



"HE WAS ACTUALLY LESS OF A PROBLEM BEFORE HE JOINED 'WORKAHOLICS ANONYMOUS!'"

Editorial

Holocaust

Argentina's political and economic problems, the "new" group says, can be blamed on "the Jewish-Bolshevik plutocracy" in the country.

Perhaps such jargon may seem meaningless or even archaically stilted to whole new generations. If so, they must be quickly enlightened.

To the rest of the world, such phraseology must strike a fearful chord in the heart and a sharp reminder in the mind.

Such frightfully reminiscent propaganda is being spread by an organization called the Argentine Nationalist Socialist Front (ANSF). Sound familiar?

The group boasts that it is responsible for the bombing of two synagogues and a Jewish Cultural Center. Sound familiar?

According to Religious News Service, emergence of the organization coincides with an upsurge in distribution of anti-Semitic literature in Argentina. Publications reprint Mein Kampf, The Ritual Crimes of the Jews, and speeches and glossy photographs of Adolf Hitler.

And a government spokesman characterized the ANSF as "an unimportant minority." It may all seem some sort of ghoulish joke until one remembers how once before we laughed at men in baggy pants with their small coterie of comical lunatics.

"The war begins that will conclude only with the extermination of the Jewish-Bolshevik plutocracy," intones the propaganda. That war, we hoped, was long since past. Signs of the times make it clear that it is not.

We may make the mistake of thinking that Argentina is a long way off. Or that the Nazi party that entered a candidate in the Milwaukee mayoral primary this year (who finished fourth in a field of seven) shouldn't be taken seriously. Or that the Nazi party active in the Virginia shadows of Washington, D.C., is not worth fearing.

Such thinking would be folly. They are only as remote or meaningless as Dachau, Auschwitz, Belsen. They are as near as the bigotry we may harbor in our own hearts.

Argentina's 600,000 Jews are only as safe as we are willing to ensure. We have already allowed "a minority" to besmirch the human race within our own lifetime. Civilization depends on each one of us being eternally vigilant against resurgence of the nightmare.

Opinion

'Smoke Screen' Criticized

Editor:

In a letter in the Courier-Journal (15 Sept.) Eric Steel raises questions about education taxes. He objects that someone may ask him to pay his education taxes for "any schools but the public schools," and ends by suggesting that Catholics who vote for "parochial" may be more Roman than American.

Professor Steel is a very active member of the local chapter of Americans United, formerly known as POAU. His attacks on parochial schools, which have sometimes been vicious, have appeared fairly often in the Gannett Rochester Newspapers for at least the last 20 years.

Steel's letter follows the standard line of Americans United. This always defines "Church-State separation" so that all education tax money must go to schools in which religion is excluded. Parents who disagree with A.U., and try to secure their rights as American citizens, are scoffed at as "more Roman than American," and as trying to get "parochial."

The basic flaw in the A.U. line is that it does not recognize that all schools must have a philosophy. The implicit philosophy of the so-called "public schools" is Secular Humanism, which denies the importance of God in day-to-day education.

It is perfectly proper for Steel to want his education taxes to go to a school of a particular educational philosophy. However, where A.U. and Steel go astray is that they demand that the education tax money of parents who believe that the best education is secured in a God-centered school must go to the school which A.U. and Steel prefer.

Contrary to what Steel pretends, no one is asking for his education taxes to support their school. What they want is to be allowed to use their own education taxes as they, not Steel, see fit. And they want Professor Steel and company to stop compelling them to use their own education taxes for schools which A.U. prefers.

Professor Steel asks, "Could the bigots not be those who seek to force me to subsidize schools which inculcate beliefs which I abhor?" By defining bigotry this way, Eric Steel has called himself a bigot, and this would apply to other members of A.U. also—since the schools for which they insist on taking my education tax money lead to his beliefs, which I abhor.

I have used the phrase "so-called public schools" because A.U. and

the Jewish front PEARL always use the term "public school" to mean a school from which religion in any meaningful, believing fashion is carefully excluded. In the Province of Ontario, however, the school system is composed of four sets of schools: Jewish, Protestant, Catholic, and Secular. The highest court of the Province of Ontario has declared that these are all "public schools."

