



Council Awards

Michael Terrigno, commander of the Catholic War Veterans, left, was recently awarded a plaque and medallion for his work as leader of the Veterans' Memorial and Executive Council. At the same time a special recognition was given to Grace Golisano for her work at the Veterans Service Agency by the council's new commander, Robert W. D'Arano of the Italian War Veterans. The council coordinates 23 groups.



ON THE LINE  
Bob Considine

It isn't really hard to understand what's going on in Washington and the Middle East if you concentrate. Basically, here's the nitty-gritty:

President Nixon nominated Jerry Ford for Vice President because the nation at this perilous point in time needs a razor sharp, farsighted, sophisticated man for all seasons who could step right into the Presidency if called upon and steer the ship of state through any dangerous shoal at home or abroad.

The Gallup Poll revealed another reason behind Ford's nomination: a majority thinks he'd make a good President if sent up to the plate as a designated hitter. The same majority admits it doesn't know anything about him.

That seeming contradiction has been cleared up, however, by Mrs. Ford, who says, "I don't want my husband to run for President or Vice President in 1976. Three years will be fine, but no more." Then she adds, "But, of course, Jerry is the boss of this family."

Now that that's settled, let's unravel the impending Watergate charge that Howard Hughes shoveled \$100,000 in \$100 bills in President Nixon's direction. It's a lot less complex than the above.

The \$100,000 which former Hughes aide Robert Maheu says was given to Bebe Rebozo, in equal doses of \$50,000, to give to the President was not given. Get it? It was kept by Bebe in a safety deposit box and returned three years later, naturally. Bebe can't say precisely when he gave it back, or to whom.

Richard G. Danner, a former FBI man, has done his utmost to help the Watergate investigators. He's sure he handed over the two satchels to Rebozo in "either 1970 or 1969, either July 3 or

TV SPECIAL ON CHD

ABC television has produced a 30 minute special "Directions" show on the Campaign for Human Development, which will be aired Nov. 11, the Sunday before the annual Human Development collection. WOKR-TV, Channel 13 in Rochester does not carry Directions. Viewers in the diocese who receive stations outside of Rochester, may consult those stations' listings for 1 p.m.

August 19 or 20." That should pin it down.

Then there's that determination of the House Government Activities subcommittee to press forward with its inquiry into the propriety of spending taxpayers' money securing the several homes of President Nixon. Besides, chairman Jack Brooks, a Texas Democrat, is about as unfunny as Don Rickles. He asks pretty insulting questions.

Brooks is an unreasonable cuss. He wants to know just how San Clemente became more secure when the windows were enlarged in the President's den and then bullet-proofed. Will the larger windows enable the President to spot the Swiss fleet as it approaches a beach landing? How does the \$42,000-a-year landscaping expense protect the life and limb of the Chief Executive? All cactus, maybe. Is the new \$2,500 flagpole a valid security item?

Well, the Republicans on the subcommittee aren't letting Brooks get away with that kind of lese majesty. They're asking, "Oh, yeah? What about the flower beds and the ice box the Feds provided for the LBJ Ranch?" One Republican member also brought up the four dollars for hand towels in the ladies room at the ranch's press house. He says that the sum might sound trivial, "but the principle is the same" as the \$10.2 million already disclosed as having been spent on the Nixon's homes.

The war in the Middle East is, of course, the easiest of the problems the average newspaper reader is asked to masticate and swallow. Everybody in the Arab world is convinced the Israelis started it while observing Yom Kippur in their temples. That was admittedly difficult, but, as Sadat put in so wisely, "They'll always find a way."

The Syrians are winning by retreating toward Damascus, a communique shouts. Another, from the Israeli side, says the Egyptians have been stopped cold, but continue to send tanks across the Suez pontoon bridges which were destroyed ten days ago.

One thing, however, is crystal clear. An Arab legion made up of troops and armor from Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Kuwait and Qatar is either in the war or not in the war.

See?

# Justice, Peace Commission Urges Rich to Help Poor

Rome [RNS] — Stressing that justice and peace are part and parcel of the Gospel, the eighth general assembly of the Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace called on Roman Catholics to give primary consideration "to the poor, the marginal elements of society, and the suffering in today's world."

The assembly also expressed hope that the United Nations World Population Year of 1974 would be an occasion "for renewed awakening of the rich nations to their responsibilities in international justice for the plight of the poor nations."

The three working groups of the assembly concentrated on the problems of evangelisation, population, and education in pastoral activity. The groups recommended "ecumenical collaboration" whenever possible within the framework of SODEPAX, a joint commission on development and peace of the World Council of Churches and the pontifical commission.

Among the "suffering," the assembly listed the "exiled, the unemployed, the oppressed, and the victims of all types of discrimination."

At the same time, the assembly observed that "certain positive signs in today's world must be recognized — a thirst for justice, desire for a new quality of life, and self-assertion among developing countries."

"Meanwhile, within the Church," the assembly pointed out in its conclusions, "a need for renewal, dialogue and witness is growing."

Regarding education, the assembly reported that it has designed "new approaches to foster more pastoral action for justice, development and peace."

"A Christian witness of caring,

sparing and sharing has become very important. This global perspective demands a constant evaluation of educational methods . . . to promote true pastoral concern for justice and peace in the family, the school, the parish and the whole Church."

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