

Capitol Letters

At this time various programs of Health, Education and Welfare spend about \$50 million per year to fund more than a quarter-million abortions.

On June 24, while the House was considering a \$57 billion dollar joint Labor-HEW Appropriation Bill, Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.) apparently without warning submitted a hand-written amendment to prohibit funding of abortions by HEW and to prohibit promotion or encouragement of abortions with funds allocated to that department. The amendment passed and was included as a restriction on the HEW bill. It subsequently passed two more votes, each time strengthening its majority. In 37 states a majority of U.S. representatives voted for the Hyde Amendment.

The first Senate vote, June 28, rejected the Hyde Amendment 57-28. On Aug. 25 they rejected it 53-35. The Labor-HEW Appropriations Bill is now in the Joint Conference Committee of Senate and House where a compromise is possible, if not likely. In all probability it will

return to House then Senate for vote, as there is much pressure to pass this appropriations bill.

We are gaining pro-life strength in the Congress because we take the time to write. We must continue to tell our representatives that we want our tax money to be used to help distressed pregnant women and their unborn children rather than used to eliminate the unborn. We must ask them to please support the Hyde Amendment (No. 68) on the Labor-HEW Appropriations Bill (H.R. 14232).

Address your letters to Sens. James Buckley and Jacob Javits, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510, and your respective representative: The Honorable Matthew McHugh [Dist. 27], William Walsh [Dist. 33], Frank J. Horton [Dist. 34], Barber B. Conable [Dist. 35], and Stanley Lundt [Dist. 39], House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. Express your views, also, to President Gerald R. Ford, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

Compiled by Jeanne D. Sweeney



Carey's Choice

Augustine Marvin has been appointed by Gov. Hugh Carey as a member of the State Agriculture Resources Commission. Marvin resides in Macedon on a 186-acre farm where he was born in 1927. He served as Macedon Town Supervisor and member of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors for 10 years. He was legislative representative for New York State Grange for several years and served on several State Committees and Commissions while in that position. Presently he is secretary-treasurer and managing officer of the Ontario Yates Insurance Company in Shortsville and with his wife, Beverly, owns the Augustine Marvin Agency in Macedon. They have two children, Kevin and Kimberly. He is an active member of Fairport Grange 467 and St. Patrick's Church, Macedon.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Margaret and Charles Bauerschmidt of St. Andrews Parish celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 10 by renewing their vows at Mass. A reception followed at Barry's Party House. The Bauerschmidts were married Sept. 8, 1926, at St. Andrew's, with Msgr. George Eckl presiding.

Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

In order to expose and resist that which threatens the very soul of the Catholic faith, I suggest three things. One, I suggest that laymen temporarily forget those among us who currently and in all sincerity dissent from various Vatican positions. Secondly, I suggest that we concentrate instead on Catholic spokesmen from the Captive Nations, and of course, on the complete documents from within the Vatican itself.

I do not in any way suggest or believe that dissenters are atheists, humanists or communists. They are not. They are Catholics who seek new interpretations, new applications, new approaches to growth — new horizons. There are Catholic doctors who teach contraception while ignoring the many truths surrounding Natural Family Planning; there are Catholic priests who teach that "contraceptive techniques are good if they prevent impregnation" (Father Marc Oraison); Catholic priests who deny Vatican positions on masturbation, premarital sex and homosexuality (Father Oraison and Father Charles Curran); and Catholic priests who deny man's fall into sin (Father Oraison). There are Catholic doctors performing contraceptive sterilizations and Catholic hospitals which justify it. Catholic leaders support "first-trimester" abortions. And Catholic politicians do nothing to stop the million abortions yearly in the U.S. (Senator Edward Kennedy, Senator Robert Drinan, S), and Governor Hugh Carey). Many Catholic priests dissent from *Humanae Vitae* and some Catholic schools do not even teach it. Catholic organizations indirectly support Planned Parenthood (a leading pro-abortion organization on a world-wide scale) and some even refer unwanted pregnancies to PP for termination.

There are Catholic educators who experiment with humanist-supported sex education societies such as SIECUS (Sex Information and Education Counsel of the US) and AASECT (American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists). Catholic educators whose bibliographies do not include the Vatican's encyclicals on Christian Education, *Humanae*

Vitae, the Declaration on Sexual Ethics, the recent statement on Sterilization or the Declaration on Procured Abortion. There are Catholic schools which (perhaps unknowingly) support UNICEF, a member of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) which supports and funds abortions, sterilizations and bizarre abortifacient experimentation. All in the name of political expediency. I disagree with these Catholics but share with them a common right to speak and teach and write. I suggest that we set aside differences temporarily while we concentrate on the Catholic spokesmen, experienced and articulate, from the Captive Nations, and of course while we concentrate on the genuine source of Catholic leadership — the Vatican itself with complete texts — instead of public opinion opinions.

Readers who missed the LLL columns describing the Humanist Manifestos, and the LLL columns on the Humanist Bill of Sexual Rights may obtain the booklet *Humanist Manifestos I & II* and the booklet *The New Bill of Sexual Rights* directly from Prometheus Press, 923 Kensington Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. 14215 for \$1.50 each, plus tax and 45c p/h for each booklet. *The Li Wei Han Plan to Destroy the Catholic Church* is available from me free for a stamped self-addressed envelope to P.O. Box 8450, Rochester, N.Y. 14618. These are necessary for a realistic introduction to atheism and atheistic power. Next week sources/information/etc. concerning the Captive Nations. The week afterward, sources/information/etc. concerning complete Vatican publications.

Oh yes, My third suggestion. The Rosary.

MEMBERSHIP TEA

The St. Louis Guild annual membership tea is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, in the Mansie. All women of the parish are invited. The Guild, in addition to its spiritual and social activities, provides financial assistance to various charities.

Mrs. Robert Weikel, vice president, is in charge of the tea. She will be assisted by the other officers and district hostesses.

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