Alert Americans will not be fooled by Steel's Church-State Smoke Screen, which leads to a monopoly in the field of education. Instead, as loyal Americans, they will fight to convince their fellow citizens of the correctness of their views, promoting that diversity in education which is necessary for the American way of life.

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CCD Teacher On Vocations

Editor:

Today, many questions keep coming to the surface about education now and in the future, in secular and parochial communities. Many Catholic schools are closing because of increasing costs, decreasing monies, and decreasing vocations. Many honest questions have surfaced about the future of Catholic education and the effects on future generations.

Did our forefathers have a deeper faith? Are we so diluting our faith that prayer has lost its meaning? Has this dilution eroded our will to raise our children in a strong Catholic faith? Is discipline to be watered down? These and other questions must be dealt with. And by whom? Every Catholic including the fallen away, the lukewarms, the determined, must take time to review the course being followed. Unfortunately, many people find it easier to sidestep problems, in this case, our diluted faith. Are not these same people on a parallel with the criminal who thinks that the honest way is too difficult or binding? The criminal ultimately will pay, so will those who dilute our faith.

Our children must be taught the disciplines that Christ taught and received while on earth. Christ pointed to children as the future of mankind. His mother Mary taught him discipline from birth to manhood. Christ obeyed his mother. A child's physical formation starts at conception. A child's education starts at birth. The more a person cares for the child (hopefully the mother) the more lasting is the identification. Recognition of different colors and smells become lasting, and the child grows with them. The child's training in our faith should start at birth, by direction, imitation, and habit. A cross on the wall, a picture of Christ, of the Last Supper. A simple prayer at each meal said aloud. Catholic literature in the magazine rack. Taking the child to Mass. Much that a child does is imitation but much is retained.

Memorization helps also. Prayers can be memorized, understanding will follow. Candidates for the vocations for the parochial community, are formed when the new-born child starts to learn—not in the elementary school, or high school. As I see it, God knows when, even at birth, so the child is being trained by God without the child realizing it. Parochial training helps to bring it to the surface.

If our parochial schools continue to decline, who will give parochial training to the coming generations, and what about vocations? There is hope. If it wasn't for CCD programs and the many dedicated lay teachers, thousands of our children would be without any Catholic guidance. As a CCD teacher I can hear the children asking for more about our faith, more answers, more guidance in the way of Christ. To help the CCD program, parents

must work more closely with the teachers and together maybe the spark will kindle into a flame, and more will investigate the vocations. And also, maybe the dilution of our Faith will be reduced.

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Italian Vote For Carter

Editor:

It was gratifying to see several Courier readers rebuff Father Greeley in his recent attempt to portray Jimmy Carter as bigoted and biased and as candidate to be shunned by Catholic voters. If anything, Father Greeley showed himself to be the bigot, as well as unfair and unjust in his treatment of Jimmy Carter in his column of Aug. 25. He stated and I quote, "of a man whose state voted overwhelmingly against John Kennedy because of his religion." Father Greeley should check the facts because Jimmy Carter's state of Georgia voted overwhelmingly for Kennedy—the Nov. 9, 1960 edition of the Democrat and Chronicle reported that the Georgia vote tally was 315,032 for Kennedy and 202,047 for Nixon.

I would like to state that I am a Catholic and I am not afraid to vote for Jimmy Carter and I am also an Italian and I don't mind at all that he incorrectly pronounced the word Italian. I also have a child in a parochial school and I feel that if I send him there then I should be willing to pay for it. I'm not looking for kind words about parochial aid from Carter.

If he said it for the Catholics then it would have to be for everyone else, too, and where would it all end?

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Anti-Porno Drive Asked

Editor:

I suggest that the Bishop contact all the other church leaders in this area—say Monroe County or as far as he wanted to reach. This would include all faiths—Jews, Presbyterians, Methodists, etc. They should set a date and for at least one month, every Sunday and/or Saturday, fight pornography from the pulpit, encouraging each priest, minister, rabbi, prayer group leader and the Christian body including youth groups to write letters to local leaders—politicians, county level leaders, State and Federal Government leaders.

If people see that the stores they patronize handle pornographic material, they should urge them to clean up their shelves or lose business.

If all get behind an effort to clean up pornography, we can do wonders instead of settling for all the worst some would inflict on us.

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