



THE CHURCH 1973
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The "hate America" journalists are busily engaged in trying to pin the blame and the guilt for the Vietnam war on the American people and its most popular leaders.

Since the Kennedy administration is still immensely popular, it becomes necessary to blame it for the war. David Halberstam's brilliantly written but shallow book argues that the war was caused by the elite that Kennedy brought to Washington — "the best and the brightest," by their own admission. This strange appeal to snobbery comes with bad grace from a journalist who cheerfully admitted during the crisis at Harper's that he was one of the most brilliant journalists in the country. If the Kennedy intellectuals were arrogant, Halberstam easily matches them.

Then there is Henry Fairlie's obscene effort to blame all the trouble of the 1960s on the fact that Kennedy raised people's expectations both at home and abroad. If the President had not led the population to expect better things we wouldn't have had all the subsequent trouble. Only an Englishman — indeed, only a left wing Englishman — could be that dumb. (I wonder when Fairlie will write an analysis of what Britain is doing in Ireland.)

Deaths

Mrs. Nacca, Priest's Mother

Auburn — The funeral of Mrs. Alphonsina D'Angelo Nacca, 84, was held April 2, 1973, in St. Francis of Assisi Church.

Mrs. Nacca was the mother of the pastor, Father John Nacca. Born in Italy, she had lived in this country for 70 years, in Rochester and, for the past 25 years, in Auburn. Her home was in Chapman Avenue. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Philomena Butterazzi of Auburn and Mrs. Pat D'Angelo, Rochester.

Concelebrating the Mass of the Resurrection with Father Nacca were Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan, Msgr. William Shaw, Fathers Sebastian Contegiacomo, Raymond Wuest, Raymond Wahl, Felix Bracilkowski, Elmer Heindl, Edward Shamon and James Enright.

Also, Fathers Robert J. Casey, Ernest Loera, Louis Vasile, Gerard Hafner, Philip Billotte, Edward Palumbos and John S. Hayes.

Others present included Fathers Anthony Calimeri, James Slattery and Paul Wohlrab. Father Bracilkowski gave the homily and Father John Glogowski directed the choir. The final prayers were spoken by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey.

John Kienerk

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated on Thursday, April 5, for John J. Kienerk, 82, who died April 2 at Batavia Veterans Hospital, after a long illness.

Born in Florence, Italy, he came to Rochester in 1912, became a naturalized citizen while serving in the Army in World War I, and was a waiter in Rochester restaurants for 50 years.

He was an active member of the Holy Name Society of St. Anne's Church until the time of his illness.

He is survived by his wife, Daisy, two sisters in Italy, and several nieces and nephews.

Then there are the reviews of Johnny We Hardly Knew Ye in the Establishment press, almost all of which quote Halberstam and Fairlie, and ridicule the efforts of Kenneth O'Donnell and David Powers. The reviews are angry, of course, because the book is selling so well. The Kennedys are still popular, and that is an affront to the left wing journalistic establishment.

To make matters worse, one Kennedy is still alive and shows every sign of planting banners once again on the battlements of Camelot. For the "hate America" left, this is an intolerable affront. They should govern America and force from it on acknowledgement of its guilt, not those in-sufferable Kennedys.

If one wishes to blame the war on anyone, the proper choice might be Woodrow Wilson. For that quintessential nativist was the first to advocate a "moral" approach to foreign policy and the American responsibility to "make the world safe for democracy." Ever since then, our intellectual betters have urged on us the need for responsible participation in foreign problems.

We were morally responsible to resist Japanese aggression in China and Hitler's aggression in Europe. We were morally responsible to help Europe back on its feet after World War II. We were morally responsible to support Israel. Finally, we abandoned our traditional isolationism and began to take seriously our moral obligation to help the rest of the world.

And now those who got us into it all (or their children or intellectual descendants) tell us that we are arrogant war criminals. If they had left us alone we would still be isolationists and all the deaths of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam would never have occurred.

Maybe the 1939 isolationists were right after all, but if anyone can remember those years, it was precisely the Catholic ethnics who were most roundly denounced for their "immoral" opposition to foreign involvement. The particular villains were the Irish and the German Catholics (the others, it was assumed by the elites of the 1930s, probably couldn't even read and write), because they dared to oppose riding to the aid of beloved Mother England. And among the Irish, one of the worst anglophobes was Joseph Kennedy. You can't win.

But the American people may have learned. The next time England gets into trouble, it is going to have to go elsewhere for help. It might try Sweden or North Vietnam.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

Notre Dame Retreat House Canandaigua, has scheduled eight parish retreats for men for the weekend of April 13-15. All men of the diocese are welcome. Contact the retreat leaders listed below, the rectory, or the retreat house, 315-394-5700.

St. Ann, Owasco, C. Neville;
St. Alphonsus, Auburn, Paul Darrow, 252-2564; St. Aloysius, Auburn, J. Quigley, 252-7142;
St. Mary, Auburn, D. Covich, 252-3153; St. Hyacinth, Auburn, A. Bratek, 252-8133;
Holy Family, Auburn, R. Woods, 253-8996; St. Patrick, Moravia, M. O'Connell, 497-1735; St. Joseph, Cayuga, 252-7273.

300 Attend Legion Rites

More than 300 members of the Legion of Mary rededicated themselves to the Blessed Virgin and heard noted missionary to China, Father Aeden McGrath, last week at St. Joseph Church, Penfield.

The rededication ceremonies,

called Acies, is an annual Legion event.

Father McGrath, who was imprisoned by the Chinese Communists for his proselytizing work, told those assembled that the Legion of Mary is the largest lay apostolic organization in the

world with more than 11 million active and auxiliary members.

He asked members to rejoice in the return from Vietnam of American POWs, but noted that many members of the Legion and religious are still in Chinese prisons.

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