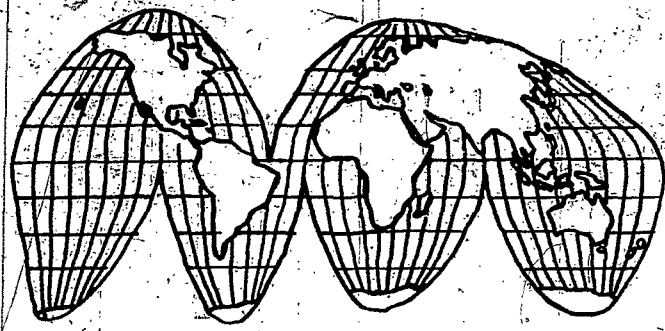


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The Wisconsin Council of Catholic Women have honored Henry Rocky and Chris. But this doesn't have anything to do with Messers Kissinger and Rockefeller. Plaudits were for Henry Aaron, Rocky Bleier (Pittsburgh Steeler football player) and tennis star Chris Evert... A plea from California's 17 Catholic bishops to the Teamsters Union, the United Farm Workers of America, and growers to cease hostilities pending implementation of the state's new labor law was rejected by the involved parties. The law goes into effect Aug. 28 and sets up machinery for secret ballot elections to decide which union, if any, the workers want to represent them. The bishops asked the growers and Teamsters to suspend all negotiations for contract renewals or new agreements; and the UFWA to suspend boycotts of grapes, lettuce and Gallo Wines. ... A parish council in Hicksville, N.Y., has requested that divorced and remarried Catholics living in "stable" second marriages be admitted openly to the Eucharist. The resolution was adopted, 14-4, and was approved by the four priests of the parish. It asked Bishop Walter Kellenberg to bring the resolution to the attention of the U.S. Catholic Conference.

Cardinal Arturo Tabera Aroz, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutions, died at a clinic at the Vatican following a sudden heart attack. He was 71. ... Pope Paul held a special audience June 13 for members of a Ugandan Holy Year pilgrimage group led by Archbishop Emmanuel Nsubuga of Kampala. Recalling his visit to Uganda in 1969, Pope Paul said he renewed "all the sentiments we expressed on that joyous occasion." ... Daniel Santo Pietro of Catholic Relief Services says that most Americans think of Africa and Asia when they consider world hunger. But malnutrition and its long-range effects are equally devastating in Latin America, Santo Pietro says. "They are dropping in the streets of South America as in the Sahel region [Africa]."

Father Joseph M. Hoc, a Vietnamese priest, has been recruited by the U.S. Air Force at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida to be counselor and interpreter for Vietnamese refugees. ... A Pennsylvania Senate committee has approved a bill providing \$975 million to build or buy new public schools to accommodate what was described as the expected mass transfer of private and parochial school students to public schools. Fear of the mass transfer followed the recent Supreme Court ruling which struck down as unconstitutional five sixths of the \$33 million state aid for Pennsylvania nonpublic schools which serve 440,000 students. ... The failure of Congress to override President Ford's veto of a bill regulating strip mining was described as a deeply disappointing development by the U.S. Catholic Conference's Department of Social Development and World Peace. The agency's sentiment also was voiced by the National Catholic Rural Conference and the Catholic Committee of Appalachia. ... The U.S. Court of Appeals has ruled that the current food stamp program is grossly inadequate and has ordered the Department of Agriculture to upgrade and revise the system. The court held that benefits were too low to provide even the economy plan diet suggested by the department and that the program did not consider varying needs such as age and area in which the recipients live. ... Catholic Relief Services has pledged \$100,000 to buy food and medicine as part of an international Catholic program to help hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese returning to provinces abandoned in the last days of the Vietnam War.

### Jury Acquits Doctor On Abortion Charge

Montreal, Que. [RNS] — A jury acquitted Dr. Henry Morgentaler on a second charge of performing an illegal abortion despite instructions from the judge that the doctor's defense was unacceptable.

An appeal will be filed by the crown.

