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### In Memoriam

Representatives of local Veteran of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts took time to remember their dead in ceremonies in St. Mary's Cemetery, Corning, May 28. The contingent said a prayer, taps was played and a salute was fired as they observed Memorial Day.

### More Opinions Vote for Union Is Urged

Editor:

It took 43 years after the Communist Manifesto before a pope, Leo XIII, wrote the first social encyclical urging social justice and proclaiming the moral right of working people to join labor unions to enable them to achieve.

Catholic employers, bishops, nuns and laymen have refused to put into practice the urging of four social encyclicals to recognize the moral and legal right of their employees to join a union.

Of course, all employers claim to be benevolent. But the question is not merely whether or not the employees' wages and working conditions are satisfactory. Unless employees are free to negotiate as equals with their employers about their wages and working conditions under the terms of a written contract, with a union to protect their rights against unfairness, discrimination and the constant threat of conforming to the arbitrary dictates of an employer or being fired, the workers are denied their right to be treated with the dignity of being free and equal citizens and human beings.

It is about time that Catholics act as Catholics in the market place as well as in church, so that they may be distinguished from atheists.

Eighty years after the first social encyclical, we finally see the bishops condemn the anti-union activities of the J.P. Stevens Co., the Farah Co. and the lettuce and grape growers in California.

But some bishops have fought the right of teachers in their parochial schools to form a union.

Just as we have the spectacle of the Catholic administration at the Mercy Rehabilitation Home for the Aged in Auburn, vigorously fighting the desire of its employees to join a union.

If we are not to act as hypocrites, it is our duty as Catholics to condemn the anti-union activities of the Mercy Rehabilitation Home and to urge its employees to

vote for the union in the July 5 election if they desire to improve their working conditions and be able to bargain on equal terms and assert their dignity as human beings.

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### Why Not Try CHD?

Editor

Father Robinson's article in the Courier-Journal May 23, 1979, made me revert back to a childhood nursery rhyme. "Ring around the rosey - a pocketful of poseys - ashes, ashes, all fall down".

I think that I was the only one in the ring that refused to fall because I didn't want to get my dress dirty. So I cheated and always stood although I wanted to participate in this game.

As I've reached adulthood I find the game still is played and the participant still goes around in circles, and whether you fall or keep standing is our own choice.

I read the article with mixed feelings because I am one of a Black minority that work on Steuben Task Force and sit on the Executive Board for the Campaign for Human Development.

I am non-Catholic but chose to sit on this Board because I saw a chance to help eliminate some of the poverty problems that exist.

The term poverty applies not only to those who lack financial resources, but also to those who find themselves powerless in the face of institutional structures which limit access to a decent life.

Every year, through the Campaign for Human Development there is money for Local and National funding through proposals.

I am appalled because of the few proposals that come in. Surely these parishes are not telling me there is no need for this project. No poverty groups that would come under the CHD guidelines?

It is indeed hard for me to believe this, when every day I see and talk to people, knowing that this money could be utilized for such a proposal.

Why aren't the parishes utilizing Promotion Week (usually one week before Thanksgiving) to tell the people?

Have you, Father Robinson, utilized CHD in disseminating this information to the poverty groups?

What about the leaders of the Church, are they aware of Campaign for Human Development?

The Office of Human Development even offers assistance to the people that do not have the expertise of writing proposals pertaining to the criteria and guidelines for funding. Due to limited financial resources, CHD is not able to fund all applicants.

I'm willing to bet that many happy faces shine through the awarding of the CHD monies.

I'm only sorry that Father Robinson never experienced this joyful moment, relished by all awarded proposals, that all levels of the Diocese participated in. Then you could leave with a happy heart knowing that there is something positive and concrete that comes from the Campaign for Human Development if you only have the initiative to reach out.

Ring around the rosey, pocket full of poseys, ashes, ashes.

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### Day Camp Accepting Registrations

Camp Silver Birch, the day camp run by the Sisters of Mercy for boys and girls five to ten years old, is now accepting registrations for its summer program.

The camp is operated on the grounds of Mercy High School on Blossom Road, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 9 to Aug. 3. Campers may enroll by the week, Sister Sheila Stevenson, director said.

She said that the program offers Red Cross Water Safety training, sports, games, hikes, picnics, and arts and crafts in "a Christian atmosphere where children can grow and share with each other the fun and excitement of a childhood summer."

### Nomination For Nobel

Editor:

The recent announcement by Menahem Begin of Israel, nominating President Carter for the Nobel Peace Prize, surprised us and caused us consternation because, for the last six months, our committee and others around the world have been laboring for the nomination of Bishop Oscar Romero of the San Salvador diocese, in Central America.

Living in a country with only one-seventh the population of New York State, we know what it feels like to have to survive in a world of superpowers that manipulate noble projects like the Nobel Peace Prize.

Therefore we appeal to those who also feel overwhelmed by the dominance of a system that pays scant attention to the out-of-the-way Christian, to send their letters nominating Bishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero to:

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