

TOWARD TOMORROW

Fr. Henry Atwell

War again in the Middle East makes mockery of the message angels once gave there when they sang of "peace on earth" when the Savior was born. And the name of the Holy City, Jerusalem, means "City of Peace." Now it is a city girt for battle, a land torn and bleeding.

That city and that land are sacred to three world religions — Jews, Moslems and Christians. Each religion teaches peace and brotherhood. But these ancient teachings are silenced by the weapons and the bombs.

Inevitably we seek to pin the blame on one side or the other, the Arabs or the Israelis, the Soviets or the Americans. Picking out the correct culprit won't solve

Basilians Elect Fr. O'Halloran Council Delegate

Father Robert T. O'Halloran, CSB, dean of student life at St. John Fisher College, has been elected to the General Council of the Congregation of St. Basil. He will represent the Eastern United States in the central governing body of the congregation and serve also as area representative of the council.

The Basilian Congregation is a community of more than 500 priests in the United States, Canada, France and Mexico.

Father O'Halloran received his undergraduate education at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto. He was awarded a master's degree in education by the University of Rochester in 1958, and, in 1960 the S.T.B. degree in theology by St. Michael's College.

Father O'Halloran will continue to live and work at Fisher. He is the son of Mrs. Sophia O'Halloran of 1095 Atlantic Ave.

Deaths

J. F. Tuite

James F. Tuite of 658 Chili Ave. died Oct. 10, 1973, after a long illness. He was 73 years old.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Oct. 13 at St. Augustine's.

Mr. Tuite was a linotype operator at Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Co. from 1918 until his retirement in 1965.

An avid bridge player, he won several city championships during tournaments sponsored by the American Contract Bridge League. He was a past president of the Lawyers Coop 25-Year Club, a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of St. Augustine's and a member of the Daily Mass League.

His wife, Florence, died last February. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. David (Dorothy) Barrett, in Florida; sons John J. Tuite of Rochester and Paul F. Tuite of Horseheads; a sister, Mrs. John (Mary Lou) Ward, of Spencerport, and four brothers, T. Dalton, Joseph P. and Richard J., all of Rochester, and William V., of Chicago; also 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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the basic problem, however. Reasons for such a choice can be lined up in impressive numbers like soldiers lined up for a parade.

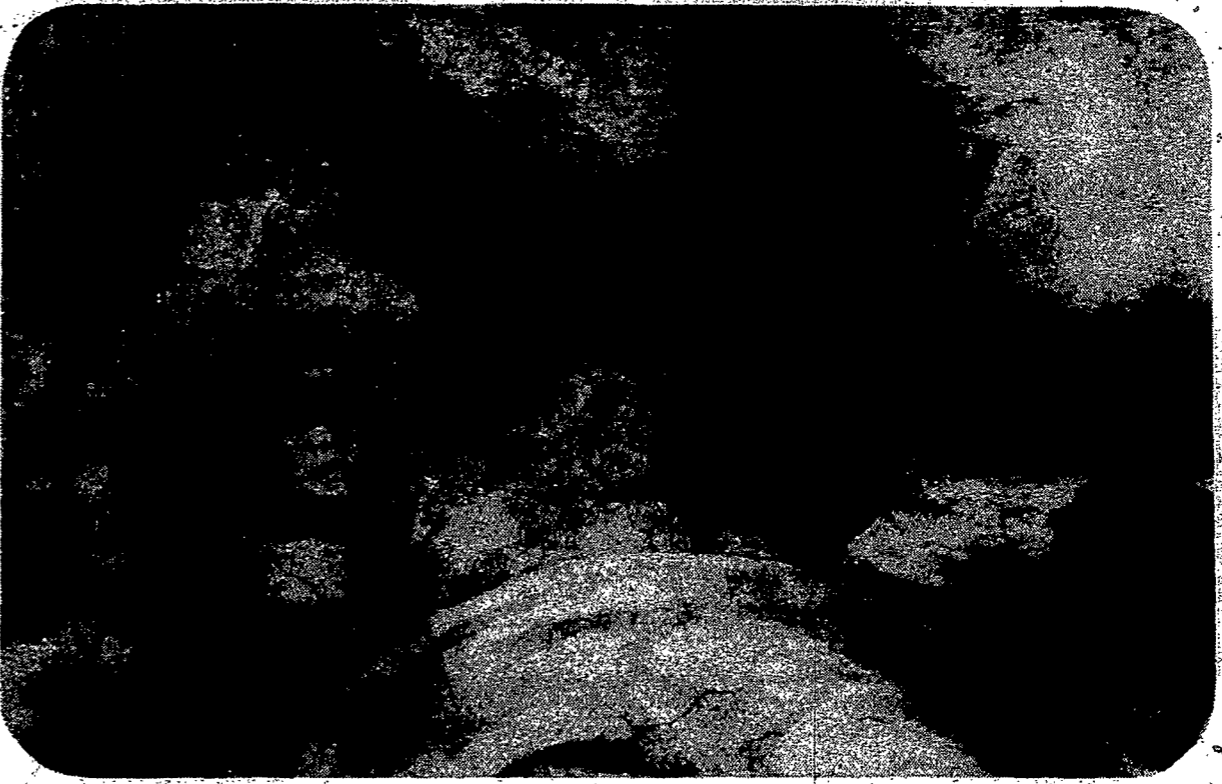
Regardless of who is right and who is wrong, people on both sides are the victims who suffer and die. If we must choose a side to be on as this latest Middle East war rages, I think we who are Christians should take our stand on the side of those who suffer, whether they are Arab or Israeli. And we need to prepare now for the vast and continuing needs that are the inevitable consequences of this war.

Fortunately we, as Catholics have at hand an agency already on the spot to provide the works of mercy in hospitals, orphanages, refugee homes. It is the Pontifical Mission for Palestine which receives its funds in large measure from the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Our contributions to Mission Sunday appeals and to the Catholic Relief Services in November will provide funds to heal the wounds of war.

We should also be aware that our U.S. membership in the United Nations organization is especially critical at times like this. We can be so easily put off by snippets of television news showing childish tempers flaring at the UN meetings, but beyond the camera's eyes are hundreds of UN staff people providing emergency help for those who suffer. Other international agencies, like the Red Cross, are also active in mitigating the barbarity of war.

A friend of mine told me last week of a conversation with his wife as they watched TV war reports. "We couldn't recall a time since we were married when we didn't see war or violence as part of daily news," he said.

What does that tell us about our impact as Christians in our prayers for peace? Has God not yet accepted our prayers perhaps because we ask him to do what we should be willing to do for ourselves? I've heard it said, "If you want a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your own arm." I hope someday we Christians will begin to make peace a part of our religious life and work for it with an intensity equal to that of those who wage wars.



The Creation

Michelangelo's concept of God creating Adam was painted on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican between 1508 and 1512. Three-quarter scale photographs of the entire ceiling will be shown at Sibley's through Nov. 3 in a specially built gallery on the fifth floor. The downtown store's celebration of the Renaissance will include technical demonstrations by artisans, exhibits of rare books, manuscripts, Florentine silver and working models of Leonardo da Vinci's inventions, and a painted copy of Botticelli's Primavera, along with pageantry and music keyed to the period.

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