

People and Events Of the World and Nation

Cardinal Supports High Court Review Of Child Porn Issue

New York (RNS) — Cardinal Terence Cooke has voiced support for a U.S. Supreme Court review of the New York Court of Appeals ruling that struck down the state's law against child pornography.

The cardinal spoke at a news conference at Covenant House, the church refuge for teenage runaways near Times Square.

"The care of children is a sacred trust and should not be abused by those who seek to profit through a commercial network based upon the exploitation of children," he said.

The state court ruled 5-2, May 12 that it was unconstitutional to ban the use of children in sexually explicit movies, shows and photos unless the material was declared legally obscene, according to prevailing community standards.

Robert Morgenthau, Manhattan district attorney, has appealed to the Supreme Court to review the decision.

Chinese Catholics Rebuff Pope For 'Interference'

Peking (RNS) — Chinese Catholic leaders have rejected a move by Pope John Paul II to name an archbishop for Canton as interference in the affairs of the Chinese Church.

In what was at first seen as a sign of warming relations between the Vatican and China, the pope elevated Chinese Jesuit Bishop Dominic Tang, 73, to archbishop of Canton. The bishop was released in June of 1980 after 22 years in a Chinese prison on charges of being a counterrevolutionary.

Shortly after his release, the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association named him bishop of Canton. The association was set up by the Communists after the 1949 takeover of mainland China.

Vatican sources had indicated that Bishop Tang would not have been named archbishop without the tacit approval of Chinese authorities.

However, in a joint statement released here June 11, the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association, the Chinese Catholic College of Bishops and the National Administrative Commission of the Chinese Catholic Church said, "The Holy See's move rudely interferes in the sovereign affairs of the Chinese Church. This cannot be tolerated."

Names Make News

Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, has been honored by the National Interfaith Coalition on Aging for his "outstanding service to the elderly." Dr. Fleming, a United Methodist layman and former president of the National Council of Churches, served as commissioner on aging under Presidents Nixon and Ford.

In Chicago, Richard A. Ritter has been named vice president of the Catholic Extension Society, the first layman to hold that post. The society, founded in 1905, raises funds to construct church buildings and pay priests' salaries.

U.S. Formula Vote Causes Little Stir Among Lawmakers

Washington (RNS) — While it outraged many people, the recent U.S. vote against a World Health Organization code on infant formula marketing in the Third World has caused little stir in Congress.

Since the vote, several lawmakers have tried to establish for the record just how the U.S. policy was decided and whether it can be reversed.

Chairman Clarence D. Long of the House Appropriations subcommittee agreed to schedule testimony from two former Agency for International Development officials who resigned to protest the U.S. vote.

But Long says he buys the administration position that the United States could not have supported a world health code which it could not have enforced because of the right to free speech.

Code proponents say that the infant formula ads have persuaded some mothers not to breastfeed despite higher Third World risk of infection due to poor sanitary conditions. Ads depicting healthy, happy babies make these mothers think their own milk is not good enough for their children, critics contend.

Long, a Democrat, argued that if the code were implemented in the United States, infant formula advertising would be banned. "We can't stop all the false or misleading advertising in this country, or we probably wouldn't have any advertising."

Church Relief Units Protest U.S. Holdup On Viet Food

New York (RNS) — A group of American disaster relief agencies has protested the Reagan administration's action to prevent a church-sponsored food shipment to Vietnam.

Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and non-sectarian relief agencies charged the administration with using food as a diplomatic lever at the expense of malnourished children.

They were responding to a Commerce Department decision to deny the Mennonite Central Committee the necessary export license for a shipment of 250 metric tons of wheat flour.

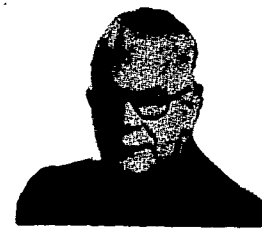
The flour, donated by Kansas wheat farmers, was intended to help combat malnutrition in Vietnam which has most severely affected children.

Archie M. Andrews of the Commerce Department rejected the Mennonites' license application on the grounds that the Vietnamese government could relieve the food shortage by abandoning its military occupation of neighboring Cambodia.

