

Crown's Return Draws Fire, Praise

New Brunswick, N.J. (RNS) — President Carter's decision to return the Crown of St. Stephen to the Hungarian Communist government has drawn the displeasure of many American-Hungarians.

American — Hungarian Catholic Priests' Association, sent a telegram to the president when he learned of the decision.

The last days of World War II and it was sent to the U.S. lest it be taken by Russian troops.

of St. Stephen to Hungary without any condition whatsoever. He knows well that Hungarian rights are not respected by the present government of Hungary and that there is no freedom whatsoever in that country. The crown should have been returned only under the condition that human rights of all Hungarians in Hungary have been guaranteed.

"I am very much disturbed by the circumstance that the return of the crown has been announced on Nov. 4, 1977. Nov. 4, 1956, was the day when the Russians crushed the revolt of the Hungarians against the occupation by the Russian Army and against Communism.

called for support of the President's decision

In a talk before the House of Representatives, Weiss said:

"... as the only member of the House who was born in Hungary, and who attended grade school there through the fifth grade, I find it rather reassuring that the Hungarian people still feel such a strong tie to their history and tradition, and especially to their Christianity and Catholicism, that they are eager in their desire for the return of the Crown of St. Stephen."

Father Julian Fuzer, Franciscan pastor of St. Ladislaus Church here and national president of the

The crown, which has both nationalist and religious significance in Hungary, has been held in the protection of the United States since 1945. American forces found the crown in

Father Julian issued a statement which said, in part:

"I am very much saddened by the news that President Carter has decided to return the Crown

Human Sexuality Study Sparks Controversy

Albany (RNS) — Declaring that "human sexuality is not the most important issue" facing the Roman Catholic Church, one of the authors of the highly controversial study, "Human Sexuality: New

Directions in American Catholic Thought," said here he is looking forward to pursuing other moral questions.

is easier said than done.

The priest, a professor of moral theology at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Mich., and chairman of the Catholic Theological Society of

America's committee on the study of human sexuality, said "sometimes I think it would be better if the Church said nothing more about sex for at least ten years to let the whole issue settle down."

"I am convinced," Father Julian continued, "that most of the Hungarian-Americans consider the return of the crown as a sign of America's indifference toward the people of Hungary who instead of being elated will be utterly discouraged by the President's action."

Meanwhile, in St. Louis, the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation denounced the move to return the crown as a "cynical betrayal of America's commitment to human rights."

"I think the president is exactly right in planning its return, and rather than being critical of him, I believe we ought to support him," he said

"It seems to me," he added, "that for us (to oppose) the Hungarian people in their desire to have their national symbol returned would be the same as if the United States in a time of crisis had entrusted the original copy of the Declaration of Independence to another country which then refused to return it because they didn't like our form of government."

Parish Plans Hunger Bazaar

Our Lady of Mercy Church has scheduled its third annual Hunger Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18 at the church, 600 Denise Road in Greece.



Proudly displaying items at the Mercy Hunger Bazaar are, seated from left, Pauline Lamb and Mickey Erb. Standing, from left, are Mrs. Helen Mercier, chairwoman; Nancy Steger and Laverna Gallagher.

Since early summer, the Hunger Bazaar Committee, chaired by Mrs. Helen Mercier, has been busy coordinating parishioners to make craftwares, baked foods, plan children's activities, compile educational literature.

More than \$4,000 has been raised at previous bazaars and it has been used to alleviate hunger needs in Chile, Brazil, Ghana, India and Bolivia as well as locally at the Tonawanda Indian Reservation, the American Indian Cultural Center Emergency Food Fund, St. Joseph's House of

Hospitality and the needs of parishioners from St. Bridget's, St. Patrick's, Holy Apostles and Immaculate Conception parishes.

Everyone is invited to choose from a large selection of items and to learn more about world hunger.

"There are a number of more crucial questions than sex that must be addressed," he stated, adding that these include social justice, the role of the Church in society and finding ways to make the liturgy come alive

Nevertheless, the study has centered media attention on the Church's teaching on sexuality and spurred criticism and controversy

The late Cardinal Mindszenty once called upon the U.S. government to retain the crown until religious and political freedom returned to Hungary

Nevertheless, in Washington, D.C., a New York Congressman has applauded President Carter's decision Rep Ted Weiss (D-L) of New York City

Father Kosnick was in Albany to address a workshop on sexuality sponsored by the Siena College Greyfriars Institute on Religion and Culture. He said the authors of the study "were not so naive as to believe the study would be ignored. But we have done much to avoid the press because we feel the issue cannot be argued in two and three-minute presentations"



ALL IN THE FAMILY

Sarah Child

The crowd leaves for school and work. The dog wants to go out. As soon as she does she gets the chain tangled. Still in bathrobe and scuffs and experiencing chills you go out in the rain and retrieve her

The rain and cold causes a coughing spasm which calls for a cup of hot tea. When brewed the steaming mug literally begs for an accompaniment. What else - seconds of muffin and marmalade.

