



### Shakers Mark 200

They shook with ecstasy before the Lord. They dreamed of the kingdom of God on earth and founded the most successful U.S. experiment in Christian communal living. The Shakers — the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing — came to the U.S. two centuries ago.

Their bicentennial was marked in Enfield, Conn., in April, but the celebration had a sad and ironic note: No Shakers live in Enfield, once one of the sect's most thriving communities. No Shakers today live anywhere in Connecticut, or in New York, where they first settled after arriving from England in 1774. They projected their own demise. Shakers preached and practiced celibacy. Two tiny colonies remain at Sabbathday Lake, Me., and Centerbury, N.H., and when the last elderly women die, the Shakers will be gone.

The Shakers, who split off from English Quakers, left England to escape persecution. Many Americans were leary of Shakers in their heyday, around 1870, because of communal living and the complete sharing of property.

This old engraving shows the Shakers at their dance of worship, from which their name was derived. In their dances they "shook off sin" and "trampled evil underfoot" to rid themselves of sexual desire. [RNS]

### Saxbe Remark Called Anti-Semitic

New York [RNS] — Condemnations of an alleged anti-Semitic statement by U.S. Attorney General William Saxbe continued despite a "clarification" issued by Saxbe in Washington.

Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the governing council of the American Jewish Congress, said here that the

"clarification" was not satisfactory.

Dr. David Hyatt, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, said the attorney general's original comment was "unfortunate and stupid and shows an insensitivity and a kind of stereotyping and bigotry which NCCJ is doing its utmost through education to eliminate."

On April 3, Saxbe announced that the Justice Department was considering revising or completely abolishing a list of "subversive" organizations drafted in the McCarthy era.

In contrasting the situation of today with 20 years ago, he said

that in the 1950s there was great distrust of intellectuals. "One of the changes that's come about is because of the Jewish intellectual, who was in those days very enamored of the Communist party," he said, adding that today "Communism has in many ways" lost its attractiveness to such intellectuals.

Protests were made by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, the Stated Clerk of the United Presbyterian Church and the deputy general secretary of the National Council of Churches.



Rt. Rev. Alexander Schmemmann

### Right to Life Will Present Orthodox Dean

Rt. Rev. Alexander Schmemmann, a doctor of theology and dean of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Crestwood, N.Y., will speak here May 9 under the auspices of the Right to Life Education Fund. His topic will be "The Image of Eternity is Implanted in Every Man."

The lecture is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Greek Orthodox Church, 962 East Ave. There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted.

Father Schmemmann has written six books and many articles on theological-historical topics. He is an adjunct professor to the graduate faculty of Columbia University and an honorary canon of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. He was born in Estonia and educated chiefly in Paris, and has been at St. Vladimir's since 1951.

### New Officers, Directors Named by Housing Group

The annual meeting of the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation held at Becket Hall last Wednesday night produced a new slate of officers and 21 new members of the board of directors. It also established a committee to develop an active program for the rehabilitation of houses.

New officers include Victor Hadeed, president; Father Charles Mulligan, former president of the Foundation, and James Dobson, vice presidents. John A. Ritzenthaler is treasurer, and Father William Flynn, secretary. Bishop

Joseph L. Hogan continues to serve as chairman.

The directors include Father Dennis Shay, Reecy Davis, Merrill Hare, Richard Wardell, Father John Hempel, Thomas Cotterill, Lewis Childs, Eleanor Blum, Father Gerald Dunn, Joseph Hetzler, Mary Miskell, Len Wiltberger, Paul Rubery, Evelio Perez-Albuerna, Deacon William Spilly, Father James Moynihan and the officers.

A presentation of the Housing Game, a simulation exercise focusing on the problems of housing, concluded the meeting.



Feminist writer Arlene Swidler (right) confers on the battle for women's rights in the church.

### Feminist Seminar Draws The Already Persuaded

By PAT PETRASKE

It was the kind of congress that made its audience sigh and agree with the guest speaker, "Okay it's time for us to get to work."

The feminist seminar sponsored by St. Joan's International Alliance last Saturday primarily attracted ardent followers of the women's rights movement who were already fully aware of the problems facing women in the church. How to reach those who are not aware was one question.

Providing some answers for the men and women in the audience at St. Bernard's Seminary was Arlene Swidler, a Catholic theologian and author of Woman in a Man's Church, who urged that the age-old problem be dealt with in a new way through the liturgy.

"Passivity in the Church breeds passivity in the world," began Mrs. Swidler, who believes "church women," especially in the Catholic Church, are "few and far between."

