

**Life, Liberty
and Law**



Nancy Murphy

[First in a series]

This series will not be a pleasant one. I caution you, early. Read it with special care and with very special attention. I will not print the worst of what I have found in the organization I write about, but will inform you in the gentlest terms possible of the positions it takes on certain contemporary moral, sexual and social issues.

SIECUS is the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States. Although it has received funds from the federal government, it is not an arm of the government despite the implication in the title. The organization is run by a Board of Directors and an Advisory Panel. Mary S. Calderone, MD, is president, Wardell B. Pomeroy, Ph.D. is chairperson, and Derek L. Bursleson Ed.D. is director of publications. For the most part board members and advisory panelists hold Ph.D.s, including doctorates in Health, Human Sexuality, Education, and/or Psychology. There are or have been physicians, ministers, priests, bishops, rabbis, family-life and marriage counselors, Hollywood celebrities, social leaders and journalists who serve or have served on the boards or panels of SIECUS, or who have publicly supported the methods used and/or the goals expressed by the organization.

I am not in any measure exposing SIECUS or its members or its supporters or its followers. Indeed there are too many of them to even attempt such a thing. Furthermore, as all documentation is very easily obtained by any interested citizen, there's neither need nor glory in an expose. The actions of SIECUS supporters or members are visible (in some cases transparent) to anyone who reads the newspapers

or looks into the title pages or bibliographies of the numerous 'sex education' books (printed by and profitable to large and respected publishing houses) now in prolific display in our libraries, elementary and high schools, our universities and our churches.

It is the SIECUS approach to sex education specifically, and not sex education in general, that will be the theme of this series, because I believe it all fits very neatly into the abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, pornography, suicide syndrome, the violence mentality, the Humanist Manifestos and the whole spectrum of self-centered permissiveness which surrounds us all today.

In my judgment the SIECUS approach to human sexuality, obliterates the natural beauty, and is another direct attack upon the basic morality and the fine wisdom of traditional Catholicism. It is another attack on parental rights and responsibilities. And I am fully aware that powerful and popular Catholic voices have been raised in support of the organization. I can only hope that those leaders so quick to respond affirmatively and enthusiastically to the "new" approach to sex education, to the experimental methods of behavioral control and sensitivity training offered by the intelligentsia of the sixties, now realize their lack of restraint and discretion. They have my prayers.

I cannot in good conscience (much less in the interests of decent journalism) display the undiluted scope of SIECUS publications and films. But I can and will present the fundamental philosophies. I can and will quote from SIECUS reports and SIECUS authors.

I believe some of the secular atheism of the Humanist Manifestos is carried to devious active conclusions. I believe SIECUS encourages dissension within families, and embraces free love, permarital sex, self-pleasuring (masturbation), perversion, "healthy" homosexuality, pornography and forced communication of clinical sex-act information to the vulnerable young.

It won't be a pretty series. I'll be glad when it's over.

NEXT WEEK: SIECUS continued.

**IN THIS
CORNER**



George Beahon

The date March 6 suggests that Spring can't be too far off because that's when the runners resume clippety-clopping and the mutuel machines return to thunkety-thunking at Finger Lakes.

Early March weather in this area is not calculated, generally to bring out sun worshippers. Its odds-on there'll be snow and ice on the ground. But barring a blizzard or an unsafe track, The Thumb will open its 14th season on that date. If the weather is decent, the track may fade up to 5,000 shooters on that first Saturday. In this climate, it's still a risky promotion.

Finger Lakes management was smart enough and tough enough to resist suggestions by the state that it deal racing in January and February. Of course, the state can't lose. But racing can and does lose.

Racing in the Metropolitan New York area still is shaking and shuddering from an ignoble, costly experiment. The Big Apple raced in January and February, and cancellations because of winter weather cost the racing association

a fortune. In one six-day racing week this month Aqueduct scheduled six nine-race programs. Programs were cut three times to as little as two races. Two programs were wiped out completely. Only once did the public get a full card. Refunds of admission revenues accounted for only part of the losses. But the state wanted year-round racing.

The state also wanted Sunday racing, and despite warnings from upstate and elsewhere, Aqueduct and Belmont and Saratoga tried it last season. And lost money, mainly because of predictable higher costs of Sunday labor contracts.

The state was happy also to welcome OTB, despite unified opposition from track operators. Management still is trying to identify the losses to racing because of OTB.

Now there's another date to watch. March 1 will mark the opening of tele-theaters in New York's neighboring State of Connecticut. These are posh, pony-less parlors which will offer betting on races from the New York City area. In style, that is, including food and beverage services, with complete wide-screen, color coverage of the races.

Of course the tracks will get a mini-share of the money handled by these horseless parlors. But how many Connecticut residents work and play in New York, but now will play their horses in the tele-theaters? The handle does not keep race tracks going. It is the money from parking, program concessions, et cetera, that makes the race tracks win. Without those dollars, they lose. Everyone in racing management acknowledges this.

Deaths

**Sr. Catherine Tuberty, SSJ,
The Former Sr. Agnes Gonzaga**

Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Catherine Tuberty (Sister Agnes Gonzaga) was celebrated in the Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester on Friday, Feb. 6.

Sister Catherine, principal of St. Ambrose School in Rochester from

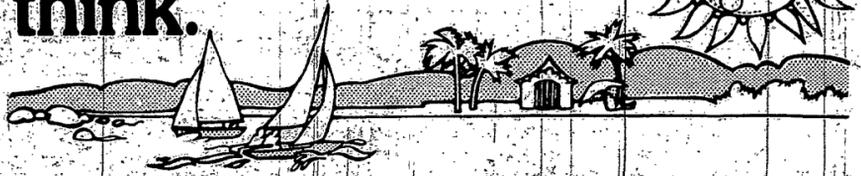
1960-1966, died unexpectedly Feb. 3, 1976. She last taught at St. Casimir's School in Elmira and resided at St. Casimir's Convent at the time of her death. Sister was a native of Elmira and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1925 from St. Mary's Parish, Elmira.

For more than 40 years she taught in the diocesan schools including Immaculate Conception, Rochester; St. Mary's, Horseheads; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; St. Mary's, Elmira; St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls; St. Michael's, Penn Yan.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Joseph Reinhart, chaplain of the Motherhouse, and Father Neil Miller from St. Casimir's, Elmira. Sister Catherine is survived by one sister, Miss Winifred Tuberty of Elmira and several cousins.

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