstanding cartoonist of the year. Mitt tore open the sealed envelope, looked at the winner's name and froze.

"My god, it's me," he gasped weakly.

So much for awards. Now a nice little reward.

Ralph Daigh of Fawcett Books acquired paperback rights the other day to Janes Michener's "The Drifters," and eight of Michener's other books which had been printed in the past by Bantam.

Ralph gave his friend Jim a nice round figure for switching teams: One million bucks.

So, get back to your compositions, you crazy kids!