

Planned Parenthood Opposes Moral Standards, Critic Says

New York (RNS) — An official of a Catholic civil rights group charged here that the Planned Parenthood Federation of America is seeking to eliminate "any moral standards" that block population control through contraception and abortion.

"And, he declared, Planned Parenthood's 'major source of support' as a leading advocate of permissive abortion 'is the American taxpayer.'"

Writing in the Feb. 18 issue of America, the Jesuit weekly review, Michael C. Schwartz, associate director of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights in Milwaukee, asserted that Planned Parenthood "will use every available means to fulfill its objective of 'universal reproductive freedom.'"

Father Joseph O'Hara, editor in chief of America, pointed out that the new Planned Parenthood president, Faye Wattleton, has called for an even more aggressive campaign to secure government funding for abortions and "in effect, declared war on the right-to-life movement."

He claimed that Ms. Wattleton, by identifying the anti-abortion movement as an extreme right-wing conspiracy, is "woefully ignorant" of her adversary. What Planned Parenthood does not see, said the Jesuit, "is that opposition to abortion can be found throughout the whole liberal-conservative spectrum."

Schwartz observed that in 1960 Planned Parenthood's literature "plainly stated that 'contraception prevents

new life from coming into being; abortion kills a new life that has already begun."

Now, he said, Planned Parenthood clinics expect to perform more than 80,000 abortions annually by 1980 and "many of the corporate contributors who make large donations to Planned Parenthood and its affiliated agencies are not aware that the organization even encourages, much less provides, facilities for abortions."

Acknowledging that some of the services rendered by Planned Parenthood's 200 affiliates and 729 affiliated clinics may be "useful and morally unobjectionable," Schwartz said "all of the activities are viewed as 'complimentary parts of a single national strategy' — universal reproductive freedom."

"Abortion is now considered 'basic' to Planned Parenthood's service program," he added, noting that the federation intends to work at keeping abortion legal, through political activity, lobbying and legal activism.

Schwartz said that government subsidies are "especially crucial" to the expansion of Planned Parenthood's activities. "So, in addition to keeping existing Planned Parenthood's agencies in operation, government subsidies are by far the greatest factor in the organization's growth."

"Planned Parenthood then is a privately controlled agency aimed at bringing about basic changes in American society, including changes in the law, yet its major source of support is the American taxpayer," he said.

SEDER SUPPER

The celebration of a Seder Supper will be held at St. John the Evangelist (Greece) school hall on Palm Sunday, March 19, at 5 p.m. Steven Reiter will lead the rites of the ancient Jewish tradition. Further information and reservations are available by calling Ken and Diane Rabideau at 865-7421.

Deaths

Sr. Mary Rose, Retired Nurse

Sister Mary Rose Hasenauer, who was a supervising nurse at St. Ann's Home for a quarter of a century, died there unexpectedly March 4, 1978. She was 90 years old, but she had pursued her profession until the age of 82, and in retirement had been a regular visitor to infirmary patients.

The Mass of Christian Burial was offered last evening in the St. Joseph Motherhouse chapel, with burial this morning at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Sister Mary Rose joined the Sisters of St. Joseph about 65 years ago, entering from St. Francis Xavier parish, Rochester. In three tours of duty, she was a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, for 29 years. She served at the Motherhouse infirmary for six years, at the old St. Ann's Home for 11 years, as a supervisor, and at the present home until her retirement in 1970.



Seton Fashions Photo by Susan McKinney

The Mesdames John Schuler, William Gamble and Joseph Hammele this year are heading up the eighth annual Seton Luncheon and Fashion Show slated for noon on March 14 at the Monroe Golf Club. Proceeds from the affair benefit St. Mary's Hospital. The fashions to be presented are from McCurdy's.

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The first "Juspax" article challenged us to learn, read, write and act against conditions and systems which militate against personal and political freedoms.

It seems necessary to listen carefully to the perceptions of those who are native to the Third World situations when they explain the subtle and complex intrigues which are aimed at dissipating indigenous efforts toward autonomy.

In the opinion of Professor C. Munhamu Botsio Utete, a Zimbabwean, NATO is "one visible expression of modern imperialism at least in terms of its role in the Third World."

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (1949) was created by 15 capitalist nations as a defense against Soviet "expansionism." Although NATO excluded Africa from the scope and zone of the alliance, southern Africa is, in fact, directly affected by its policy.

With the rise and "threat" of the national liberation movements capitalism (NATO) moved from a competitive role to a more collective posture which in effect is counterrevolutionary to African independence.

Ensuing (Western power) agreements (e.g. Nairobi Conference, Simonstown Agreements) have strengthened southern Africa's repressive capability through supplies of military equipment, technology, communication equipment, police personnel training, and the presence of British bases. "South Africa has become the regional protector of Western interests in southern Africa."

Professor Utete also describes a NATO tactic in southern Africa which "seeks out or creates friendly liberation movements to counter authentic, popular and genuine liberation movements." The aim is to firm up an apparatus of neo-colonialism which represents in the contemporary historical period, the most "viable" political instrument available to "imperialism."

He also points out that Namibia was used to perpetuate aggression against Angola.

In an article called "NATO and Southern Africa", published in the May, 1976 edition of "The Black Scholar" magazine, Prof. Utete wrote: "Southern Africa and all of

Africa can truly be said to be at a crossroads. One road leads to the mere substitution of black office holders for the white minorities presently in power in several countries of that region. This road leads to neocolonialism, i.e. to a mere changing of the political guard without a corresponding change in the socio-economic structure. The other road combines the gaining of political independence with a serious, planned effort to restructure the economy, to disengage from imperialism, and to create the conditions for an egalitarian society."

