

# TOWARD TOMORROW

A reporter for the Manchester Guardian two years ago described the aftermath of a border battle in Korea: "In front of us a curious figure was standing. He had no eyes and the whole of his body was covered with a hard black crust speckled by yellow pus."

You undoubtedly saw that photograph also about two years ago, of children running, crying, one of them a young girl naked, all of them agonizing from one of our (mis-targeted) phosphorus bombs in Vietnam.

Mr. Nixon proposes in his budget that we increase our military spending by six billion dollars over last year's record total of eighty-five billion, and one of the reasons he gives is precisely to develop new weapons — which certainly includes even more horrifying types than those we already possess.

Incendiary weapons, especially those that "scatter" like napalm and phosphorus, which cause such extreme and prolonged suffering, and invariably engulf citizens along with the alleged military target, can be made easily and cheaply, stored inconspicuously and can be used with little launching equipment. The temptation, therefore, is to expend our money for weapons like this so we can either build up a stockpile quickly before getting into the next round of SALT (Strategic Arms Limitations Talks) or to avoid detection if we choose to circumvent our agreements.

The Red Cross is currently sponsoring a diplomatic conference in Geneva, Switzerland, titled, "International Humanitarian Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts." The UN Committee on Disarmament is

expected to explore the possibility of an international agreement to restrict or even ban the manufacture and possession of incendiary weapons.

How much are we as Catholics agitated over this question? Probably, not much if at all.

We are officially much agitated, however, about abortions. Grim pictures stir up loving mothers to become crusaders against it.

But for every abortion, there are hundreds, and within the next generation there will be thousands and millions (literally) of children who die of starvation because we spend our money today by the billions of dollars to develop torturous weapons rather than fractions of that total for development of food resources.

Mr. Nixon's budget also allows close to ten billion dollars for military weapons and equipment for foreign nations — in many cases supplying arms to both sides of what will inevitably be another war once either side thinks it is capable of defeating its enemy. Several of these nations are even at present faced with famine because they should be getting tractors, not tanks; irrigation projects, not sophisticated weapons systems.

Too often we think that famine is a natural catastrophe, an "Act of God," beyond our ability to control, whereas abortion is an act for which there is clear-cut responsibility. The fact is that many of our supposed natural disasters are the result of human ineptitude or downright despoliation of the world God gave us to tend and make fruitful. It is unfortunate we fail to recognize our responsibility here also.

## Charismatics List Meetings

The following is a list of meetings and Masses sponsored by area Catholics in the Charismatic Renewal.

### Senior Citizens List Events

The St. Charles Borromeo Senior Citizens Social Club is holding a Valentine dinner party today, Feb. 13, 12:30 p.m., in the school hall.

A beef dinner, prepared by Mrs. Laura Schubert will be served. After the dinner, the group will play cards and shuffleboard.

The club is also planning a Lenten program, beginning Ash Wednesday, Feb. 27. The group plans to meet at the church every Wednesday until Holy Week, 11:30 a.m. for Mass and Communion, followed by lunch in the hall.

### Gallery Prepares Medieval Faire

In preparation for its Medieval Faire March 2-24, Memorial Art Gallery will open a series of background lectures next week. David Walsh will speak at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, on life and art in the age of St. Louis, who was Louis IX, king of France from 1226 until 1270.

The speaker, a specialist in medieval art, is an assistant professor of fine arts at the University of Rochester. The lecture is free and open to the public.

An art exhibit, a sound and light show and, for weekends and Tuesday nights, a village fair, are in preparation. The project is sponsored by the gallery, its Womens Council and the Junior League.



More than 145 teachers from 14 parishes attended the recent religious education coordinators' workshop at St. Louis Parish for the Southeast Region's religion teachers. Sister Joel, OP, of Columbus, O., was principal speaker and discussed creative classroom projects, liturgies (especially those designed for Lent and Easter) and current aspects of penance psychology. Sister Joel is the religion consultant for elementary schools and consultant for the religious education office in Columbus.

## Supreme Court Reviews Pupil Rights Case

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — An unofficial Roman Catholic civil rights organization, in a brief filed for the U.S. Supreme Court's hearing today of a Missouri school case, warned that an adverse ruling of the court could force "all American children, save the very well-to-do, into public education."

