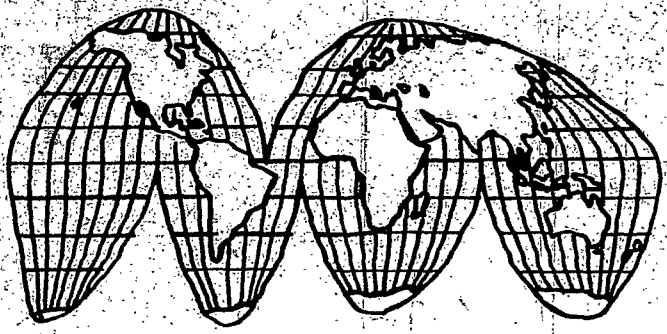


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... the world

From Courier-Journal Services

Bishop James S. Rausch, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, has called for a reaffirmation of the commitment made by the United States to the United Nations three decades ago. He said despite its limits, the U.N. deserves the support of all who hope for peace. ... Discord among Christians is a scandal to the world, Cardinal John Krol told the Serra International Convention in Philadelphia. In the midst of such disunity, the Catholic Church remains "a continuously living miracle which effects unity out of the widest diversity," the cardinal said. ... Bishop Francis Mugavero of Brooklyn has received a letter from Pope Paul VI expressing his "paternal sorrow" for the dead and sympathy for those who lost loved ones in the air crash June 24 at Kennedy Airport. The Pope also wrote of his solicitude for all who assisted in bringing aid and comfort to the injured and those who lost loved ones.

A serious church-state crisis has developed in Honduras, a predominantly Catholic country in Central America. A broadcast by the government-controlled radio, the Voice of Honduras, said there recently had been "serious clashes between police and peasants," involving a Church-maintained "peasant training center called Santa Clara." Numerous Catholics have been arrested or detained or have disappeared and a communique by Archbishop Santos Hernandez said that several priests' residences, as well as Jesuit-run Loyola Center in the capital Tegucigalpa had been raided and ransacked by the military. ... The founder and president general of Opus Dei, Msgr. Jose Maria Escriva de Balaguer, died in Rome June 26, apparently of a heart attack. Opus Dei is an association of Catholic faithful who are committed to strive to practice the Christian virtues, in their private life and through the exercise of their own occupations. ... Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko met with Pope Paul June 28. In their fifth meeting, the two leaders discussed peace and disarmament, the Middle East, European security, and the position of Catholics in the Soviet Union.

The new law recently passed by the Rhode Island legislature which made the killing of an unborn but "quick" child a crime lasted a mere 20 days. A federal District Court judge has ruled the new law unconstitutional. ... An ad hoc committee of U.S. Catholic bishops has been established to serve as official liaison with the charismatic renewal movement. It will be chaired by Bishop Gerard L. Frey of Lafayette, La. Other members are Bishop Raymond Lessard of Savannah, Auxiliary Bishop Raymond Lucker of St. Paul-Minneapolis, and Auxiliary Bishop Joseph McKinney of Grand Rapids, Mich. ... The New York State Senate voted 33-7 to approve a bill permitting children to be excused from sex education classes at the request of their parents.

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

Behavior Modification, a much-touted term, is a technique used by behavioral scientists to help individuals change behavior.

The principles utilized center mainly around a gradual change. Behavior Mod can be used to correct any habits or lifestyle which the person involved does not wish to continue. It has been used effectively to stop smoking, reduce weight, biting fingernails, reform delinquents, etc., etc.

I looked around the house the other day and decided my housekeeping, particularly in the kitchen area, required behavior mod in the worst way.

The first step in any modifying that takes place is to uncover and analyze one's present routine. Or in other words before one can change one's pattern, one must discover what the pattern is.

On the first weekday morning of the kids' summer vacation I came downstairs and immediately identified the problem. Classes with soft drink dregs filled the kitchen table, the kitchen counters and some flat surfaces of the adjoining family room.

On the floor lay the five-year-

old's socks, the ten-year-old's rock collection and two bats, a kick ball, a baseball, a soft ball, a rubber handball, all belonging to the seven-year-old.

I went to the front door and brought in the morning paper trying to keep it separate from yesterday morning's paper, last night's paper, two copies of the Courier-Journal, the daily New York Times and the bulkier Sunday edition which we tend to keep around for a week for reference purposes.

