



THE SLOT MAN

Carmen Viglucci

Now that our land forces involvement in the Indochina War has ended, we can look forward to the death of those catch-phrases whose character were as dismal as the battles they described. Already it is a relief not to hear "escalation," or "search and destroy" or "protective reaction."

Words do indeed mirror a civilization so they probably also reflect the type of war in process at a given time.

Thinking back to World War II and that mobilizer of language par excellence, Winston Churchill, we can recall the soul-full phrases he used. He spoke almost biblically of lions' dens, chicken coops and jackals, of "blood, and sweat and tears." His words were human and spirited.

"If the empire should last a thousand years, men will still say this was their finest hour." Whatever happens to the empire such prose shall live, thank goodness.

And that the mechanical words of our latest war will probably

Up to the Supreme Court

Nonpublic School Aid Cases Heard

Albany — New York's non-public schools will know one way or the other this year whether they can be aided by:

- * Tuition reimbursement grants to low income parents.

- * Health and safety grants to ghetto and inner-city schools.

- * Tax benefits for tuition paying parents of middle income.

- * Reimbursement for attendance and test expenses in fulfillment of state education requirements.

All these programs of aid are now before the U.S. Supreme Court for decision. Argument was heard last week on the first three; the fourth (mandated services) the statutory findings reflect legislative purposes which are 'secular in intent' hence there is no violation of the constitutional prohibition."

This part of the case, the tax benefit plan, is now in effect in New York. Tuition paying parents were able to obtain a tax benefit this year in the form of an exclusion which lowered their net income (and thus their New York state income tax) for 1972.

Included in the tax benefit plan were health and safety grants and tuition reimbursement for low-income parents. A court subsequently held that these two items are unconstitutional. The state is appealing this decision to the Supreme Court.

The approval by the lower court of the tax benefit principle is being appealed by anti-aid groups who are opposed to aid to nonpublic, religious related schools.

The secular educational services act, passed by the 1971 legislature, never took effect. A lower Federal Court declared it unconstitutional and since the Supreme Court has declared a similar law from another state unconstitutional, the state decided not to appeal.

In 1972, the Omnibus Education Act was passed. The health and welfare grants for the inner city schools and the tuition reimbursement for low income parents never took effect since a lower court, in a split decision, declared them unconstitutional. New York State is appealing that decision in Washington.

pass from the scene with the last bomb blast also sweetens anticipation.

Now that Easter Sunday has come and gone it can be told. We mean the wonderfully Christian Christmas card sent out last year by a leading diocesan newspaper.

"Wishing you all the happiness and joy of this holiday season — Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Just below that message was this one: "A word of warning to all advertising managers: We have been unable to collect from the following account since March 1972. We are now taking legal action." Then below was named the account.

Just how Christmasy can you get?

The democratization of the Church is one thing but it can go a bit far at times. For instance, the recent piece of mail addressed to Mr. B. J. Hogan, care of the Courier-Journal.

Cenacle Slates Eastman Music

On Low Sunday, April 29, at 4 p.m., a Latin High Mass will be celebrated at the Cenacle Chapel.

Music for the Mass, including the traditional chant and polyphonic music of Machaut, will be sung by the Gregorian Chant Choir of the Eastman School of Music.

The monthly Latin Masses are sponsored by the Eastman School Newman Club.

AQUINAS BOOSTER DANCE

The Aquinas Band Boosters will hold their annual spring dinner dance at Mother of Sorrows Church Hall on May 12, beginning with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. The theme of the dance is "Hawaii Calls." Advance tickets only are available, by calling Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Magee, 458-4978, or Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beritela, 458-0289.

CARD PARTY

The 26th annual card party sponsored by the parish's Rosary Society is scheduled for Monday 8 p.m., April 30 at St. Anthony's School Hall, 15 Costar St. Refreshments will be served.

Deaths

Mary Valuk

'Mass' of the Resurrection was celebrated in St. George's Church, yesterday, April 24, for Mary Valuk (Valukevicius) who died April 21.

Mrs. Valuk was the mother of the late Father Frank Valukevicius. She was also a member of the Third Order of St. Francis.

She is survived by one daughter, Miss Ann Valuk.

CORRECTION

Last week the Courier-Journal incorrectly reported Sister Agnita Rose's last name. Sister's full name was Sister Agnita Rose Sadler, SSPS.



Father Lintz Honored

Father James Burke, associate pastor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport, presents the church's pastor Father Edward J. Lintz (left) a Papal Blessing at a reception following a Mass honoring Father Lintz's 35th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

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