

COURIER-CALENDAR

Catholic Mission Guild — Christmas luncheon, Wednesday noon, Dec. 10, downtown Holiday Inn.

Advent Lessons and Carols Service — Based on old English liturgies, as sung in King's College Chapel, Cambridge; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Christ Church Cathedral, East Ave. at Broadway, Cathedral and Church of the Epiphany choirs.

Children-Sitting — Special gift from Rochester Public Library for mothers of children 4 to 8 years of age. Films, stories and entertainment to amuse children while mothers shop for Christmas. Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Reservations in advance, Children's Room, Rochester Public Library, 428-7360.

Christmas Bazaar and Smorgasbord — Bazaar, St. Joseph's Church hall, Weedsport 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5; smorgasbord, Saturday, Dec. 6, 5 to 7 p.m.

St. Matthew's Christmas Gospel — Lecture by Father Raymond E. Brown, bible scholar, 8 p.m. tomorrow, Dec. 4, St. John Fisher College, Kearney Auditorium.

The Good Doctor — Neil Simon's comedy about Chekhov played by Vegetable Soup Theatre Company of SUC Genesee, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, Monroe Community College, 1000 E. Henrietta Rd. Free.

Forum on Justice — Wednesdays, 12:15-1:15 p.m., First

Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Plymouth. Today, Professor John Bozza, RIT School of Criminal Justice, on Occupational Theft; Dec. 10, Gerald Houlihan, assistant U.S. attorney, on Check Fraud — Participants and Victims.

Noontime Music — Wednesdays, 12:15-12:45 p.m., free concerts at Hochstein School, 50 N. Plymouth. Today, pianist Robert James; Dec. 10, American theater music sung by John Oliver and Wayne Vogan.

Christmas Sale — Annunciation, upper church hall, 1754 Norton, Saturday, Dec. 6, 1-5 and 7-9 p.m.; Sunday, from 8 a.m. Hand-made gift items, baked goods.

Barn Sale — With Christmas boutique, baked food booth, 9-9 Friday, Dec. 5; 9-5 Saturday, at The Barn, St. Rita's parish, 1008 Maple Drive, West Webster, sponsored by parish school.

Advent Festival — And charity bazaar sponsored by East Rochester Association of Churches, in village hall, Friday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10-6. Entertainers at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday.

Roast Beef Dinner — At St. Pius X, 3000 Chili Ave., 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

Pancake Breakfast — At Nativity parish, Bolger Hall, 9 a.m. - noon, Sunday, Dec. 14, with Santa Claus; sponsored by parish Women's Club.

Deadline

Calendar items should be mailed to the Courier-Journal Calendar Desk, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604. Deadline is Wednesday noon, one week ahead of the publication date.

The Church 1974



Fr. Andrew Greeley

The Third World revealed its moral ugliness in the recent anti-Semitic binge at the United Nations. The myth of the "people of the world" struggling for "liberation" went down the drain as the group of little Hitlers representing the oppressive military dictatorships (left and right) which dominate the Third World jumped on the anti-Semitic bandwagon.

Ambassador Moynihan pointed out that most of the nations which have genuine political freedom voted against equating Zionism with racism and most of the dictatorships — left and right — voted with the Arab autocrats against Jews. One can disagree with the policy of the Israeli government on how the Middle East conflict should be settled and still not have to say that the very existence of the Israeli state is an exercise in racism. The Third World, however, has gone on record not merely in favor of restoration of 1967 boundaries but in effect in favor of the destruction of Israel itself as a state whose very existence is racist.

The gun-toting Arab terrorist Arafat gets a standing ovation, the mad racist Amin is wildly applauded, Israel is thrown out of UNESCO and now anti-Semitism is established as the official policy of the "people of the world."

I guess I am a little less alarmed about all of this than my friend the ambassador. He is surely right that it is now in the open for all to see that the forces of freedom are a minority in the world and a diminishing minority at that. But it has ever been thus, and we should not have been deceived by the parliamentary forms that such "new nations" like India displayed after becoming free. The "new nations" were and are incapable of political democracy and civil freedom in any sense those words might have. That wouldn't be a contradiction in terms. We were naive to think any different. Oppression and tyranny seem to be the only kind of civil order which they can manage. It's too bad, but you don't determine the worth of a governmental form by counting noses.

Tin-horn tyrants like Amin or Mrs. Gandhi or the Chilean generals or Fidel are mostly irrelevant to the worth of freedom in the United States — or even its survival. And the American liberal elites who kind of think that we would be much better off if we were run the way Cuba or China are don't have the votes — as should have been clear in 1972.

But I wonder where all the Catholic "radicals" are on this one. I have nary a word from the Concerned Jesuits about anti-Semitism at the U.N. If the "liberation" theologians are worried about the matter, they have been strangely quiet; if all the Third World worshippers who pour out articles for the Catholic journals are upset about the self-revelation of their heroes, it has escaped my attention. No one has suggested that a supplement be produced for the "Bicentennial Discussion Guide," pointing out the moral and political depravity of the Third World nations. "Liberty and justice for all" apparently does not mean liberty and justice for Israel nor, for that matter, liberty for the people of the Third World countries, most of whom were much better off when they were ruled by the colonial powers.

But why is the Catholic left so silent? Don't they care about anti-Semitism at the U.N.? Or worse still, do they actually support it? Since Daniel Berrigan sent up the signal a few years ago, the Catholic left has been strangely silent on the subject of anti-Semitism. One fears that silence must be interpreted as consent.

And on this one there is no escape. When the official body allegedly representing the people of the world announces that the existence of Israel is an act of racism, you either loudly dissent or you must be assumed to be going along with what your official "representatives" have endorsed.

Anyone remember Nuremberg?

Ex-Rochesterian Is Honored

Teresa (Bacon) McDonnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bacon of Rochester has been chosen as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1975, "in recognition of outstanding ability, achievement, and service to the community."

Mrs. McDonnell attended Our Lady of Mercy High School in Rochester, was graduated from the State University of New York at Potsdam with a Bachelor of Arts Degree; took a Special Problems in Education Course at the University of Massachusetts; and received her Master's Degree in Childhood Education at the University of New Hampshire.

Mrs. McDonnell's interest in Early Childhood Education qualified her to participate in setting up the Head Start Program in the New England states where she served as head teacher in the Exeter, N.H. Division. At present she is teaching a Multi-Age group at the Mastway Elementary School in Lee, N.H. and after holding several offices in the New Hampshire Association for the Education of Young Children, she is now president of that group.

Mrs. McDonnell resides with her husband, Michael in Dover, N.H.

TOYS NEEDED

The Bridge Volunteers/Associates Program, in conjunction with New York State Parole, will be soliciting toys, new or used for families of men in prison or on parole.

Anyone interested should contact A. Jerome Holland of Bridge (436-2812) or Peter Requa of New York State Parole (232-5646). The drive ends Dec. 18.

ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place tomorrow, Dec. 4, from noon until 5:15 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church. The public is invited to the monthly event, which closes with benediction preceding the daily 5:15 p.m. Mass.

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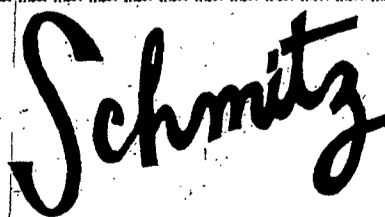
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