

Life, Liberty and Law

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It was a sweet victory for Pro-Life forces the world over. A temporary one perhaps — a rented plateau — but a victory nonetheless. The United Nations World Population Year Conference, the climax of years of groundwork, turned down the shameful American Plan which stressed the necessity of preventing unwanted births and the compelling need of mandatory family planning requirements for all nations.

But American representatives to that conference, Gen. William H. Draper (Planned Parenthood), Philander P. Claxton and John D. Rockefeller III have not been whipped. Far from it. Ignoring studies that show birth rates tend to decline with advancing national economies; ignoring the expressed will of a majority of the attending nations that the world needs a new economic order rather than forced population reduction and control, and that history clearly indicates that population growth is a sign of development, ignoring the demographers who patiently teach that world food supplies are increasing faster than population, and the reports that America's wheat crop is the largest in her history, with her corn crop despite the drought fourth largest, ignoring the predicted general birth rate decline world-wide, Rockefeller spoke for all three gentlemen. I am certain, when he announced to the conference that he no longer advocates family planning as such, but will now work toward population policies "at the highest levels of government, adequately supported."

No, Rockefeller has not laid aside his hammer. He has selected a larger one. He has no desire to attack the causes of underdevelopment. He has no will to increase trade or to encourage greater access to modern agricultural technology. He does not envision dedicated cooperation between developed and underdeveloped peoples. If family planning can't be forced at the family level, he would simply place it at the government level with the inevitable regulations and mandatory restrictions. "Family planning," a phrase Pro-Life workers have come to recognize as the colorful envelope for abortion, will evolve into "Government Population Policies."

FESTIVAL

Ithaca — The Immaculate Conception parish festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, in and around the school on North Plain Street. Events, entertainment and displays are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., beginning with an auction and an art show. Highlights for the children will be rickshaw rides, puppet shows and a spook house. There will be a craft fair and home-made food. One hundred tickets will be sold for a chicken barbecue, 4-7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Christian Celebration Today

By Sister Margaret Deegan

Five 2-hour sessions will deal with the "heart and soul" of contemporary Christian celebration: environment (Celebration and Modern Man), person (Joy and Prayerful Celebration), situation (Celebration and Spontaneity), purpose (Celebration in Life and Liturgy) and result (Celebration and Praise).

TIME: THURS. SEPT. 26 7:30-9:30 P.M.

WED. OCT. 2, 9, 16, 30 7:30-9:30 P.M.

DEADLINE: THURS. SEPT. 26 — 4 P.M. COST: \$20

REGISTRATION BY PHONE — 254-1020

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Does Rockefeller have in mind the stark thoughts expressed in the Rensselaerville Report published by the United Nations in May 1973? That report stated: "The thing to focus on in Bucharest is not principles, but an action plan. General principles are not worth having if they interfere with getting the job done." Such a philosophy echoes the doctrine espoused by Richard Nixon's Committee to Re-elect the President, and I for one have had my fill of it. Further, the report explored such measures as "taxation favoring small families, cash payments for sterilization, legislation of a high minimum marriage age, denial of public housing to large families, and aggressive propaganda campaigns to enforce an officially designated 'ideal family size'."

Does Rockefeller have these thoughts and directions in mind? I believe he does. For there is exhilarating power in population control. Will the American billionaire now reach for new heights by working for a federal re-evaluation and reassessment of the status of certain developing countries, emphasizing population policy as the criterion for American aid? To use a phrase the world bankers like to mouth, will the "development performance" of the nations include mandatory fertility control before they are considered for aid?

The family planners have not set aside their pagan hammers. In America, their blows will be felt in National Health Insurance proposals encouraging federally funded abortion on a grand scale, in the continued silence from the Catholic pulpits where the General Intercessions do not even include a tiny three-word prayer for the unborn, in sensitivity sessions, and the sex "education" provided for the schools by Planned Parenthood, in the shallow editorials of the common press, in private sector funds to abortion referral clinics, in the apathy of the American people, and in the neutered principles and values of the Women's Liberation Movement.

