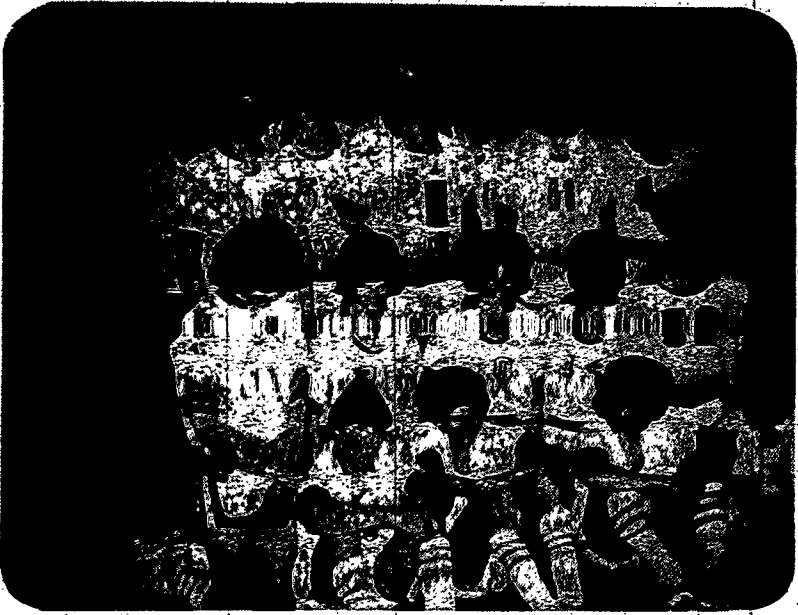




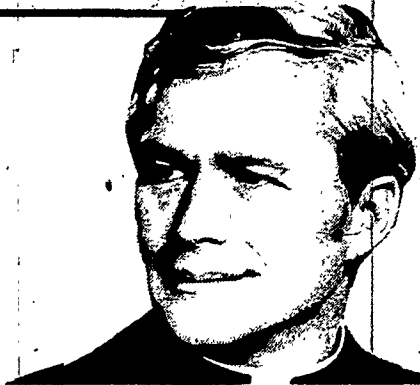
**Victory**

St. Charles Borromeo high school basketball team above defeated the Jewish Community Center 59-54 to remain undefeated and win the CYO County Basketball Tournament. St. Monica soundly defeated Holy Cross 66-49 to capture third place. Christ the King below, also undefeated, disposed of St. John's, Spencerport, 43-27 to take top honors in the elementary division of the Tournament. St. John's, City, defeated Mother of Sorrows 55-49 in a great up from behind effort to capture third place.



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## The Open Window



**Q.** In today's arena of theologians, how is a layman to judge which dogmas, decrees, proclamations, etc. to believe, when the trend is to examine everything in a philosophical, analytical, psychological, conscientious and even scientific approach? What has happened to faith?

**A.** Nothing whatsoever has happened to faith. It is as necessary as it ever was. I believe in God; I believe in Jesus Christ; I cannot perceive them directly. Rather my mind and my will must make the leap of faith into mystery. I have rational motives for making the leap but the "act of faith" itself is beyond reason.

It seems to me that in your question you are confusing the pursuit of truth with the act of faith. Having made the act of faith, having plunged into the mystery, I still must pursue truth with whatever means I have, and from whatever sources are available. Faith does not replace truth or its pursuit; it is an essential means of achieving truth which is otherwise beyond my ability to achieve. Obviously there is much truth which can be discovered through our natural powers.

That is what theologians are trying to do — to use every human means available to clarify or enlighten the content of our faith. And no source or method which leads to or reveals truth is unworthy of the theologian.

For example, science has been of immense help, especially in recent years in the process of clarifying the meaning of the Bible and the methods of interpreting it. Truth is truth and it doesn't make a bit of difference where I find it. Nor can truth from one source contradict truth  
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from another source. One or the other would not then be truth.

Let me put it this way. My faith in Jesus Christ makes me accept Him as the Word of God, the Savior of the World. I believe that I must embrace everything that he has taught. I must search out the will of the Father through him. But most of the time His word and therefore the will of the Father come to me in human language and in a particular context which must be interpreted and explored to discover exactly what Jesus meant when He said or did something.