Several points can be concluded as follows: 1) In spite of the legal restrictions in the NATO charter, NATO is implicated in the economic, political and strategic affairs of southern Africa, which has strengthened the South African regime. 2) a. Manipulation of the African movement, and b. the colonial status-quo stance of NATO as seen in bolstering South Africa's machinery of repression are counterrevolutionary and are especially important considerations affecting the current struggle being waged in Zimbabwe, Southwest Africa and South Africa itself.

For a more comprehensive treatment of this subject see The Black Scholar, May, 1976. (Subscription, P.O. Box 108, Sausalito, California, 94965 1 year, 12 issues, \$12.)

Courier Calendar

Classic Film Series— The Hound of the Baskervilles, 2 and 8 p.m. tomorrow, March 9, Rochester Museum.

Cinema and Speakers Series— Icarus Montgolfier Wright, a film written by Ray Bradbury, with Paul J. Yarnall, local hang-glider instructor, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, Rochester Museum.

Star Theatre— How to See a Flying Saucer, nightly at 7:30; The Invisible Universe, Strassenburgh Planetarium feature through March 26. For pre-schoolers, Friday, March 10: Magic Sky, 9:50 a.m.; Wonderful Rocket, 10:40 a.m.; Space Wizard, 1 p.m. Reservations: 244-6060, ext. 56.

Films Sandwiched In— Pysanka: the Ukrainian Easter Egg; A Paris, 12:12 p.m. Tuesday, March 14; Rundell Library, South Avenue; last of series.

GeVa on Tour— Two British vaudeville comedies, 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 168 S. Clinton, through March 16.

GeVa Theatre— At 168 S. Clinton, through March 12, Lorraine Hansberry's drama, A Raisin in the Sun. For schedule and reservations: 716-232-1363.

Beethoven Festival— Pianist Maria Luisa Faini performs Emperor Concerto with New Orchestra of Rochester 8 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at First Unitarian Church, 220 S. Winton; also, Choral Fantasy, with combined choruses of Brighton, Allendale-Columbia, Harley schools and First Unitarian Church Chorale.

Nazareth-Fisher Drama Club— At Nazareth Arts Center, Iolanthe, Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera, 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 10; 8 p.m. Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday.

Seniors' Matinees— Forty-Second Street 1933 musical, 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, March 9, Dryden Theater, Eastman House.

St. Patrick's Celebration— At St. Agnes High School, Parents Club dinner-dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11; reservations with the Callens, 244-0657, or the Bayers, 244-2556.

St. Patrick's Day MDA Benefit— Fifth annual muscular dystrophy benefit sponsored by The Chordemen, local dance band, 7 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Airport Holiday Inn, 911 Brooks. Tickets \$2, or \$3.25 per couple, at door.

Fashion Show Luncheon— At Barry's, 4370 Dewey, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, annual event arranged by St. Thomas the Apostle Rosary-Altar Society; public invited. Reservations by March 10 with Mrs. Earl Bingham, Mrs. Michael Byrne or Mrs. Robert Hefner.

St. Patrick's Day Smorgasbord— On Sunday, March 12, noon to 4 p.m., at St. Bridget's Hall, East Bloomfield.

80th Seton— Bowling party, dinner, Saturday evening, March 11, Lyons Den, W. Ridge.

Stretch and Sew— Fashion show, 8 p.m. Monday, March 13, St. Salome's school hall, sponsored by parish Women's Club.

Model Railroads— Annual exhibition and swap session of Northeastern Division, Toy Train Operating Society, 11 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, Monroe County Fairgrounds, building 2, Calkins Road.

Realities of Buying a Home— A class at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Cooperative Extension Center, on inspection, financing. Preregistration: \$1 to center, 249 Highland, Rochester 14620. More information: 461-1000.

NFP Information — At the Church of the Resurrection in Fairport, Monday, March 13, from 8 to 9:30 p.m.; at St. Mary of the Lake in Watkins Glen, Sunday, March 19 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

NFP Groups — Limited reservation for three groups: Scottsville, Friday, March 10, 464-8705; Waterloo, March 20, 539-3269; Watkins Glen, March 31, 594-2380; \$15 fee includes books and materials.

were Father James F. Slattery, pastor of Our Lady of Queen of Peace; Msgr. Bernard J. Power, CSSR, rector of Our Lady of Victory/St. Joseph's Church; Father Joseph Sheehan, O. Carm., chaplain of St. Joseph's Villa.

A native of Hackensack, N.J., Mr. Bull was an active parishioner not only at Queen of Peace but also at Our Lady of Victory. He was a past director of the National Association of

Accountants and was also active in the Community Chest of Greater Rochester.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; three sons, Walter B. Jr. of Philadelphia, Pa., Donald A. of Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., and G. Thomas of South Bend, Ind.; one daughter, Mrs. William (Mary) Perkins of Rockville, Md.; one sister, Gladys V. Bull of Hackensack; one brother, Alan S. of Creskill, N.J.; 14 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Walter B. Bull

A Liturgy of the Resurrection was celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace Feb. 25 for Walter B. Bull, a retired executive of the Eastman Kodak Co. and member of the board of directors of St. Joseph's Villa, who died after a brief illness at the age of 76 on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1978. His burial day would also have been his 77th birthday.

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