

More Opinions

Chest Leader Thanks Paper

Editor:

On behalf of the officers and staff of the United Community Chest of Greater Rochester, I would like to thank the 200,000 contributors and the thousands of area residents who volunteered their time and services to the 1975 United Community Chest/Red Cross Campaign.

Without the help of both the contributors and the volunteers we would not have been able to break the \$14-million barrier.

The Chest also greatly appreciates the assistance we have received both from the Courier Journal, Bishop Hogan and the Diocese of Rochester. Your newspaper once again has demonstrated its dedication to the community in a positive and effective manner.

The fact that we raised 5.6% more money this year than in 1974 is a tribute to everyone who participated in the campaign. What began as individual contributions have developed into assistance that is being provided to 70 local and 25 state and national agencies.

I am proud to say, "Thanks to you, it's working."

Alfred J. Murrer
General Campaign Chairman

Viva la Boycott!

Editor:

A word of thanks to all who have in any way supported the boycott of non-UFW California head lettuce, table grapes and Gallo Wines. It is the strength of the boycott which has brought together the growers and even now the Teamsters with the United Farmworkers Union to support a meaningful piece of legislation in the state of California.

I urge that the boycott continue until elections are held and contracts signed. I remember too

well the experience of the UFW with the lettuce growers and Teamsters in 1971. An agreement by George Meaney (AFL-CIO) and Frank Fitzsimmons (Teamsters) was nationally publicized which recognized the right of the UFW to represent field workers and the Teamsters to represent food processing workers. The UFW called a moratorium on the boycott in good faith. The Teamsters and growers did not keep the agreement and contracts were not signed. The boycott resumed, but the Teamsters and growers had sufficiently confused the public so that it was a year before the boycott regained its full strength.

Now more than ever we need to show our commitment and support of self determination for the farmworkers — those men, women and children whose labor helps put food and drink on our tables. Viva la causa! Viva la boycott!!!

Sister Mary Ann Weiland
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Columnist Defended

Editor:

Judith Eakin Kiehl's recent letter withdrew her support from the Rochester Area Right to Life Education Fund organization because of columnist Nancy Murphy's criticism in the organization's Newsletter of a number of national and international organizations.

Nancy is perhaps the most well-read journalist in this end of the state in matters of abortion, euthanasia and the so-called population problem. She has been exposing some of the connections between the abortion supporters and the supporters of ERA, NOW and numerous related organizations. The critics would be wise to document penned criticisms. Mrs. Murphy is quite able to do so.

RTL Education is well aware that ERA poses a serious threat to a human life amendment. To the

chagrin of Senator Birch Bayh, NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) President, Sarah Weddington, made that quite clear at the April 11 hearings of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments.

We are well aware of the duplicities of the early days, the false statistics, the loaded question Gallup Poll, the pride of the Gannett Press in helping secure the 1970 New York State Abortion Law, the huge funds from the Rockefeller, Scaife, and Mellon foundations and the drug companies for abortion research.

When I look at the dedicated people who have served the pro-life movement during this year of my presidency, I think of Maritain's phrase, "The Prophetic Shock Minority." People like Nancy Murphy serve God and Country with a competence that would humble such critics if they had only a glimpse of their integrity and knowledge and love. They work long, hard hours for no pay, with no funding, trying to spread the truth.

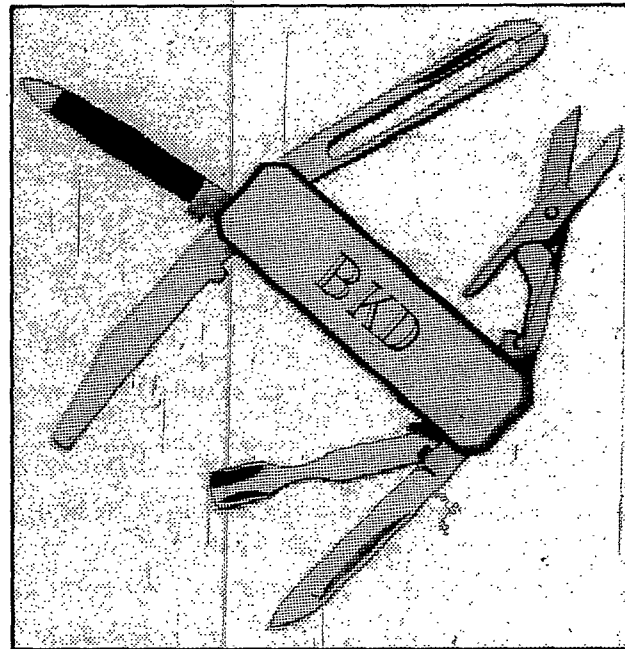
The "Double Think" people define "conception," "birth control" and "human life;" they coin phrases like, "death with dignity," "right to choose," "meaningful human life," "quality of life," and many would legitimize aberrant sexual behavior without the responsibility and order defined by reason and the wisdom of centuries of Judaeo-Christian thought.

One need only listen to Mary Calderone, the head of SIECUS, who says our biggest problem today is the fear of eroticism!

I hope and pray the pro-life people will work together in loving understanding against perhaps the greatest evil mankind has known. There's no room anymore for the lukewarm.

Sincerely,
Alban J. Reichert
President
RTL Education Fund Inc.

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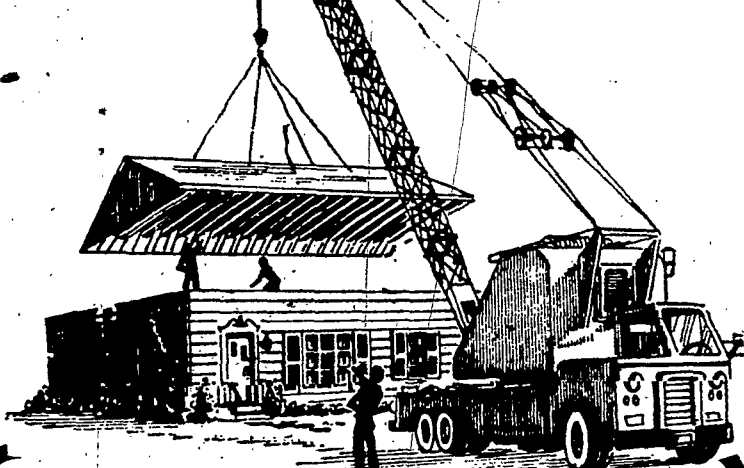
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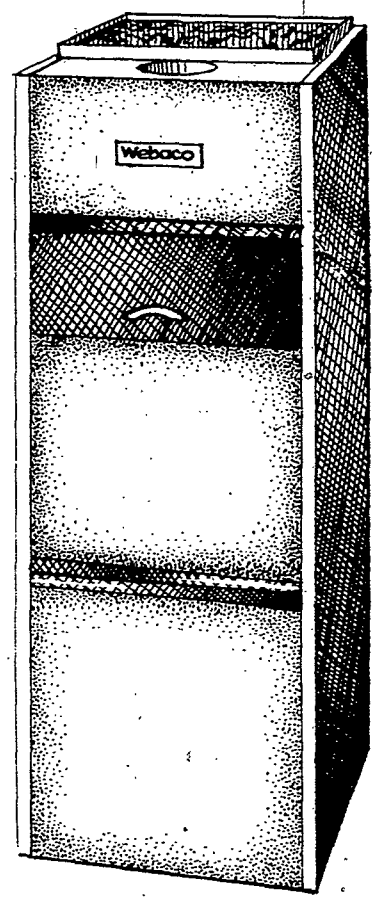
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