

**Editorials**

**Andrew Young**

The Andrew Young case presents a strange set of problems that could only exist in our post-Watergate situation.

While the principal issue — Israel and the Palestinian question — is of paramount importance, the underlying dynamics of his single-handed sortie has overshadowed even that problem.

Most would probably agree that in a world often mired in apathy or unsolvable dilemmas, what is needed is a little ingenuity, a person willing to make a bold move, the ingredients that constitute what has become known as a stroke of genius.

That, giving him the benefit of the doubt, is what Andrew Young hoped to do by his meeting with the

Palestine Liberation people. If, by some chance, he had been able to reduce tension in the Mideast, or even move the parties involved to begin to resolve their sticky dispute, he would have been hailed in the same way we cheered Begin and Sadat when they agreed to shake hands instead of fists.

But Young went a step too far and by denying the meeting took place deliberately misled the President, the State Department and the American people. This was his big error for we no longer will tolerate dishonesty on the part of government officials, no matter what the stake.

Andrew Young should have realized this. But even more he, and everyone else involved in any plateau of politics in 1979 America, should know that restoring the American people's faith in government is probably their prime responsibility.

For until we have complete and unquestioning trust in our government, it will be ineffective in solving any problems, whether in the Middle East or down home.

**Mary's Birthday**

We think Brother Augustine, a Third Order Franciscan, has a good idea. For a few years he has been celebrating the birthday of Our Lady, Sept. 8.

He not only has concocted such dishes as Our Lady's Ice Cream and Our Lady's Birthday Cake but has become something of a one-man promotion service of the idea of observing the birthday in a fresh manner of celebration.

He sends out material in the mail noting the day and urging, "Celebrate Our Lady's birthday Sept. 8 with a cake, Mass and rosary."

The idea should catch on. It is a natural for family get-togethers and should provide the occasion for some earnest discussion of Our Lady, who happens to be the patroness of our country.

**Special Series On Channel 21**

Editor:

Naturally, it was of great interest to me to note the dialogue in recent issues of the Courier between Father Cuddy and Father Brown (director of Religious Education) on the use of the media in our diocese.

Our recent experience with the series Free to Be Me by the popular speaker and writer Father John Powell is an example of the power of the media and the readiness and hunger of people for programs that inspire and nourish them in their daily journey. Both our office and Channel 21 received numerous telephone calls from people who were touched by the series. Such a response was impressive to the directors of Channel 21 who immediately decided to re-run the series during prime time, Sept. 5, 12, 19 at 8 p.m. We are delighted that those who enjoyed it so much the first time can see it again and that those who missed it will be able to share the experience that has meant so much to so many.

For those who would like to view it with family and friends or form discussion groups in the neighborhood, transcripts and discussion guides are available from the Office of Religious Education (328-3210). I would like to thank all those who called Channel 21, making this second showing possible. It is this kind of interest and support that will make future projects of this kind possible.

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**Taiwan Viewpoint**

Editor:

Re the letter of Aug. 15 from L. G. Strombeck of Owego on Taiwan control. I would like to answer his remarks with a quote from Rep. Hansen (R-Idaho) when he testified on his trip, according to the March 15, 1979, Congressional Record, E1149.

"We are all privy to the stories going around that there is a layered effect where the Kuomintang has imposed itself over the Taiwanese people, and there is hostility and some kind of effort to resist and throw them out at some



**Foul Called**

Editor:

My good friend and senior patriarch, Father G. Stuart Hogan, will not take it amiss if I, a junior patriarch by five years, take him to task for so totally condemning Father Andrew Greeley in a letter to the Courier-Journal Aug. 15.

I, too, have disagreed and do disagree with Father Greeley on several matters. But I've also read much of his with which I concur, and admire for the skillful, trenchant way he puts it. So I must call a foul as I see it, when Father Hogan states that Father Greeley's "writings have no value at all. They are not worth the paper they are printed on."

This is too absolute. Father Greeley has written much of great value, well worth the paper to print it. But he seems to adulterate his good with ideas and opinions that are quirky and off-center. These it pains me to see, like chaff among the wheat. Father G. might defend them as probing to construct a road for theology in the congested traffic of today's life. To that I would say: "Then post a sign for the public: ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION: PROCEED AT YOUR OWN RISK."

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**No 'Father'**

Editor:

If you listened to the Donahue-Greeley TV show,

opportune time. I might say I think this is really exaggerated. I could not say there are not some Taiwanese who maybe would like some kind of independent status, but I can say that is certainly not the general case from my observations. In fact, I find that both parties have been there together long enough that there is a considerable amount of intermarriage and some of the highest officials of the Republic of China are Taiwanese, as are some of the most influential people in the business community

**Greeley Has Readers Writin'**

you have the prime reason why you should no longer print editorials, opinions or anything else which he is responsible for. It was obvious from this program that his apparent non-belief in many precepts of the Church, in things for which our religion stands, and in the Pope's pronouncements which he considers suggestions not mandates, does not qualify him to speak for the Catholic faith. Indeed it does not even entitle him to the title "Father," follower of Christ.

