



**CDA Convention**

Cardinal Timothy Manning of Los Angeles [third from left] and Archbishop Jean Jadot, the apostolic delegate to the U.S., are flanked by officers of the Catholic daughters of America during the CDA's biennial national convention in Los Angeles. The officers are from left: Mary E. Murray, second vice national regent; Judge Mary C. Kanane, national regent; Winifred L. Trabeaux, first vice national regent, and Grace Rinaldi, California state regent. [RNS]

# Catholic Daughters Meet, Adopt Pro-Life Position

Los Angeles [RNS] — The Catholic Daughters of America, winding up their 35th biennial national convention, adopted resolutions supporting pro-life efforts to reverse the 1973 Supreme Court rulings on abortion and urged federal legislation to provide housing and nursing facilities for the aging.

Delegates of the 200,000-

member organization took a position against the Equal Rights Amendment, but spoke out strongly in favor of "equal rights for women in every aspect of life, especially those which pertain to them as mothers."

In all, the delegates attending the week-long convention (July 13-19) approved eight resolutions, including expressions of "filial devotion to our Holy Father Pope

Paul VI" and "loyal support of our bishops."

The CDA also resolved that each of its Court units support programs prepared by local bishops for the implementation of the 1975 Holy Year decreed by Pope Paul, and urged "increased generosity" to maintain the Catholic school system.

With respect to government action, the CDA delegates resolved:

\*To support proposed housing legislation which will provide for the erection of residential facilities for the elderly with low interest loans.

\*To urge Congress to enact legislation to provide low interest loans to non-profit organizations for the construction of nursing facilities.

\*To express support of the bill prepared by Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) which would provide substantial government funding for the rehabilitation of the victims of drugs and alcohol.

\*To give wholehearted support to the pro-life movement and to proposed legislation to reverse the 1973 Supreme Court decisions on abortion. The legalization of euthanasia was strongly opposed by the assembly.

Cmdr. Marchel C. Tevelson, U.S.N., West Coast director of Project Handclasp, presented awards to Mrs. Gladys Moss, New Jersey state regent, and Mrs. Betty Tyrpi, California past state chairman of charities, for outstanding cooperation with the Navy's charitable program.

Project Handclasp, adopted by the CDA as a charity program, annually ships about 3 million pounds of humanitarian, educational and goodwill materials to ports visited by U.S. Navy ships. During the past year, the CDA provided more than 25,000 hours of service to the project, plus cash for the purchase of sewing machines, food, clothing and other materials.

## THE CHURCH 1974

### Father Andrew Greeley

Having avoided trouble for a couple of months and finding it a dull experience, I recently wrote an article on the rise of anti-Catholic feeling in the U.S. for the editors of the Village Voice — the official New York liberal journal. The reactions that descended on the heads of my co-author (Jim Miller) and me were fascinating.

First of all, one whole wing of New York liberals announced that I was anti-Semitic. There is a certain tiny minority of New York Jews who think that any Catholic who dares to disagree with them on anything has to be anti-Semitic. It is immature behavior, and I presume embarrassing to the rest of the Jewish community, but we Catholics are not without our immature types either.

As far as I can figure out, what offended them was my suggestion that a political slate made up of four Jews and a black was not what we call a "balanced ticket" out in the Middle West. There the liberals won (with such old conservative neanderthals as Bayh, Hart, Mondale, Nelson, Proxmire, Hughes, Hartke, Stevenson, Humphrey, etc.), while in New York the liberals lost (the most "liberal" state in the union is represented in the U.S. Senate by two Republicans, one of them James Buckley).

This is anti-Semitism!

There was a reaction from some of the old line Catholic liberals. To raise the question of Catholic resentment against being made both the scapegoat and the fall guy for social problems is "divisive." It's not ecumenical, I gather, to assert that substantial segments of the Catholic population are fed up with "quotas" and "affirmative action" because they discriminate against Catholics. One shouldn't mention that Catholics are absent in the national media, the staffs and

boards of trustees of the major foundations, the board rooms of the major corporations and banks, and the senior faculties and administrations of the large universities. Somehow or other, it seems that if you don't mention those things Catholics will stop being offended by such discrimination.

Or, as I was told, if you stir up Catholic self-consciousness you will run the risk of nativist backlash. Which sounded rather like what a lot of people were saying to Martin Luther King at the time of the first bus boycott.

But the most interesting reaction of all came from many Protestants and Jews, some of them highly placed members of the academic elite. In substance what they said was, thank heavens you finally brought this subject out in the open. We have found anti-Catholicism offensive and disgusting for years, and it's high time that someone did something about it.

To which I reply, "Fine, fellas, and where have you been?" You have stood idly by while anti-Catholic bigotry excluded us from the power centers in the upper realms of American life, while Catholics were discriminated against in elite universities (especially in the social sciences), and while Catholic ethnics are blamed for most of the problems facing the country. Now, when a Catholic blows the whistle on this sort of thing, you write him a confidential letter.

In the meantime you have campaigned vigorously against real anti-Semitism and racism. Now you expect me to feel good all over because you applaud discreetly when a spade is finally called a spade, or, more precisely, when a Protestant and a Jew are called nativist bigots for the first time.

Thanks a lot.

## Catholic Daughters Aid Africa

Los Angeles [RNS] — The Catholic Daughters of America national board has approved a grant of \$10,000 for the "poor and suffering" of Africa to be used in

programs of the Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' overseas aid and development agency.

### MOTHERS' HELPERS

Boys and girls 12 to 14 years old can become certified babysitters by taking a free, one-day Red Cross course. They may register through 275-9800 for the course, which will be given Monday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at 50 Prince St.

The action was taken at the semi-annual board meeting in Los Angeles prior to the July 13-19 biennial 35th national convention of the CDA and added Africa to the agency's areas of concern that already include Asia and Latin America.

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