You approach the typewriter with a little work in mind but your head aches. Back to the couch and TV. You get bored so bored you are ready for lunch by 10:30 a.m. The cottage cheese and apple slices look unappetizing. You're sick. You deserve better than that. Maybe a little cream cheese on raisin toast, a handful of salted peanuts (for protein of course) and oh yes, some of the butter pecan ice cream - for the sore throat.

Your husband calls. You are, you assure him, just fine but making certain he understands how brave you are being. Back to the couch - but first a little snack. After all it's 2 p.m. At 4 p.m. the kids, home from school, sit down for reinforcements. You keep them company

At supper you can't eat a thing. Well maybe just one piece of toast with the eggs. Your mate has so lovingly prepared. Is it possible your illness has caused you to become addicted to marmalade?

At 8 p.m., one of the kids proffers a cup of hot chocolate and her brother passes around his own favorite snack of saltines and butter

Where for heaven's sake is the will power, the backbone, fortitude? Gone, all gone

And tomorrow, you realize a little tearfully, head still congested, ears aching, it looks like more of the same

Prelate Regrets US Leaving Labor Group

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — President Carter's decision to end U.S. participation in the International Labor Organization (ILO) is "understandable but regrettable," according to Bishop Thomas C. Kelly, OP, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference.

drawal can only be self-defeating."

Father O'Hare said "the coalition of Arab and third-world nations that has created problems in the ILO is simply a massive fact of life that pervades all international organizations

"In spite of the problems associated with the effective functioning of this international agency," he said, "it represents a positive force for good on the world scene and offers promise in many areas during the years ahead."

Noting the withdrawal need not represent a permanent U.S. position, Bishop Kelly expressed hope "that the action will be the occasion for a patient and productive consultation by all parties involved looking toward a resumption of membership by the United States in the near future"

In his column in America, Jesuit Weekly, editor-in-chief Joseph A. O'Hare, SJ, said "the growing resentment of U.S. delegates to ILO conferences is understandable, but, with-

Lima Choirs To Mark Bible Week

Lima — The Elim Bible Institute choir will join the choir of St. Rose Church at the 10 a.m. liturgy this Sunday, Nov. 20, the opening day of National Bible Week. Father James Doyle, pastor, invited all of Lima to join in the celebration, which will include a social hour. Various translations of the Bible will be available

This will be the fifth consecutive year that the two choirs have marked the opening of Bible Week. Father Doyle said Sheldon Sorge, an Elim graduate and music director at the institute, will lead the Elim choir. Jean LaBore, director of the Lima Community Chorus, is director also of the St. Rose choir

St. Rose Sets ME Meetings

Lima — Speakers at the four weekend services Nov. 19 and 20 at St. Rose Church will talk about Marriage Encounter, a family renewal movement. An informational meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the parish school hall. Bob and Kathy Bauer, parishioners and ME participants, have charge of arrangements. Anyone interested will be welcome at church or at the evening meeting

"Many critics have not grasped the seriousness of the study's call to moral values and they have misconstrued what we are saying," the priest said. "The book's contention is a development of the Church's teaching and is faithful to Church tradition and scriptures"

The study has received favorable comments from a number of theologians, notably for its value as a study document. However, it has come under fire from many others, including six members of the Catholic Theological Society who called it "partisan in outlook, poor in scholarship and weak in argumentation"

Father Kosnick emphasized that the study is "not the last word" on human sexuality, pointing out that the research requires constructive criticism and further development in order to provide adequate solutions to real problems in the Church. But he maintained that every generation is responsible for re-interpreting fundamental values and that the study sought to stimulate discussion and provide helpful guidelines

The study, which took four years to complete, is aimed at priest-counselors and sex educators to help them help people make value decisions, the priest said. "Ignorance is not bliss when it comes to sex," he declared. "We cannot evade our moral responsibility to search and form our conscience"