

# People and Events Of the World and Nation

## IRA Hunger Strikes Foster 'Mass of Evil,' Catholic Bishops Say

Dublin, Ireland (RNS) — Voicing concern over "the serious and deteriorating situation in Northern Ireland," Ireland's Roman Catholic bishops have called on Irish Republican Army hunger strikers "to reflect deeply on the evil of their actions and their consequences."

In a statement issued after a meeting at Maynooth College, north of Dublin, the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference said: "The contempt for human life, the incitement to revenge, the exploitation of the hunger strikes to further a campaign of murder, the intimidation of the innocent, the initiation of children into violence, all this constitutes an appalling mass of evil."

Referring to the immediate root of the troubles in Northern Ireland — longstanding discrimination against the Catholic minority in the Protestant-dominated British province — the bishops said they were not unmindful of the injustice over the years "which created a climate for easy recruitment by paramilitary organizations."

The bishops urged the British authorities not to "cause or condone or tolerate conditions which give excuse or pretext to men of violence."

## Pill Co-Developer Regrets Freedom It Has Given Youths

Shrewsbury, Mass (RNS) — The co-developer of the birth control pill says his

invention has given too much sexual freedom to youth.

"The sexual revolution — we were not interested in that," said Dr. Min-Chung Chang, who invented the pill with Dr. Gregory Pincus at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology.

"The oral contraceptive was made merely for the population explosion," he said. "Around 1950, we began to realize there were too many people in the world, and we worked on the oral contraceptive for population control rather than so that young people could have a good time. But everything has its side effects."

"I personally feel the pill has rather spoiled young people," he said. "It's made them more permissive."

## WHO Formula Vote Assailed in Congress By Large Majorities

Washington (RNS) — Large majorities of the House and Senate voted for resolutions criticizing President Reagan for opposing a World Health Organization restricting promotion of infant formula in the Third World.

The United States cast the lone vote against the code when it was adopted, 118-1, on May 21 in Geneva. The House vote criticizing the U.S. stand was 301-100 and the Senate 89-2.

Both resolutions sought administration cooperation with other nations in implementing the code, as well as formula industry compliance with the code's voluntary guidelines.

## CCGEB Board Affirms Action

Elmira — Following up on its June board meeting, the Chemung County General Education Board (CCGEB) met in executive session June 29 to consider a motion concerning staffing levels at St. Patrick's Junior High.

No motion had been offered at the June meeting following a discussion of a reduction of staff to reflect the drop in enrollment. The lack of action was interpreted as giving the decision to Martin Tracy, board president. But confusion as to what had been concluded led to the special meeting being called.

Tracy later reported that following further discussion, the board approved, by a six to one vote, a motion affirming the decision he had

made, that Sister Patricia Carroll, St. Patrick's principal, be asked to reduce her staff by one teacher and one aide, without altering the school's academic program.

Due to resignations, no teacher will be laid off as a result of the action. Tracy emphasized that the board's action to reduce staff does not alter the school's program.

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## Guild Seats New Officers

Rose Pilato, the founding president of the St. Joseph's Villa Guild, the 130-member association dedicated to the children at St. Joseph's Villa, ceded her role as president to Patricia Arcaese during a recent luncheon and installation of officers for the 1981-82 program year of the guild.

Mrs. Pilato was given a plaque recognizing her service for the past two years, and Sister Judith McKay, SSJ, executive director of the villa, spoke of her achievements.

Others installed during the event are Marion Spezio, first vice president; Lucille Zicari, second vice president; Virginia Gagliano, recording secretary; Frances Pataky, corresponding secretary; and Maryanne Abasciano, treasurer. Chairman of the luncheon was Yolanda Ingrassia.

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## Sarah Child



All in the Family

## Mellow Moments

Two of the boys and I have gone to camp. With 17 of us in one house, large though it may be, the mood turns frantic very early in the day.

My sisters and I have converged upon our parents, and since the menage includes five teenagers, a vacation mentality prevails from sunup to sunup. Some of us, it appears, need a respite.

My nephews Sam, 9, and Joshua, 6, are going crayfishing. I am going along to supervise and daydream and take in the solitude of 40 mostly wooded acres.

The woods are dense, cool and fragrant on this 90-ish day, the valley floor thick with fern, moss, wintergreen and some tiny flowers I cannot identify.

The dog wanders past and I murmur a greeting. "Having fun Superdog?"

Josh hears me and splashes through the water to my side. He looks at Clem and then at me. "My dog can fly," he says.

"No kidding? Maybe he'll teach Clem how."

He is thoughtful, only a very tiny twinkle in the eye to indicate he is teasing. "No, I think it is something every dog has to teach himself."

"You're probably right," I

say and roil the water with a little toe-action.

Josh heads back toward the middle of the stream where Sam is having an inordinate amount of luck, turns before he gets there and yells over to me: "Actually, Albert (his dog) probably was born knowing how."

An hour later, damp, muddy and pleased with ourselves, we head back to the camp, to build a dam for the crayfish.

"Anybody want a sandwich?" I ask a little later.

Sam yells up from his dam site. "You go fix them and we'll eat them." It seems a fair enough deal. And I go do as I'm bid.

The boys wear old sneakers and swim trunks and carry a galvanized pail

and are immediately at home in the shallow, swiftly flowing waters of Marvin Creek (pronounced crick.)

Clementine, the dog, takes longer to get in the water, preferring instead to chew on sour grass, plough through the mud bar and chase a butterfly.

I wade through the creek to the opposite side, find a fairly wide stone to sit on and tug on it until I get it to the water's edge. Just then Sam appears with his bucket and pours water all over it.

"There, Aunt T.," he says proudly. "It's clean, now you can sit on it." It's also wet, I thank him and pull over a thick tree limb and sit down quickly before he can dampen it, and stick my feet in the water.

I sit for a long time like this, listening to the boys' excited chatter as they capture crayfish after crayfish. The running stream hidden by tall grasses, reflecting the sun and blue sky above, seems as close to heaven as any spot on this earth.

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