Now serving 18 months for a previous conviction, Dr. Morgentaler said from the prisoner's dock, "I have been acquitted by two juries on two separate charges of abortion and I demand that I be released from prison. The people of Canada have spoken."

The Morgentaler case began when a jury acquitted him in November 1973. However, the acquittal was reversed by the Quebec appeal court, which was later upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Dr. Morgentaler's lawyer, Claude Armand Sheppard, commented after the acquittal here that it was significant that a jury chose to disregard the judge's instructions on the only defense that was made.

"This is a much greater victory than our first one, for it shows

clearly that the abortion law must go. I never thought I'd believe in miracles; now I do," the lawyer said.

A dozen supporters of the doctor, who has admitted performing thousands of abortions in his Montreal clinic, cheered the verdict and hugged each other.

"I can't believe it," said the crown attorney, Rene Domingue. "They completely disregarded what the judge told them."

Justice Claude Bisson of the Quebec superior court, had said that the "defense of necessity" put forward by Dr. Morgentaler's lawyers "is not available to the accused in this case."

Domingue commented after the hearing that he will appeal and that there may be other cases filed against Dr. Morgentaler. The crown's lawyer said after the verdict that he can only think the people want the law changed.

Dr. Morgentaler testified that he performed the Aug. 15, 1973, abortion on a 17-year-old girl because she wanted it desperately. She might have caused herself serious injury or death, if he had refused, the doctor said.

## High Court Decision Seen Ineffective in N.Y.

Albany — In a memorandum to school district superintendents, lawyers, and administrators the top legal official in the State Education Department said that in his opinion the Supreme Court anti-aid decision in the Pennsylvania case did not affect any New York laws which provide assistance to nonpublic school students and their supporters.

The recent Supreme Court decision, (Meek v. Pittinger) "does not render invalid any New York State statute providing for services to students who attend nonpublic schools", said Robert D. Stone, education counsel and deputy commissioner for legal affairs, in a memo dated June 9. Stone based his decision on these facts:

1) In the loaning of textbooks (which both New York and Pennsylvania do) it affirmed the permissibility. So there is no change.

2) In prohibiting the loan of instructional materials, (which New York does not do), there is no similar law in New York, hence no New York law is affected.

3) In what might seem to be a similarity in New York's "health and welfare services" to the Pennsylvania "auxiliary services" which were stopped by the decision. He reasons that on analysis, the only types of services both offered in New York and Pennsylvania are speech and hearing services and psychological services. But in all instances the court makes it clear that New York's type of service is permissible or says nothing.

Speech and hearing services (says a majority footnote) are permissible when they are "diagnostic" and fall "into that class of general welfare services for children that may be provided by the State regardless of incidental benefit that accrues to church-related schools." That, Stone indicates, describes the

New York speech and hearing services exactly. Hence no trouble here.

With the psychological services, the court constantly speaks of "instructional" services being prohibited, and also those services which provide a "teaching function." New York State's psychological services, Stone points out, "are not instructions,

but rather are exclusively related to health and welfare." Hence, since the court did not specifically deal with "psychological services", Stone believes it is clear from the language of the decision, that had the court specifically mentioned them they would have been found permissible and it is "unwarranted" to assume otherwise.

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### Pontiff Feels 'Immense Joy' In Holy Year

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul said he felt "immense joy" at the manifestations of piety sparked by the Church's current Holy Year.

These manifestations, he said, reveal that "the heart of Christ is still beating and making thousands of other hearts beat in unison."

Addressing thousands of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square, the pontiff recalled that the month of June had been dedicated by the Church to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

He noted that the Sacred Heart is the symbol of "the love of God for us translated into comprehensible language."

"We are pleased to recall this mystery to you," he went on, "not only because it is reflected in the Church's liturgical calendar, but also because, with immense joy, it seems to us to take on spontaneity and life in the manifestations of the Holy Year: the heart of Christ is still beating and making thousands of other hearts beat in unison."

Pope Paul said that the Church was listening to the "pulsations of these hearts which lead to an acceleration of acts of charity," which, in turn, lead men and women of today to experience "the love of God that surpasses all understanding."

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