The brief also expressed concern "over efforts being made today to suppress the exercise of First Amendment liberties by supporters of religious schools upon the pretext that such exercise is 'divisive.'"

The league, whose friend of the court brief was filed by its executive director, Stuart Hubbell of Traverse City, Mich., joined three other national groups in opposing the Missouri public school system's failure to provide services to non-public school pupils under the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

The other organizations are Citizens for Educational Freedom, the National Union of Christian Schools, and the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools.

The case was brought by a group of parents who charged that Missouri public school officials denied their children remedial reading, hearing and speech services to which they were entitled under Title I of the ESEA.

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# ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Recently Veronica Fitz Gibbons Weyand of Hornell died. She was the mother of Sister Barbara, who directs the music at Mercy High School, of Father John Weyand of Albany, and of four fine sons whom I knew from my Hornell days. I almost never go to funerals, even of dear friends. The main reason is from Lacordaire: "The priest is a member of every family; yet a member of none..." Since it is impossible to go to all, it ends up that I go to none outside my own city. This was a rare exception.

Just as a good cook squeezes the oranges to get all the juices from them, so do I include as much as possible en route to a place and back. Hornell is 75 miles from home — Webster. So I left home at 3:30 p.m. to attend the wake and funeral, and leave whatever else to Providence.

At 5:30 I rolled into St. Ann's, Hornell. The pastor, Father Robert MacNamara, invited me for 6:15 supper. I had intended to stay anyway, but it is nicer to have an invitation. Clara Sherman, the cook, was on our Courier tour to Ireland. Hence a double welcome. The associate pastor, Father Lew Brown came bustling in after 5:30 Mass. Supper was stimulating both to the taste buds and to the mind. Fr. Mac reads books. Fr. Brown is involved in radio communications.

Another friend, Anthony Marino, was also being waked. So between both wakes I met half of Hornell, and was touched by the hearty welcome from everyone. The funeral of a good mother was next morning at St. Ignatius. It brought all the blessed elements: faith, love, confidence, heavy heartedness. The son's homily was a thing of beauty and restraint. The singing was good. But there was one puzzle. Where was Armella Brill? For 40 years this modern Anna cared for the parish church. Not seeing her at the Mass was like the Nativity scene with Jesus and Joseph — but no Mary. I sought her out, and found her too unwell to continue. But it is people like Miss Brill who make the Church a true family. Praise her.

After lunch at the hospital, Providence sent me to see

Canisteo's vibrant housekeeper, Mrs. Mary Manning, who gave me such good care when I assisted Father Otto Vogt there. Then on to Bath, Father John O'Malley was in Rochester. So on to Penn Yan by 5:10. Father Thomas McVeigh was out. The newly ordained assistant, Father Paul Ryan had left on a skiing trip. He had been trying all day to reach me to arrange for our Legion of Mary sponsored radio program for the Dundee station, WFLR. Secretary Mrs. Morris said, "He was to leave Geneva at 5 p.m." I phoned WFLR. A secretary who has a voice with a smile said: "Mr. Nanno, the manager is out. Can I help?" We agreed to send the Magnify the Lord program beginning Sunday, from the National Catholic Radio Center in Hornell.

Father Ryan's original plans had changed, and he stayed on for supper at St. Stephen's, Geneva, with his skiing companions, Father Michael Mahler and a CYO classmate, Ken Jones; plus the youthful Father William Endres and Deacon Jerry Moynihan, and my less youthful self. Cheerful banter and earnest discussion crowned McDonald's chicken. On leaving at 7:15 I thought, "With men like these the Church has good days ahead." Onward to Phelps, where the faithful Catherine Carroll gave me a royal welcome, then said: "Father Turner is away, but Father Bertrand Farrell is here." He is a scholarly Passionist who taught moral theology. He was intrigued by an article in the English language, *L'Osservatore Romano* he had just read, on the debilitating effect of too many meetings and councils which afflict the Church.

On to Palmyra, but Father William Hickey was out at a meeting. So on to Macedon, where Mrs. Helen Brown cordially invited me to stay overnight. There is an A plus mattress there, but I had to be home. Spent half an hour with the pastor, Father Eugene McFarland, who always sends me away cheerful and thoughtful.

Home just in time to share the 11 p.m. news with Fathers William Hart and William Michatek. It was a rejuvenating 30 hours.

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