



Ugandan Bishop Visits

Bishop Adrian K. Ddungu of Masaka, Uganda, visited Father Joseph Reinhart Thursday at the Propagation of the Faith office on East Avenue. Here, he meets Lourdes Perez-Albuerne, coordinator of the International Justice and Peace Commission. With him, at right, is his U.S. representative, Father Michael L. Mugerwa, who noted that the Masaka diocese included "the first and worst battleground during the war between Amin's and Tanzanian and Uganda exile forces." Bishop Ddungu is visiting bishops and mission directors around the country to talk about problems the Church faces in East Africa. He is president of the Uganda Episcopal Conference.

More Opinions

Comments On Media

Editor:

Father Cuddy's column of Aug. 1 was, as usual, a delight. The account of his ramblings through the diocese fulfilling his priestly duties brightened the day.

It is reassuring to read Father's comments on radio programming. Few of us realize the power of the media. Bishop Andre-Marie Deskur, in 1977 as president of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications, also pointed out: "The individual Catholic cannot build his awareness on a 10-minute homily each week, while being exposed to 50 hours a week from other communications media."

It would seem that in addition to the uplifting Rosary for Peace and Magnify the Lord programs there is need for meeting the problems of today with the guidance of Catholic experts in the many areas of daily concern. Many Catholics are turning to Christian Broadcasting programs. These daily programs, splendid as they are in giving specific direction to despondent parents whose children are addicted to drugs, the pregnant teenager, pornography, etc., are not always from the Catholic viewpoint.

More than 150 stations carry the Catholic Views Broadcasts weekly radio program called Views of the News, which is supplied free by recording, free of charge. Every major city in New York State carries this national voice of Catholic views, except Rochester. Each week this program presents an expert in fields like moral breakdown, attack on the family, anti-Catholic bias, abortion, drugs, crime, education, atheistic communism and sexual ethics.

The interviews with Father Morton Hill, president of Morality in Media, are very popular. There has been great response to the guest appearances of Dr. William Marra, education professor at Fordham University. Dr. Marra puts into clear focus

problems in education. Father Kenneth Baker, editor of Pastoral and Homiletic Review, produces the program. He frequently discusses world issues and is considered an expert on the turmoil in North Ireland. These are just a few - the list of those on the program is impressive.

Father Kenneth Baker stated: "Something had to be done to oppose the anti-life, anti-Catholic, anti-American and anti-family propaganda. That is why we established Catholic Views Broadcasts."

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Death Penalty Disapproved

Editor:

I would like to comment on a few past letters favoring the death penalty. First, I will supply you with some quotes I have taken from the U.S. Catholic magazine of August 1977, in a column titled, "Should We Kill Killers?" Capital punishment "is a violent smokescreen for not creatively addressing violence and crime. I personally believe that capital punishment is directly contrary to the divine commandment to love all persons and attacks the intrinsic value and sacredness of all human life." (Bishop Walter Sullivan, Richmond, Va.) Archbishop Ignatius Strecker of Kansas City says: "What reasons can be put forward in favor of violent death by execution? Revenge and retaliation? God forbid. Justice? Is justice served by the violent taking of a human life because someone has violently taken the life of another? A lesson to the public? Is there any merit in killing people who kill people to prove that killing people is wrong?"

Bishop Joseph Vath of Birmingham, Ala., says: "Any effort to advance respect for life by opposing the death penalty is very consistent with Church teaching."

I am a junior at Aquinas Institute and I believe the intelligent bishops have put

it so perfectly that I have no other comment to add except that I agree with them totally, and the last quote by the widely-known Father Andrew Greeley, who says, "My instincts are against capital punishment, but I'm inclined to think we will never get it effectively banned until the present monumental crime and violence problem in our cities is resolved."

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'U.S. Leads In Warheads'

Editor:

Re my recent letter in the Courier-Journal.

Mr. Robert Bart claims that I was wrong about the U.S. having twice as many nuclear missiles as the Soviet Union. The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists (May 1978, Pp. 12-13) states that current U.S. warheads amounted to over 11,894 compared with 4,398 for the U.S.S.R.. The editor of the same bulletin (February 1978, Page 8) said, "It is demonstrably clear that ... the American nuclear arsenal is today larger, more versatile, more lethal and less vulnerable to a pre-emptive first strike than that of the Russians."

David Podgorski mentions "the blessing which God has bestowed upon us as a nation." How about the "blessing" experienced by Native Americans when murdered, robbed of their lands and herded onto reservations? Or the "blessing" of slavery for Black Americans (nine U.S. presidents were slave-owners).

In the Progressive magazine, May 1978, Page 16, aerospace engineer Robert C. Aldridge, a 16-year veteran of strategic weapons programs, said, "The first-strike concept pervades the Pentagon's strategic planning."

This should not only alarm us, we have a right to be very angry, for it is our tax dollars supporting this reckless business and our lives that are putting in danger.

Danger of nuclear

Corning Parish's History Orders Being Taken

The frequently cited and often hailed history of St. Mary's Church in Corning by Father Robert F. McNamara, the diocesan archivist-historian, may shortly be re-issued if enough subscribers have ordered pre-paid copies by Oct. 15.

The original text, A Century of Grace, St. Mary's Church, Corning, New York, 1848-1948, was originally published by the Corning parish in 1948 and has served

as a standard work of reference on the history of the area for subsequent writers, most notably Thomas P. Dimitroff and Lois S. Janes, authors of History of the Corning-Painted Post Area.

A Century of Grace has long been out of print and is today a collector's item. Father McNamara's work is based on nearly a decade of researching both church and community resources. On its publication, John Tracy Ellis,

dean of American Catholic historians, hailed the work as "A first-class centennial story of a northern New York parish.."

Persons wishing to purchase the re-issued volume have been asked to send \$12 plus \$1 mailing charge to Century of Grace, St. Mary's Church, 155 State St., Corning, N.Y. 14830. Should the publication be under-subscribed, funds will be returned to the subscribers.

Reunion

The 1949 graduating class from St. Ambrose Grammar School is planning a reunion for Oct. 6, at the Americana Townhouse, 1325 Mt. Hope Ave., beginning at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing further information should contact Marian Krakowski Hayes at 621-3288.

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