Next to the couch were my red scuffs and under the recliner were my mate's black slippers. We kick them off watching TV and invariably pad up to bed in barefeet, a practice which can be jolting if the kids have been playing jacks on the stairs.

The desk top was relatively free of clutter, containing only six Christmas cards I'd culled as suitable for decoupage, two paper weights, an assortment of bills, flyers and documents to be returned to the strong box including our pre-kindergarten's birth certificate and our son's first poem and two miniature needlepoint kits which two of our children had chosen as vacation souvenirs.

The back of the sofa held several piles of neatly folded clothes I'd done just before bed. The wingback chair held a pile of unfolded garments taken from the dryer by an unnamed culprit in search of clean pajamas.

One full sweeping glance and I headed for the coffee carafe. It was early but my head was clear enough to know that before I could utilize behavior mod, I needed something more basic and less gradual — like a bulldozer.

Politics Override Feminism At Women's Year Conference

Mexico City [RNS] — The International Women's Year Conference lurched to a close here in an atmosphere of political bitterness and ideological division which pushed the feminist concerns far into the background.

It adopted by consensus a world plan of action which sets guidelines and targets for national action to improve the status of women for the next decade.

China, Albania and the Vatican said they did not participate in the consensus.

Bishop Ramon Torrella Cascante said the Catholic church "finds it impossible to associate itself with the consensus" because language in the plan on birth control is "contrary to the Church's belief."

The plan gives both individuals and couples this right to determine freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children.

The adopted plan has no enforcement machinery. Its stated purpose is to stimulate national and international action to solve the problems of underdevelopment which places women in an inferior position.

Except for some additions to the introduction of the plan and its first chapter, the heavily "politicized" document, after two weeks of debate, remained intact as it had been prepared in New York by the U.N. General Assembly.

A total of 894 amendments had been submitted to change the original language, but the conference eventually agreed to disregard all of them for lack of time.

The conference was attended by 133 countries, eight liberation movements, 10 inter-governmental bodies and 23 U.N. specialized agencies and organs. In addition, in another part of Mexico City, there were daily counterpart meetings at the "tribune," a forum for 113 non-governmental organizations from some 80 countries.

The Tribune never got its views presented to the U.N. governmental conference. The delegates were told to go home and start working on their respective public opinions in order to secure implementation of the world plan of action.

Although the conference was run by a man — Mexico's Attorney-General Pedro Ojuda Paulada — women at the conference outnumbered men by five to one.

The United States and its Western allies supported the plan of action. The U.S. had initiated a resolution calling for an im-

SUMMER SCHOOL

Watkins Glen — St. Mary of the Lake parish has scheduled Summer School for July 7-Aug. 1.

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proved women representation in the United Nations.

But the Western countries, as expected, a lost a political battle when the conference gave preference to a radical "Declaration of Mexico" which argues that the advance of women around the world cannot be achieved without a new world economic order.

This document includes references to nationalization without any mention of compensation or impartial arbitration; and to Zionism, and other controversial political points which made it unacceptable for the United States and others to embrace it.

The "Declaration of Mexico" was proposed by 64 developing countries. It received the support of the Communist countries as well.

The conference passed many resolutions on subjects in which

women's rights or even women's roles were difficult to discern. Thus, one resolution declared that negotiations for a new Panama Canal treaty must eliminate "the colonial situation" in the Canal Zone.

Another resolution appealed to all women to extend assistance to the Palestinian and Arab women and people "in their struggle against Zionism."

The Palestine resolution was passed by a vote of 71 to 3, with 41 abstentions.

Only the United States and the Bahamas opposed it with Israel.

At the request of Cuba, the conference agreed 44 to 3, with 47 abstentions to refer to "constant violations of human rights in Chile." Only Nicaragua and Paraguay sided with Chile which said, "There is no freedom in Cuba and it (Cuba) has no moral authority to propose the amendment."

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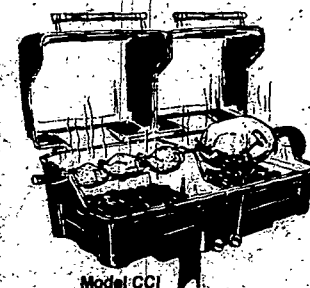
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