He does not deem the honor and respect which is usually bestowed upon those wearing the Roman collar, since he does not espouse good Catholic doctrine. Indeed without this symbol of religious dignity, he would find it difficult to be heard at all.

In accordance with one of our good local precepts, Father Greeley should be trying to emulate St. Francis in sowing faith where there may be doubt, rather than the reverse which he is doing, sowing doubt where there is faith.

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**'Mud Slings'**

Editor:

Courier-Journal readers have been reminded all too often of the publication's editorial policies. But after reading Father Stuart Hogan's mud slings in the Aug. 15 issue, I really

and so forth. I would think that someone is playing a game to try to bring down the Republic of China, and it is predicated on an accurate premise."

As a member of the American Friends of Taiwan here in Rochester, I have spoken to several Taiwanese students who have assured me there is no major division among the people. As for political freedom, Freedom House rated the Republic of China 42 while the People's Republic of China was rated only 17 (the higher number

wonder if this newspaper indeed "reserves the right" to edit ... offensive words (and) libelous statements regarding Father Andrew Greeley.

Rather than following Father Hogan's poor example, I will pose my opinion in the form of a series of questions addressed to both Father Hogan and the Courier staff.

Does Father Greeley have a right to an opinion?

If Stuart Hogan did not wear a Roman collar would his opinions have been printed?

If Father Greeley was a Holy Cross priest and a Notre Dame graduate, rather than a Jesuit priest and a Georgetown graduate, would Father Hogan trust his opinions?

If Father Greeley's opinions are unacceptable, is there an alternative course which Father Hogan dares to communicate?

If the Courier believes an opinion mixing Planned Parenthood, the feast of Corpus Christi and Father Greeley's words constitutes coherent exposition, does that allow everyone to mix apples, bananas and cherries when they speak their mind?

If true believers need only follow Rome, why isn't the Courier-Journal merely a series of reprinted papal edicts?

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Editor's Note: Father Greeley is not an order priest.

indicates more freedom). If anything, the World United Formosans for Independence have adopted terrorist tactics in mailing letter bombs to eight Taiwan officials.

Taiwan next to Japan is one of the best industrialized countries in the Pacific. Its accomplishments in trade and morale of the people could not have come about under an oppressive government such as Communist Red China.

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**Traditional Hymns Needed**

Editor:

While vacationing in Cape Vincent, we attended Sunday Mass at the beautiful Catholic church there, St. Vincent's. It boasted beautiful, life-size statue of Our Lady of Lourdes and one of the nicest statues of St. Joseph and the child Jesus I have ever seen. Both statues were in full lifelike color.

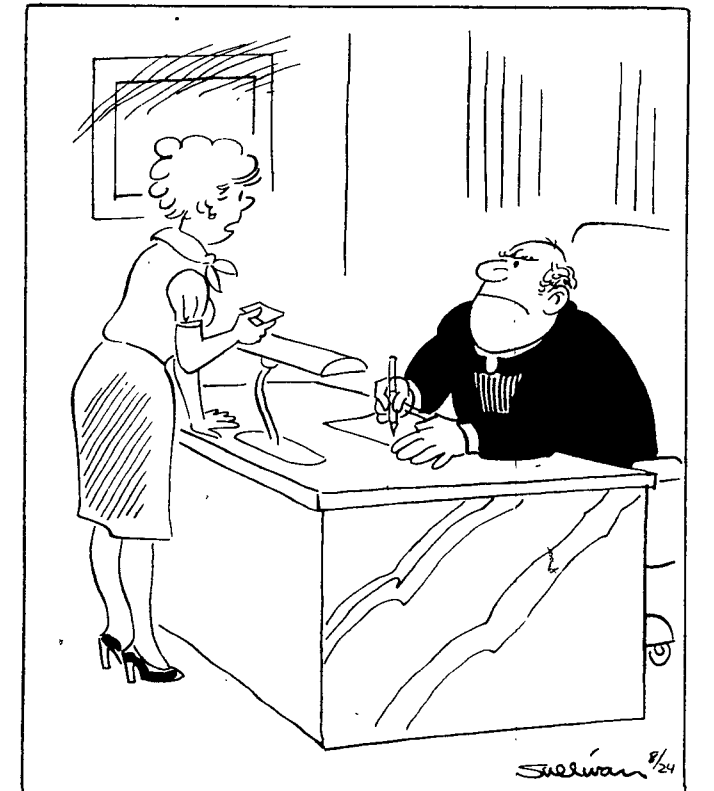
Not only were the two hymns, Mother Dearest, Mother Fair and On This Day, Oh Beautiful Mother, in the hymnal, but we sang them both. Apparently the guilt and embarrassment we are made to feel at loving

Our Lady as our Queen and Mother is not universal in the Church — even in our own state.

There is a book called Our Lady Speaks to Her Beloved Priests. In it she is speaking to all priests through the one intermediary priest. One of the things that she says is, "Theological discussions are not for you. I want to be loved by you with a filial love."

So many of the beautiful devotional hymns to Our Lord and Our Lady have been abandoned, at least in the Rochester diocese, in favor of modern secular type music. What a terrible loss for us all.

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"WHAT SHALL I TELL THIS HOT-TUB SALESMAN?"

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