

Communism: 'A Malignant Tumor'

By Michael Groden

Eleanor Schlafly, executive director of the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation, told a well attended conference last weekend that communism and atheism go hand in hand.

Schlafly, during a speech at the Holiday Inn downtown, also charged that communist propaganda has seeped into a large number of publications, including Maryknoll Magazine, a mission magazine published by the Maryknoll Fathers.

Her presentation was part of a day-long workshop dealing with communism and the present danger to faith, family and country.

She accused a former editor of the magazine of supporting communism, and said that he is now part of a five-man regime which heads up the government of Nicaragua.

Schlafly also charged that pro-feminist forces, rock music and television, among

other things, all contribute to communist propaganda.

The press was also criticized for "a conspiracy of silence" in regard to communist activities in the world; Schlafly said that the press covered the Vietnam War "minutely," including all the "communist victories," but never did the press cover communist atrocities against the civilians in Vietnam.

She also said that there were "thousands of reporters" who covered the recent political conventions "but not one" reporting the work done for the refugees in Cambodia and Thailand.

Schlafly also warned those who attended not to buy any of the 35 best selling women's magazines, including Seventeen, Cosmopolitan and Redbook. The magazines are "filthy," Schlafly said. "They promote promiscuity, downgrade marriage and are selling atheism," she said.

She pointed out one particular September issue of Cosmopolitan that contained a sex survey. She said that it seemed to be perfect timing

for for the survey to appear just when young women are returning to school.

Communism, Schlafly said, cannot exist with religious belief. Those that promote communism must also promote atheism in order for the political system to take hold. She said that communism is not simply a political philosophy, but an entire life style that encompasses every aspect of living.

She finished her presentation by reminding the audience that the system of communism began in 1917, the same year Our Lady appeared to the children of Fatima. She said that by being more aware of the signs of communism and by daily prayer the threat of communism will cease to exist.

Quinn

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said, however, was quite clear. He accepted the teaching of "Humanae Vitae." But he also quoted Pope Paul VI, who commented about two weeks after the encyclical was issued, "This is an immense field to which the Magisterium of the Church could and perhaps should return with a fuller, more organic and more synthetic exposition. Archbishop Quinn said, "Now is the time to do this."

The San Francisco prelate, who is president of the U.S. bishops conference, is one of five American delegates to the synod.

The American bishops came to the synod fully committed to upholding "Humanae Vitae," but well aware of the problems it is causing, Archbishop Quinn said. He cited statistics indicating that 76.5 percent of American Catholic women use contraceptive devices and that only 29 percent of American priests believe that artificial contraception is intrinsically immoral. He noted that many theologians dissent from the Church's official teaching on the matter.

Archbishop Quinn proposed a dialogue between the Holy See and theologians on the issue, based on a proving of the Church's teaching, not its rejection, and on a clear recognition that both are the moral as well as the doctrinal teaching of the Church is capable of development.

And another American representative, Cardinal

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Washington (RNS) — Bowing to public pressure, the U.S. bishops' liturgy committee has withdrawn its proposal to cut down the number of holy days of obligation when Catholics must attend Mass.

Archbishop Rembert C. Weakland of Milwaukee, its chairman, said the committee for the time being has withdrawn the recommendations which were to have gone on the November agenda for the annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The action came after numerous opinion polls, taken around the country, brought in an avalanche of votes from Catholics anxious that their church retain the present seven holy days.

Terence Cooke of New York, charging that any nation that legalizes abortion is bankrupting its future, called for a church campaign to abolish "the horror."

Urging the church to begin an educational initiative to direct attention to "the horror of abortion and its tragic dehumanizing effects," the cardinal said the world's Catholic bishops should inaugurate a "program of social action" in countries where abortion is legal "to protect unborn children and restore respect for life at every stage of its existence."



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