



"To see that which every man has seen and to think that which no man has thought."

While I do not pretend that I shall ever reach so lofty a goal, I can at least try to follow the direction of Albert Szent-Gyorgy's brave challenge. I can report that which I have seen regarding the Kenneth G. Edelin trial, recently concluded in Boston, and write thoughts and questions largely ignored or not yet even spoken. In fact I have done little else these past few weeks than research the trial in preparation for a booklet of observations pertaining to this much publicized, misunderstood and complex situation.

**Why?**

Because there is a young black mother involved who may not have understood the questions involved and a young father who may never know. Because there was a baby boy involved, whose lung tissue later revealed he had indeed breathed air; nurses involved, and the future of their noble calling; the direction both of a nation and her medical community; and the objectivity of the American press.

Because deep within the defense of a doctor lies degrading and destructive forces contained in a resurrection of a self-oriented philosophy, a truly disturbing paradox when one considers the soul of medical science.

Because the Boston defense has said that Dr. Edelin had been "in no position to understand that he could be prosecuted for manslaughter for his conduct."

What a grim concept! It implies that a man devoted to medicine, a man devoted to the healing of man, requires a legalistic reminder in order to determine his regard for, and his response to, the struggle of each human life to develop.

Is the threat of a malpractice suit or a manslaughter charge all that stands between the 'dedicated' doctor and his

## Diocesan Official Runs United Way Course

Joseph A. Smith, diocesan director of development, at the invitation of the United Way of America conducted a "Deferred Giving/Philanthropic Funds" course for the National Academy of Voluntarism March 7 to 12 in St. Louis.

The National Academy of Voluntarism is the central educational office for United Way organizations throughout the United States and Canada.

The course, available to executives of United Way organizations in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Arkansas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico, emphasized program structure and direction, while illustrating specifics of technical knowledge necessary for programs to sup-

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selective destruction of human life?

I am writing the booklet because the media, for the most part and with rare exception, has not been objective, their approach to the issue has been narrow; the trial presented in measured doses of distortion. They have not presented the facts of this specific case, preferring instead to propound the precepts of a philosophy born of Sophism in fifth century Greece, a philosophy which holds that man must determine fate in such a way as to satisfy his individual desires.

I have written because I can now see more clearly the goals of the WHO-UNICEF funds flowing into major medical centers in America and around the globe, to research the abortifacient prostaglandins.

In their latest confidential report, dated November 1974, they document the acceleration of their concentration on self-administered postaglandin analogues would literally remove the entire process of abortion from the skilled hands of the physician, remove the effects from his view and place the responsibility for the act in the hands of the woman herself. Thus the impeccable surgeon would be shielded from any threat of prosecution for manslaughter or infanticide. He would avoid malpractice suits (and the soaring insurance rates would come down). He would be absolved.

I wish also to point out the subtle changes in the aggressive abortion mentality evident in the Edelin trial. What started as a solution to pregnancy following rape and incest spread to a 'woman's choice' and her protection from the costs and inconveniences of children.

Last year at the World Population Conference America exposed to the world her dedication to 'family planning' (abortion) as a population control scheme. The United Nations WHO-UNICEF involvement in abortifacients increased, as did the use, until recently, of aborted human life as 'surgical specimens' for experiments, with meaningless consent from the mothers who had opted to destroy the infants in the first place. And finally I wish to point out the insistence of the Edelin defense that the death of the baby is necessarily an integral part of any induced termination of pregnancy.

There are thoughts not yet articulated. Questions not yet asked. Facts not yet exposed.

And that's why I am writing the booklet on the Edelin trial.

plement the annual drives of local United Ways.

A graduate of Fordham University, with a graduate degree from Southern Connecticut State College, Smith came to the diocese last Fall as the first diocesan-wide development officer.

He served several years as executive director of the Valley United Way, a community fund serving a five town region in south-central Connecticut. Prior to that he had been director of news and publications, Yale, New Haven Hospital; and director, public relations, Bridgeport Hospital.

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## Crociata to Head Eastman School PR

Francis Crociata, author of articles for music dictionaries and journals who is writing a new biography of the Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninoff, has been appointed director of public relations for the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester.

He has written articles on Rachmaninoff for the Piano Quarterly, the Dictionary of Contemporary Music, and The Antique Records.

Crociata was circulation

manager of the Courier-Journal since 1971. He joined the Catholic diocesan newspaper in 1967 and from 1970 to 1972 served as its music columnist.

Since 1963, he has been organist for three Rochester churches, including St. Philip Neri, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and currently is music director at St. Patrick's.

He has served as performance auditor in Upstate New York for the New York State Council on the Arts since May 1974 and was

appointed historical consultant and production adviser to the International Piano Archive in New York in 1972. He wrote the accompanying booklet and assisted in the production of RCA Records' five-volume "The Complete Rachmaninoff" released in 1973, and did the liner annotations for the RCA Van Cliburn-Rachmaninoff album.

A native of Rochester, Crociata is a graduate of St. John Fisher College and of St. Andrew's Seminary High School, where he served as chapel organist.

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