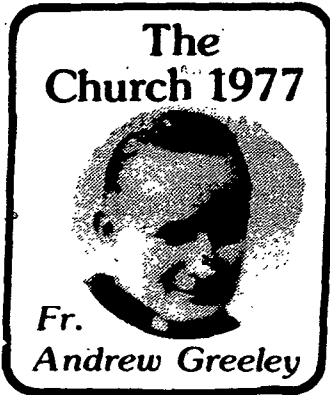




**Christmas Carols**

Fourth graders from St. Mary's School, Auburn, performed for their parents recently during their yearly Advent Walk — Thru Days. The children sang Christmas Carols during the Open House at the school on Dec. 16.



American Catholicism used to be plagued by mushy-headed thinking mostly because the mush-producers are listed as "good guys," and nobody challenges them when they speak nonsense. They can get away with propounding nonsense, so why should they engage in the much more difficult task of disciplined thought?

The Jesuit magazine America is one of the primary producers of mush. Indeed, one needs snowshoes to wade through it each week.

In a recent issue its editor, Joseph A. O'Hare, viewed with dismay the Russian practice of committing political dissidents to mental asylums, but then he added, "Citizens of the United States could not indulge their sense of self-righteousness before this Soviet outrage. For, at roughly the same time, a Senate subcommittee was conducting hearings in experiments in mind control and behavior modification that were part of a program which the CIA had carried out for over 20 years."

Father O'Hare goes on to say both the Soviet detention camps and the CIA mind manipulation are violations of the "the most fundamental value of medical ethics." Yes, they are; but is there no difference at all between the Soviet agencies of oppression and the CIA? Did the mind-control experiments carried on by the American gumshoes really make America a country as oppressive as the Soviet Union? Surely, you say, Father O'Hare throws in a qualification. Surely he notes that the CIA has not repressed all dissent in the United States, that, indeed, it never even seriously tried to do so? Of course, Father O'Hare points out that CIA experiments have been stopped, that we still have a free society while the Soviet Union continues to lock up its dissidents, in mental hospitals and is by no means a free society. Surely he

makes that qualification, doesn't he?

The answer is no, he does not. CIA experiments and the Russian oppressive state are equated. We cannot, apparently, be critical of Soviet Union oppression because the CIA engaged in some mind-control experiments

In a subsequent issue, Peter Henriot and Joe Holland delivered a fervent, unsuccessful plea for the United States not to pull out of the International Labor Organization (ILO), warning the AFL-CIO that it "needs to listen to recent criticisms of the U.S. labor movement for not being perfect and for containing many injustices." Whatever one may decide about the wisdom of the U.S. withdrawal from the ILO, the position the AFL-CIO took is understandable given its history. American labor leaders are notoriously intolerant of scabs and links, of company unions and yellow-dog contracts. They don't like to sit at the same table with agents of the police-state oppression of the working man rather than their duly chosen representatives.

Holland and Henriot merely observed that many of the new states in the ILO "do not operate on the liberal model." That's a polite way of saying they are oppressive police dictatorships whose so-called labor union leaders are government men in such countries. Henriot and Holland obviously consider themselves liberals. Just as obviously they are not upset with the "unliberal" political and economic structures of the Third World nations. I'm sorry, but that's just more mush. If you are not offended by the condition of a working man whose union "leader" holds his position simply because his cronies happen to hold the guns' then you have no claim to the title "liberal" and certainly no right to instruct the American labor movement to look at its own injustices.

But then, if Father O'Hare can see no differences in Soviet oppression and CIA mind-control experiments, then there is no reason why Henriot and Holland should see any difference between the imperfections of the American labor union movement and the imperfections of what passes for unionism in, let us say, East Germany, Angola, or the "Central African Empire."

**Dominicans Elect Prioress**

Elmira—Sister Mary Agnes Daly, OP, was elected prioress of the Dominican Monastery of Mary the Queen, 1310 W. Church St. here, after a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit Friday, Dec. 16.

Sister Mary Agnes, a member of the community for 29 years, succeeds Sister Mary Margaret Hammerl.

The election was presided over by Bishop John E. McCafferty. Serving as tellers were Father Francis Davis, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, and Father Joseph Gaynor, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo, Elmira Heights, and regional coordinator.

The 15 sisters and two novices in the contemplative monastery are Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary.



NEIL BUDDE

**Named Director**

Neil Budde has been appointed director of data processing at St. Mary's Hospital. He has been in the same position at Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C. Since 1974, he also has been project manager for data processing for the Sisters of Charity in Baltimore. He, his wife and three children will live in Perinton.

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**Crown's Return Approved By U.S. Bishops' Agency**

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — The U.S. Catholic bishops' administrative agency here said it would not oppose the return of the Crown of St. Stephen of Hungary to Communist Hungary but it did call for the crown's return to be used "as an instrument" to promote religious freedom and human rights in Hungary.

The U.S. Catholic Conference said it has received assurances from the State Department that such concerns will be addressed in future discussions between the U.S. and Hungarian officials.

Father J. Bryan Hehir, associate secretary for International Justice and Peace of the USCC, spelled out the conference's position in a letter to Father Julian Frazer, OFM, of New Brunswick, N.J., president of the Hungarian Priests Senate, who, with other senate priests had asked the president of the U.S. bishops' conference to support their efforts to insure that the crown be

used to "promote the cause of Hungary."

Noting that the USCC had sought the views of the Hungarian-American community and had conferred with State Department officials, Father Hehir said "our own judgment, at the beginning of these talks, was that the return of the crown could not be used to satisfy fundamental and total political demands, such as the neutrality of Hungary."

"In our view," he stated, "it seemed more reasonable and prudent to ask that efforts be made to obtain some undertakings by the Hungarian government in granting greater freedom of religion."

The priest said Matthew Nimetz, State Department counselor, informed the USCC that any effort to seek concessions as conditions for the return of the crown could not be done publicly "except at the risk not only of rejection by the Hungarian government but also of hardening of the attitudes of Hungarian officials on religious freedom and other rights questions."

Father Hehir noted that there has been "some improvement" of church-state relations in Hungary since the June 1977 visit of Communist Party chief Janos Kadar to the Vatican.

**Flynt Quits Hustler**

Columbus, Ohio (RNS) — Larry Flynt has resigned as publisher of Hustler magazine.

Flynt, who announced in November that he had become a Christian through the ministry of Ruth Carter Stapleton, President Carter's evangelist sister, said he has appointed Paul Krassner as publisher.

Krassner was formerly publisher of The Realist, a magazine that was controversial in the 1960's because of its use of profane language in political articles.

Flynt, who is appealing a 25-year prison sentence that resulted from convictions on charges of pandering and involvement with organized crime in connection with Hustler, earlier placed a full-page advertisement praising Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), in 25 of the nation's Sunday newspapers.

**GOING TO OHIO**

Sanford R. Gerber, director of professional services at St. Mary's Hospital, has been appointed associate director of Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

A native of Cincinnati, Gerber has been at St. Mary's for more than seven years, starting as an administrative resident.

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