She advocated revamping prayer services to give women an equal place with men. Alterations would include changes in the lectionary and "sexist" language used in the liturgy. Particularly offensive and oppressive, she observed, are some passages from St. Paul and terms such as "sons of God" and prayers to the "Father God."

New Biblical models are also needed for women, the speaker maintained. She noted that the image of women in the Bible and the selection of saints have been made by men. Mrs. Swidler believes the image embodied in St. Theresa (the Little Flower) and Maria Goretti is "unhealthy."

"I was told that St. Francis and all his mission work did not win as many converts as did the Little Flower (a Carmelite nun who died at the age of 20), who stayed at home and prayed," Mrs. Swidler recalled. The story of 12-year-old Maria Goretti instills the idea that "no good Catholic girl survives a rape."

Changes in the church would also include a redefinition of sin, since many people believe sin is

different for men and women. She explained, for example, that "Pride is considered a sin for man because it draws him away from the service of man and God. Women, on the other hand usually suffer from being too humble and are caught up in triviality which draws them away from service." When asking for deliverance, Mrs. Swidler suggested that women pray for freedom from fund raising causes decided by men, from materialism, the demand to appear beautiful and fashionable, and sloppy Mother's Day cards.

A major problem facing the feminist movement in the Church, which is spearheaded by Catholic women by St. Joan's, has been "catfiness" among women themselves. Mrs. Swidler noted that many women who are unable or unwilling to take a public role in the Church resent those women who do. "If one person makes a breakthrough, we all get new dignity," she said.

Mrs. Swidler acknowledged that many women are finding they are not respected for choosing to stay at home. But she cautioned women against finding success through their children. The movie "Women, Amen" shown at the workshop conducted by Mrs. Swidler and Maggie Welton, a candidate for ordination in the Presbyterian Church, pointed out that the worth of a person is judged by his ability to make money. No value has been given to homemaking, according to the movie.

Five workshops touched upon Women in the Bible, Introduction to Feminism, Education, Women's Roles in the Church and Consciousness-raising for Men.

The last, conducted by Leonard Swidler, professor of religion at Temple University and author of Jesus was a Feminist, got caught up in a discussion of societal impressions of masculine and feminine qualities. The group concluded that more positive qualities have been assigned to men than to women.

Time ran out, however, before an answer could be given to one male participant who came to find out, "What am I doing wrong?"

### Good News on the Air

	HOST	RADIO STATION	DAY	TIME
Rosary for Peace	Msgr. Joseph Cirincione	WSAY (Rochester) WRLY (Auburn) WCLF-FM (Corning) WNIA (Buffalo)	Daily	7 p.m.
God in Headlines	Fr. Louis Hohman	WHAM (Rochester)	Sunday	11:15 a.m.
Call for Renewal	Fr. Daniel Holland	WROC (Rochester)	Sunday	9 p.m.
Open Mike	Fr. Louis Hohman Fr. Gerald Appelby	WROC (Rochester)	Sunday	12:45 p.m.
Magnify the Lord	Fr. Paul Cuddy	WLEA (Hornell) WFSW (Seneca Falls) WGHT (Bath) WCLF (Corning) WAUB (Auburn) WACK (Newark) WFLR-AM-FM (Dundee)	Sunday	1:15 p.m. 10:45 a.m. 10 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 7:15 a.m. 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	Fr. Lewis Brown	WLEA (Hornell)	Sunday	9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Dimensions of Contemporary Belief	U. of R. Newman Community	WRUR-FM (Rochester)	Alternate Tuesdays	6:30 p.m.
Mass	James Raftis	WEBO (Owego)	Sunday	9:25 a.m.
Contemporary Concerns of the Church	Msgr. William Roche	WHCU (Ithaca)	Thursday	11:30 a.m.
Morning Meditation	Fr. John O'Malley	WGHT (Bath)	Saturday	9:05 a.m.
Catholic Church Today	Fr. Otto Vogt	WHHO-AM (Hornell)	Sunday	2 p.m.
Now Generation	Sr. Vincenza Gogliostro	WHHO-FM (Hornell)	Sunday	5 p.m.
Gospel Changes	Joseph McCaffrey	WBBF (Rochester)	Sunday	10:15 a.m.
Mass	Fr. John O'Malley	WGHT (Bath)	First Sundays	10 a.m.
Mass for Shutins		WHEC (Rochester) (Channel 10)	Sunday	8:30 a.m.
Vignettes	Fr. Sebastian Falcone	WHEC (Rochester) (Channel 10)	Daily	Sign-off

CALL FOR RENEWAL — The diocesan phone-in show features RGE's Web Francis on "The Energy Crisis," May 5.