



Long, Long Trail

Eastern participants in the Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice passed through last week on their way to a meeting in Cleveland Sept. 20 with walkers from the west, their destination, Washington, D.C. Relays of area people linked community to community in northern sections of the diocese, where amnesty for war resisters was one of the issues stressed. This photograph shows walkers entering Auburn Aug. 23. Their purpose, one of them said, was "to dramatize the fact that we are spending over 100 billion a year on the military while people's human needs go unmet."

Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

With abortion, euthanasia, sterilization and pornography in mind, with decreased family influence on our youth, and with the infatuation of new life-styles, I suggest that we study the following:

"In the early fifties NATO Secret Services discovered that within the usual network of espionage and counter-espionage, the Soviets had set up a department especially for the penetration of churches in order to control (and) dissolve them. (There were) orders to penetrate the Western, Catholic and Orthodox churches, the Moslem, Protestant and other groups." (deVillemarest, Soviet Espionage in France).

In the century before the Tang Dynasty of China, the 13 Commandments of Sun Tsu included: Corrupt everything good in the country of your enemy. Embroider the leaders in criminal enterprises. Spread strife and discord among the citizens. Set the young against their elders. Disturb the order of enemy troops. Destroy the enemy's will to fight by means of music and sensual songs. Call upon prostitutes to complete the corruption. Be generous with promises. Place informers everywhere. (The Church in Today's Catacombs, edited by Sergio Grossu).

From a secret document of the Chinese Communist Party (Office No. 106). "Our comrades must find the means to penetrate the heart of every church, (to unfurl) extensive activity in the very midst of all church activity, (to) use the great charm and seductive power of the feminine sex. Comrades must introduce themselves into schools established by the churches. (They

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The Church 1976



Fr. Andrew Greeley

The Carter campaign and the resurgence of anti-Catholicism in American society raise the question of what has happened to Catholic clout. When the New York "Times" (not a particularly anti-Catholic journal) publishes a blasphemy against the Virgin Mary on its op/ed page and a comic picture of Cardinal Sheehan sleeping at the Eucharistic Congress on its front page, it is clear that no one worries any more about what Catholics think.

But the question rises as to why the cultural and political elites of the country worry about what blacks and Jews and women think and care not at all about what Catholics think. Or to put the matter the other way around, why are Catholics not able to organize around issues and power the way other minority groups in society do?

There are a number of answers, I think. First of all, Catholics have tended to leave such matters to their leaders, political, trade-union, and ecclesiastical. But all three groups have failed them in the current crisis of anti-Catholic feeling. The political and union types are more interested in their own administrative problems and personal power than they are in specific Catholic issues. They argue quite correctly it seems to me, that they should serve all their constituents and not just Catholics. But then the specific Catholic issues tend to get ignored, save insofar as they can be translated into votes.

The Church leadership has become politically impotent because it lost credibility on sexual matters with "Humanae Vitae," and has invested what little clout it has left in the abortion issue, which does not deeply concern most Catholics and about which the bishops can do nothing at all, as evidenced by their perennial failure to get a constitutional amendment on abortion.

Furthermore, some of the more "progressive" younger bishops are trying to get points with the media and with Rome, one suspects, by trying to surpass their Protestant counterparts in the Hate America industry.

Thus we hear a lot these days about how the U.S. is following the "cash register" policy in responding to world hunger. Now most people know that that's silly, and they don't take seriously the Church leaders, Protestants or Catholics, who propound such drivel. But you don't hear progressive ambitious young bishops talking about anti-Catholicism which, incidentally, might give them some credibility back with their own people.

Our "intelligentsia," if one can stretch the term, simply refuses to

must register in the Legion of Mary, and in the case of Protestantism, join the Crusaders. They must penetrate all institutions of all churches. We must induce some high-placed member of the churches to come to China.

"Any comrade occupying a post of command must thoroughly understand that the Catholic Church, enslaved with (Vatican) imperialism, must be cut down and wholly destroyed. Protestantism, which makes the mistake of following a policy of co-existence, must be hindered from making new conquests, but we can let it die a natural death."

An editorial in Pravda, Aug. 18, 1971, noted that "a certain segment of the population believes in God." In order to combat this, the editorial advised all advertisers, artists, teachers, writers, and the mass media to devote themselves to the "reconquest" — the restructuring and re-education — of the faithful. More stress than ever before must be laid upon atheistic instructions in the schools and universities, and on educating the staffs.

According to an article by a correspondent for the journal Die Welt (1971) the citizen to be reconquered will no longer be demoted or transferred to another religion — it is better to approach him on an individual basis and win his confidence. He must be given a great sense of self-worth, it is only in trying to penetrate his intimate thought that the atheist can help the believer to grasp the meaning of life, and to realize the inconsistency of his religious opinions. The churches must appear as symbolic films must be made more interesting to those who have broken with the church.

"Care will be taken to give to marriages and births a character of celebration (as opposed to spirituality)." (Pravda is the official Communist organ in Moscow. All references to Pravda and Die Welt are from Wilfried Kroll, Commandos Jesus).

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believe that there is anti-Catholic feeling left. They have never encountered any of it, they say. And when one trots out evidence, they simply dismiss the evidence as not being important. A lot of them have a considerable emotional investment in the idea that there are no bigots left among intellectual Jews, Protestants or atheists. And that the only bigots in the country worth worrying about are Catholic racists or anti-Semites. This, of course, makes them feel infinitely superior to their own people.

Jews, Protestants and agnostics will tell me off the record (though in the case of Adam Walinsky, it has been on the record and repeatedly for a long time) that they are appalled by the persistence and the virulence of anti-Catholicism. Our political leaders have other problems; our religious leaders are too inept even to worry about ridicule on the front page of the "Times," our laity are busy making money, and our intelligentsia don't believe in it.

Why should anyone else care?

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