So professionals, theologians we call them, spend their lives trying to interpret for example, what Jesus meant by turning the other cheek or what he meant by the kingdom of God. These are legitimate pursuits in the context of my belief in Jesus Christ.

Take the business of the interpretation of the idea "Kingdom of God". Our faith in Jesus Christ does not give us the answer to the very important question, "What is the kingdom of God?" Is it identical with the Church? Can it be a reality here on earth? Is it something totally individual, "within you"? I cannot go into that question here, but the answer to the question, has profound implications for the Church and for the way each of us operates as Christians.

Finally we must remember that these searchings of theologians are at no stage final and complete. They are part of an ongoing pursuit of the final truth which is the possession of God Himself. It should be no source of scandal if they change and develop as the years go on. We have a capacity to grow in the truth. We must ever strive to do so.

## Pontiff in 'Profound Sorrow'

# Khartoum Slayings Condemned

**Khartoum, The Sudan (RNS)** — The bodies of two Americans and a Belgian diplomat killed by Black September terrorists, were recovered here while the world speculated about the impact of the murders on the cause of Palestinian Arabs.

Eight guerrillas captured and held the Saudi Arabia embassy for 60 hours, killing three of five hostages.

In Rome, Pope Paul voiced "profound sorrow and consternation" over the Khartoum incident.

U.S. Ambassador Cleo A. Noel, Jr., 54; outgoing U.S. charge d'affaires G. Curtis Moore, 47; and Belgian charge d'affaires Guy Eid were shot and killed by the terrorists, who were demanding the release of several hundred prisoners, including Sirhan Sirhan, the convicted killer of Sen. Robert Kennedy, and members of their group.

Some Arab governments joined the U.S., the Soviet Union, virtually all of Europe, Israel and many other nations in condemning the seige and the murders.

Jordan took one of the strongest stands against Black September atrocities. King Hussein announced that the death sentence, has been confirmed against eight Palestinian commandos whose release was demanded in Khartoum.

King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was reportedly furious over the whole affair, and was considering stopping a subsidy to Al Fatah, the major umbrella organization for the Palestinian movement.

The head of Al Fatah stressed that Black September, which took credit for the murder of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics, is not a part of his organization.

The government of the Sudan, which has been friendly in the past to the Palestinian cause, refused to negotiate with the terrorists. It promised to deal "firmly" with the eight men who surrendered to Sudanese forces.

According to United Press International, the Sudanese minister of information said the terrorists will "not go unpunished." The Associated Press quoted a high ranking diplomat in Khartoum as saying, "The guerrillas are already dead men."

However, some Black September sources reportedly expected less than death sentences from the Sudan.

President Nixon of the U.S. demanded that the Khartoum government bring the terrorists to justice. "This tragic event underscores once again the need for all nations to take a firm stand against the menace of international terrorism," he said.

The nightmare began on March 1 when the guerrillas invaded the Saudi embassy where a reception honoring Mr. Moore was in progress. Several persons attending were able to escape; others were held for only a short time.

Held until the ordeal was over but spared were Ambassador Abdullah al-Malhouk of Saudi Arabia and Adli el-Nazir, the Jordanian charge d'affaires.

The building was surrounded by Sudanese troops and some reports indicated that President Gaafar al-Nimeiry told the terrorists the building would be stormed if they did not surrender. None of the demands of the Black September movement were met.

After his release, Ambassador Malhouk said, "We all knew that the two Americans and the Belgian were going to be shot and they themselves were well aware of it.

"The guerrillas gave them papers and pen and untied them  
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and told them to write their last letter to their wives and families. It was a terrifying moment. All were extremely brave. They faced the situation with extreme courage.

The bodies of Ambassador Noel and Mr. Moore arrived in Washington on the afternoon of March 5. The Sudan sent a high-ranking official to accompany the bodies and to present the condolences of its government to President Nixon and the nation.

Burial of the two men, both veterans of World War II, was in Arlington National Cemetery.

George Thompson, a spokesman for the U.S. embassy in Khartoum, said both men had been found lying beside an elevator shaft in the basement of the Saudi embassy. He said the bodies bore signs of kicking and pistol-whipping. "They were almost unrecognizable." Each had been shot many times.

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