A.C. Lobe of the Mennonites' Asia office told Andrews in a letter that the ruling inhibited the committee's Christian obligation "to respond to situations of human need regardless of political circumstances and consequences . . ."

Others signing the letter were representatives of the American Friends Service Committee, the Catholic Relief Services, Lutheran World Relief, Church World Service, the YMCA, Baptist World Alliance, OXFAM-America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and Operation California.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Tour, Finale

Our May 11-21 Ireland tour ended with three days in Dublin. We stayed at the historic Gresham Hotel on O'Connell Street, Dublin's wide main street in the heart of the city. It is a stone's throw from the Post Office where the 1916 fight for freedom began. It is within walking distance of the Abbey Theatre, Veritas book store, the Pro-Cathedral and Clery's Department Store. It is near Trinity College and Stephen's Green park. Our experiences included these.

Jury's Hotel Cabaret: with Irish music including five harps (instrumental harps; not personal), Irish dancers and the famous Hal Roach who looks like Woody Allen and has the best humor I know, and all clean. Such a contrast to the Burlington Hotel Cabaret which we attended last year, which was most offensive, with cheap, suggestive shots, including a dirty joke about the confessional. In arranging this May tour, I sent word to Mr. Neil Gribben, our excellent tour operator in Dublin: "No Burlington please. The hotel is nice but the cabaret is cheap and offensive." He gave us Hal Roach as a fine substitute.

University Church: Established by Cardinal John Henry Newman during the years 1854-59, trying to establish the Catholic University of Dublin to equal Louvain and Oxford. The Irish bishops who invited him left him hanging, so he finally returned to Birmingham, England. A bonus to the world for his five frustrating years are his Dublin lectures, published as "Idea of a University Defined" and the beautiful University Church off Stephen's Green. I explained to the group the significance of Newman and then we recited a decade of the rosary for his canonization.

Bewley's Coffee Shop on Grafton Street has the best coffee in Ireland. It is not a place of elegance but has wooden tables seating four, and you can plop at one and engage another in conversation. I said to a beautiful 19-year-old girl in the cafeteria line next to me: "I'll buy your coffee if you will talk with me." "I'll be glad to talk with you, but I'll buy my own coffee." So we sat. She is from Belfast, does clerical work, and has her degree from Maynooth Seminary, which has a long history of training men for the priesthood, but is now open to the laity. "Who goes there?" "Any lay person and many Sisters." "What are Irish Sisters like?" "They're terrible. I attended a convent school for nine years, but thank God I could go home weekends." "What's the matter with the Sisters?" "Father, some beautiful girls enter the novitiate, and for the first two years all they talk about is God and Our Blessed Mother. But when the third year comes, all they talk about is Reverend Mother, who takes the place of God."

watched by more than half of Ireland. It's a parochial show combining features similar to the shows of the late Major Bowes and Ed Sullivan, spiced with controversialists like Phil Donahue and David Allen. The night we watched it opened with a five-minute skit by Hal Roach. Then a seven-year-old handicapped child was presented with an electric cart he could ride in, donated from a collection made from the little boy's neighbors. Gay beamed paternally; "And Sean just made his First Communion last Sunday."

Then a series of musical scores by the Tolle Tone quintet. Also there was a CIE (Irish Transport) worker who was retiring at 65 but who was also a comedian. He recalled the strict moral standards for comedy in 1937.

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MATINEE MOVIE
"The Overlanders," 1:30 p.m., Thursday, June 25, George Eastman House, 900

East Ave.
CLASSIC FILMS — "The Pajama Game," 2 and 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, Rochester Museum & Science Center, 657 East Ave., free with museum admission.

BAND CONCERT — Monroe County Parks Band, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sunday, June 28, Gates-Chili Senior High School.

NOONTIME CONCERT — Rochester Telephone concert, Chick Edmonds Big Band, noon, Friday, June 26, Cornerstone Park.

JAZZ RECITAL — Eastman School of Music Jazz Faculty Recital, 8 p.m., Thursday, June 25, Gene Bertocini, guitar, Mike Moore, double bass, Kilbourn Hall, free.

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