

# People and Events Of the World and Nation

## Peace Activists Differ with Cooke On Nuke Morality

New York (RNS) — Catholics active in the peace movement in this area disagreed sharply with their archbishop's recent advice to military chaplains that nuclear deterrence can be "morally tolerated if a nation is sincerely trying to come up with a rational alternative."

The critics, in a 1,000-word statement, charged that views expressed by Cardinal Terence Cooke on the producing or handling of nuclear weapons were "clearly contradicted by the developing position of his fellow bishops" on nuclear warfare.

The text was drafted under the supervision of Father Paul Dinter, chaplain at Columbia University. Three other priests signed: Father Richard Dillon, a professor at the archdiocesan seminary in Yonkers; Father Robert Ritchie, director of the archdiocesan Catholic Youth Organization; and Father Patrick Carroll, administrator at a Bronx parish.

## Social Security Bill Includes Exception For the Religious

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — Congress has restored a \$122-a-month minimum Social Security benefit for those getting it through the end of 1981, but beginning in January, only members of religious orders who have taken vows of poverty can qualify.

In a legislative push to adjourn before the holidays, both the House and Senate voted overwhelmingly to restore the benefit that had been axed in an earlier round of budget cuts in an effort to shore up the financially ailing Social Security System.

The fight by Democrats in both chambers to restore the benefit for all present and future retirees, used as an early focus the plight of members of religious orders and others who, for religious reasons, have taken vows of poverty.

## Israeli Maneuver Called 'Disturbing' By Vatican Radio

While the Vatican charged Israel with introducing "tension" into the Middle East by annexing the Golan Heights, a major American Jewish group held that the blame for the problem should be placed with Syria.

The Dec. 14 resolution of annexation by Israel's Knesset surprised the United States. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger called the move "provocative" and "destabilizing," and the United States supported a U.N. Security Council resolution that demanded that Israel rescind the action "forthwith."

A statement broadcast on Vatican Radio charged that Israel had introduced into the Middle East "a new factor of perturbation and tension," and maintained that "the very side which most proclaimed its desire to safeguard and bring to conclusion the Camp David process sets next to it an element which cannot help but be, even in the best of cases, disturbing and obstructing."

However, Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, did not see it that way.

Squadron maintained that since Syria has repeatedly proclaimed that it will never recognize the existence of Israel, that country "has no right to expect Israel to wait hopefully and eternally for a change of heart for a metamorphosis from rejecting peace to embracing peace." Squadron also warned that any punitive action against Israel "will encourage further sabotage of the Camp David peace process by Syria and its mentor, the Soviet Union."

## Vatican to Decide On Marriage Appeal Of Governor Carey

Albany (RNS) — The Vatican's international marriage tribunal is going to rule on the request of Gov. Hugh Carey and his Greek-born bride to have their union regularized in the Roman Catholic Church.

The Albany Diocesan Tribunal announced the charge of jurisdiction for Evangelina Gouletas-Carey's petition to have her three previous marriages declared null so that her new marriage to the New York governor can be recognized. Carey, 62, a widower, has been unable to receive the sacraments in the Roman Catholic Church since his marriage to the 45-year-old Chicago businesswoman last April 11 in a Greek Orthodox service.

Father Michael A. Farano, chancellor of the Albany diocese, explained that the Sacred Roman Rota does not usually function as "a court of the first instance," but will do so in this case because of the international and ecumenical questions involved.

Prior to the marriage of last April, Mrs. Carey said she had been married twice before. She later admitted to three previous marriages, one of them a civil ceremony.

## Vatican Employees Declare Solidarity With Polish Union

Vatican City (RNS) — The Vatican association of lay employees declared its support for Poland's independent workers' movement, calling for "a return to normality with respect for the dignity of every man and every worker."

The 1,500-member association released the text of its message here and also sent a telegram to Polish-born Pope John Paul II. The message read:

"The association, which affirms its own faith in the fundamental rights of man, in dignity, in the value of the rights of the human person and of social justice, believes these values constitute the only foundation for the construction of a free and just society."

Relations between the lay employees' union and the Roman curia showed some signs of tension in recent weeks as the union prepared to present Vatican Secretary of State Agostino Casaroli with a set of demands including a request for substantial salary hikes.

The two-year-old association has not been granted union status by the Vatican.

## Miami Archbishop Attends Installation Of Havana Prelate

Miami (RNS) — Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy of Miami traveled to Cuba last week to attend the installation of Jaime Lucas Ortega as new archbishop of Havana.

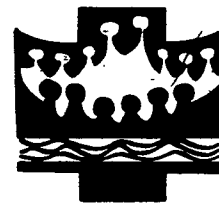
The visit was believed to be the first by an American Catholic bishop to the communist nation since the archbishop's predecessor, Bishop Coleman F. Carroll, attended the funeral of Cardinal Manuel Arteaga of Havana in 1963.

Archbishop McCarthy attended at the invitation of the new Cuban archbishop, and as representative of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He left Miami the day before the ceremonies on Dec. 27, and returned the day after.

Accompanying Archbishop McCarthy was Auxiliary Bishop John J. Nevins and Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh, the archdiocesan director of charities and immigration and refugee services.

## Insights In Liturgy

By Sister Betty Rogers, RC



## Ordinary Time: Day by Day

The celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, on the Sunday after Epiphany, brings the Christmas season to a close. We then find ourselves in "Ordinary Time," which continues to the end of the Church year, except for the months dedicated to the Paschal season. From the beginning of Advent, the Church celebrates the gradual revelation of the Word made flesh. At His baptism the Father urges us to listen to His beloved Son. As we move on, the author of Hebrews has good advice for us:

"Keep running steadily in the race we have started... Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection." (Hebr. 12:1,2)

A special feature of the Eucharist in Ordinary Time is the semi-continuous reading of Scripture. With Matthew, Mark or Luke we follow Jesus throughout His entire ministry. Like Mary, we treasure these events and ponder them. This is the time to get to "know Him more clearly, love Him more dearly, follow Him more nearly — day by day."

The heart of Ordinary Time is the Eucharistic assembly on the Lord's Day, when eternity breaks into time and the divine Potter shapes and reshapes His Church. The gospel passages, with their accompanying Old Testament readings, give a different focus to each Sunday's worship. The epistles give us a glimpse of the first Christians as they tried to comprehend the Good News and live it.

Unlike the Christmas and Paschal seasons, Ordinary Time provides the time we need to allow the Word of God to take root in our heart and grow to maturity in our life. "Our love is not to be just words or mere talk," writes St. John, "but something real and active..." (1 Jn. 3:18)

Weekday liturgies give further opportunity for growth, whether Liturgy of the Hours or Eucharist. Recalling the witness of men and women of various walks of life, "memorials" challenge us to respond with similar generosity to the universal call to holiness. These are concrete entry points into the mystery of Christ.

and alert planners can preserve it by rearranging the week's readings when a day calling for special readings intervenes.

The prayers on unassigned days can be chosen to develop the theme of the readings (the Ordo suggests some) or they may express a current concern: e.g., for peace, for the sick.

In any case, "do not stay away from the meetings of the community... but encourage each other to go; the more so as you see the Day dawning." (Hebr. 10:25)

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