

# USCC Spokesman Urges Restraint in Arms Race

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A spokesman for the U. S. Catholic Conference (USCC) has urged the House Armed Services Committee to slow down the worldwide armaments of race.

Father J. Bryan Hehir, USCC Associate Secretary of International Justice and Peace, said primary emphasis of U.S. policy "should be to reduce in a reasonable, balanced and prudent manner the size and scope of the deterrent network, progressively bringing it more securely under control and decreasing its significance and legitimacy in world affairs."

"No question of foreign affairs surpasses the arms race in terms of its moral complexity and moral content," Father Hehir said in testimony to the House Committee on the Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 1979.

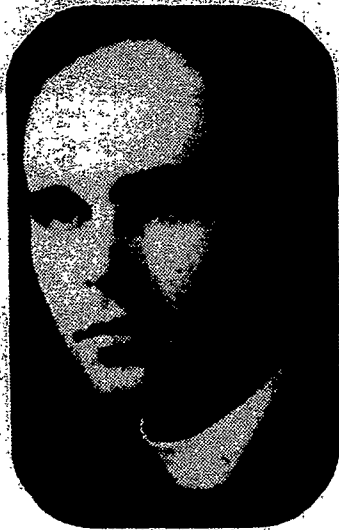
He said the use of weapons of mass destruction was

unreservedly condemned in 1965 by the Second Vatican Council and that the Catholic Church "supports every honest effort" made for disarmament.

Father Hehir said any agreement reached in the current SALT II negotiations should result in halting further accumulation of strategic weapons and thus lead to agreement to reduce weapons stocks.

Such agreement should be supplemented by a comprehensive test ban, and a further understanding not to proceed with development of new weapons systems, Father Hehir testified.

He said the total value of U.S. military sales to all nations in this fiscal year is an estimated \$13 billion, up \$2 billion in a year. Father Hehir noted that the U.S. is one of the principal contestants in the nuclear arms race, and the principal supplier of conventional weapons to the non-Communist world.



FR. HEHIR

# Fr. Hehir to Speak Here May 31

The United Nations Special Session on Disarmament continues to draw support from non-governmental agencies as well as religious groups around the world.

The session according to the Office for World Justice and Peace, Archdiocese of New York, will concentrate on "a review of the present international situation in the disarmament field, a declaration on Disarmament (e.g. principles, guidelines, priorities), a Program of Action and the role of the UN and international machinery for disarmament negotiations."

A procession and rally in support of world disarmament is being planned in New York City on May 26-27 by the Mobilization for Survival (a coalition of U.S. non-governmental organizations including the Peace and Justice Education Center of Rochester and the American Friends Service Commission in Syracuse).

In Rochester, the diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission is co-sponsoring a talk by Father J. Bryan Hehir, executive secretary of the Office of International Justice and Peace for the

United States Catholic Conference (USCC). Father Hehir will be a representative of the Vatican at the U.N. Special Session.

The discussion, "United Nations' Special Session on Disarmament: Reflections for American Christians", is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31 at the Forum at Nazareth College.

Father Hehir will discuss the U.N. Session which Kurt Waldheim, U.N. Secretary-General, calls the "largest, most representative gathering ever convened to consider the question (of disarmament)."

# Black Bishop Named To S. Africa Post

Rome (RNS) — Pope Paul VI has named a black prelate to an archbishopric in an area of South Africa often described as "the very heart" of Afrikaner support for total apartheid.

He has appointed Bishop Pietro J. Butelezi to the prestigious Archdiocese of Bloemfontein, named for the

predominantly white city in the heart of the Orange Free State.

Bishop Butelezi, 47, has been head of the Diocese of Umtata in the Transkei, an enclave designated by the South African Government as a free black state — but recognized by no other government or the United Nations.

# PPFA Prexy Apologizes

New York (RNS) — The president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) has offered "unqualified apologies" to the U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and to the President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops for a series of editorial cartoons circulated by the PPFA's Chicago affiliate attacking the anti-abortion position of various government and religious institutions.

In letters to Secretary Joseph A. Califano and Archbishop Quinn, PPFA president Faye Wattleton expressed her "profound

apologies, both official and personal, for any embarrassment that may have been caused by this inappropriate and irresponsible action."

She also totally repudiated the editorial material, saying that its distribution was "totally at odds with the official policies and normal practices of Planned Parenthood."

The Planned Parenthood staffer who was responsible for the material has been "severely reprimanded" and the person who signed the cover letter no longer works for the agency, she said.

# Fr. Greeley to Teach

Tucson (RNS) — Father Andrew Greeley of the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center has been appointed professor of sociology at the University of Arizona here. He will teach two courses, beginning next Spring, without relinquishing his Chicago post.

Father Greeley is director of the Center for the Study of American Pluralism at NORC. He said he expected to "spend some time" there in the next few years, completing work in progress.

He has published more than 50 books and writes two nationally syndicated newspaper columns. He is co-author of several professional studies of

American Catholicism, including the well-known and controversial 1976 report entitled Catholic Schools in a Declining Church. This study traces a decline in church attendance and support not to Vatican II changes, but rather to Pope Paul's 1968 encyclical on birth control.

The Chicago archdiocesan priest, 50 years old, obtained his doctorate in sociology in 1962 from the University of Chicago.

(The Greeley column, The Church 1978, appears today in the Courier-Journal on page 17.)

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