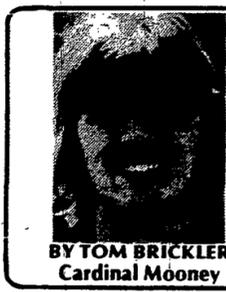


Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around



BY TOM BRICKLER
Cardinal Mooney



Leonid I. Rudakov, a Russian physicist, revealed last summer significant breakthroughs in fusion research to an astonished group of 100 American scientists. In his talk at the Lawrence Laboratory in California, Rudakov explained how the Soviets are nearing a breakthrough in developing thermonuclear weapons 100 times more powerful than the largest current weapon. It appears that Rudakov was deliberately warning the U. S.

The Soviet Union certainly seems to be ahead of the U. S. in the development of missile weaponry. Recently, the Soviets have test fired a major submarine launched missile over a greater distance than ever before; twice as far as the distance covered by the longest range U.S. submarine launched missile now in service.

This knowledge alarms me. More terrifying is the realization that the fusion warning was announced last summer. The first time I read anything about it was in the Times-Union headline on March 12, 'Russ Spills Fusion Secrets: Audience Gapes.'

The Russians have been spending a great deal of money building fallout shelters and evacuation instructions for their people. The Russians spend a billion dollars annually compared to \$80 million spent by the U.S. for civil defense. If the Russians weren't serious about the possibility of nuclear warfare, then why would they prepare such an extensive civil defense program? Major General George J. Keegan, former Air Force Intelligence chief, fears that the Soviet civil defense program was "the decisive turning point in my judgement that we have

already lost the strategic balance."

T. K. Jones of Boeing Corporation reported to a House subcommittee the following research. The Soviets have sophisticated evacuation plans that include instructions for digging simple fallout shelters that would allow 98 per cent of the population to survive. Without a civil defense plan, one-half the U.S. population would be killed. If a plan was established and carried out only about 4 per cent of the population would be killed.

Civil defense officials in the U.S. believe that we would have a three day warning period if the Russians were to send a nuclear missile attack. Although it would only take several minutes for a Soviet missile to arrive in the U.S., our satellites would be able to detect Russian evacuation if the Russians evacuated their own cities in preparation for a U.S. retaliation.

Top U. S. officials including President Carter have a special airplane for their survival in the event of a nuclear attack. Would we have a fighting chance for survival? We don't even have instructions on the basics.

Local officials apparently have some civil defense plans. Frank Vogel, deputy assistant director of Operations for the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency stated, "we don't plan to make a distribution until there is a crisis." He added, "People lose those things pretty doggone quick."

It took nearly a year for the public to get the warning of an advance Russian fusion discovery. My guess is in the event of a nuclear attack, we wouldn't get the three day warning.



Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Aquinas Institute during an assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, April 12 to receive \$5.

Nazareth Accents Careers



PAMELA RODGERS

careers for women during the week long event. Mrs. Pamela Rodgers coordinated the activities and it was total faculty involvement in preparing lesson plans about careers related to particular subject areas, distributing profiles of typical women workers in 1920 and 1975, formulating occupational bibliographies and scheduling guest speakers.

The seminars covered the full range of careers now open for women: electrical engineering, international marketing, photography, occupational therapy, social work, law, journalism, law enforcement, small business ownership.

The professional people who participated in the event included: Ms. Virginia

Corsi, special assistant to the Lieutenant Governor of New York State, who spoke on the popular myths concerning the working woman; Ms. Isasi-Diaz, who



SISTER JOAN SOBALA

discussed the contrasting roles of women in Cuba and the United States; Ms. Jennifer Newport spoke on pre-trial releases in her discussion of Legal Aid; Margaret Graham Smith, Channel 10 news reporter; Sister Joan Sobala, chaplain at the University of Rochester, who talked on women in the Church; Jacki Schuman, art critic for Channel 21 who discussed commercial art and Ms. Anita Angotti, a bilingual (Spanish-English) translator for the court system who talked to the language department about her duties and the background needed for her particular field of endeavor.

The five day symposium was concluded with a liturgical service for the entire student body.

Some interesting social facts released by the Nazareth Guidance Department to the students in preparation for the school's Career Week (March 21-25) indicated that 90 per cent of U.S. women sometime in their lives; women comprise 40 per cent of all workers; more than 50 per cent of women 18-64 years of age work; the average age of working women is 35; 70 per cent of working women have more than a high school education; one-eighth of American families are headed by women; the average worklife of a woman is 25 years; one-third of the female labor force is concentrated in seven jobs; secretary, retail sales clerk, household worker, elementary school teacher, bookkeeper, waitress and nurse.

Knowing that it is important for today's young people to be exposed to as many career choices as possible the accent was put on the nontraditional



Nazareth students listening to Anita Angotti, City Court clerk

Photo by Ben Susso

On the GO

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April 6-15 — Easter recess.
- BISHOP KEARNEY
April 1-18 — Easter recess.
- CARDINAL MOONEY
April 1-18 — Easter recess
- DESALES
April 6-18 — Easter recess.
- MCQUAID
April 6-18 — Easter recess.
- NAZARETH
April 6-18 — Easter recess.
- OUR LADY OF MERCY
April 1-18 — Easter recess.
- ST. AGNES
April 6-18 Easter recess.

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