Please consider this warning. The massive and dreadful assault upon humanity by wealthy and powerful leaders will not be turned away by good intentions. Support the Pro-Life organizations near you. Contact your congressman now. Write again and again. The final victory can be ours.

We can make that rented plateau our permanent home.

Area Congressmen: Frank Horton (34th), Barber Conable (35th), James F. Hastings (39th), William Walsh (33rd), and Howard Robison (27th) — U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Senators: Jacob Javits and James L. Buckley, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Foster Parents Needed

The homefinders at Catholic Family Center are looking for "patient, loving, foster parents" for youngsters in various unusual circumstances.

First on the list are pre-adolescents and teenagers who simply need people who care about them, "to give them a new lease on life" according to the announcement.

In addition, places are needed for young, pregnant girls and for handicapped children, from infancy to school age.

The agency offers counseling, medical and academic services to girls of all faiths and races who have chosen not to have abortions. Some of them wish to raise their babies, so homes are needed that will keep the infants also while the unwed mothers continue their education or find work.

COUNCIL MEETING

Addison — St. Catherine's Parish Council meets tonight, Sept. 25. Msgr. John F. Duffy stressed that all meetings are open to the public. He noted that there would be a special program, Sept. 29, for parents of young people to be confirmed.

continue their education or find work.

The mentally retarded and physically handicapped, some of who have mild disabilities, get special medical and academic attention from various agencies. "These are sweet, lovable children... the rewards are always very great," the announcement said.

Anyone willing to take in any of these young people on a short or long term basis is asked to call the Homefinding Department of the Foster Care Unit at Catholic Family Center, 546-7220.

CCD SPEAKER

Bath — Donald VonHagn, CCD coordinator at St. Mary's, will speak at all Masses Sunday, Sept. 29, outlining the program.

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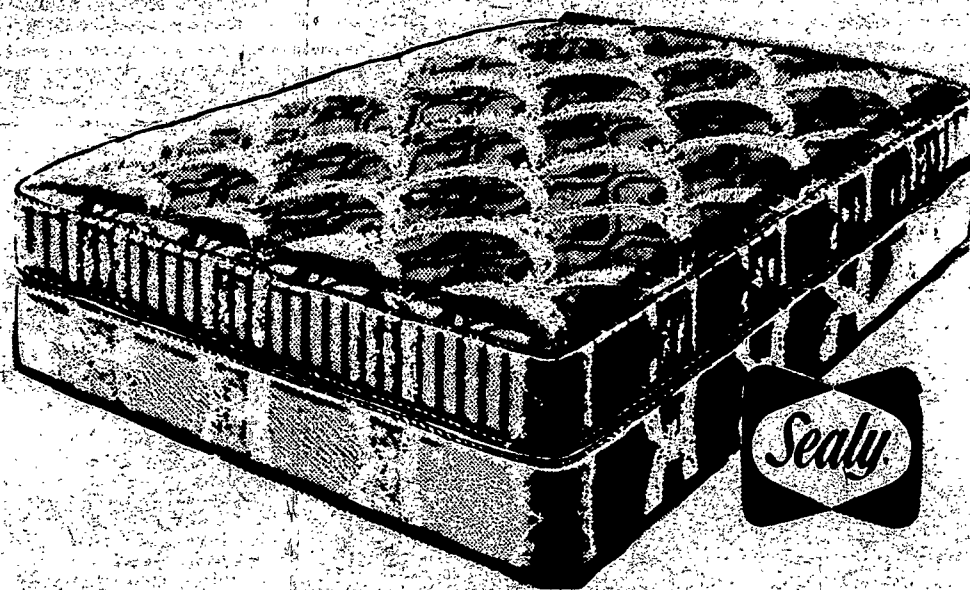
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