



"ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT... I TAKE BACK EVERYTHING I SAID! NOW ARE YOU GOING TO TEACH ME TO RIDE THAT THING OR NOT?"

## Editorial

# Men of Quality

At a time when moral guiding lights seem rare among the human race it is beneficial to reflect on three men from diverse backgrounds who have indeed set shining examples.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn has shown the world that a man, even in a totalitarian nation, must stick by the truth. By so doing, even tempting the ultimate penalty, he has provided inspiration for us all.

Chet Huntley was born far from Solzhenitsyn's beloved Mother Russia yet this man from Montana who died last week provided another nation with a sense of integrity and with the importance of respecting the truth. True, in a free nation, Huntley faced no great risk but he used his national forum to kindle a sense of honesty.

And from the sidewalks of New York, Jimmy Cagney, a hooper, also brought more than expected to his trade. He has shown that even in the agitated world of show business, a person can contribute to the value of integrity by sticking by moral principles. One tribute to Cagney was that he has the two virtues of great people — "simplicity and spirituality."

These qualities should be emulated by each of us and especially by those in position to influence the moral climate of the masses.

## Readers' Role

The Courier-Journal was fortunate to win several awards in competition with weekly newspapers from throughout New York State for 1973.

Awards, of course, are not the alpha and omega of this business but they do indicate that a newspaper is at least coming close to doing its job of serving its readership.

We at the Courier-Journal also recognize that a good share of the honor in these awards is owed to our readers. Your praise, your criticism and your guidance help shape our product and we need and appreciate such direction.

## Faulty Conclusion

Ironically one of the arguments most strongly underlining the illegitimacy of abortion is often used by the advocates of liberalized abortion. Often they will say that no one on this earth can say with certainty exactly when life becomes human, therefore, their syllogism goes, no one can say that killing of a life within the womb is actually the taking of human life, or murder.

Of course, the opposite is true. If no one can tell with exactitude when life becomes human then we cannot gamble on committing murder, no matter under what guise.

## Whose Justice?

Editor:

The story by Sharon Darnieder with Sister Virginia Hogan ("If You're a Musician, Don't be a Copycat" Courier-Journal, March 13, 1974) makes one wonder why those Christians who have found the boycotting of lettuce, grapes, and slacks to be within the cause of social justice have not extended the picket lines to include, as well, those parish churches, convents, schools, and other religious institutions that continue to perpetrate injustice against composers and musicians. (And, Sister, what about the taping of recordings if it also can deprive composers and performers of their just royalties.

The article ought to be posted over every duplicating and copying machine in the diocese.

By the way, is it copyrighted?

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## Column Praised

Editor:

Our congratulations to the Courier-Journal and Nancy Murphy for her excellent column, Life, Liberty and Law.

Her last three articles dealing with the discovery and manufacture of prostaglandins have been especially interesting and illuminating.

Her clear, concise presentation

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of the appalling facts concerning abortion today is informative and should be a stimulus to all pro-life people to write their congressmen asking them to vote positively on the Human Life Amendments.

We would encourage people to read her column regularly, write to their legislators, and most importantly — pray for the restoration of belief in the dignity of human life.

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## Opportunity To Pray

Editor:

There seem to be many complaints these days about the lack of parish devotions such as the rosary, novenas and Benediction. This may be true

but, on the other hand, there are many fine groups praying the rosary, making acts of consecration to the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Mother and celebrating Benediction whose services are not well attended.

One such group, the Lay Carmelites, sponsor Prayer for Peace every First Saturday at St. Joseph's Church. The church was chosen for its central location and because of its daily exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer for Peace begins with the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Included in the service are recitation of the rosary, a prayer for peace and the Holy Year prayer.

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