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Pope to U.N. Thanks for Trying To Dismantle 'Engines of Death'

Last of a Two-Part Series

I now come to the debate in which you are engaged. It first must be recognized in regard to it that no component of international affairs may be considered in isolation, apart from the manifold interests of all the nations together. However, it is one thing to recognize the interdependence of questions; it is another thing to exploit them so as to gain advantage on another level. Armaments, nuclear weapons and disarmament are too important in themselves and for the world for them simply to become part of a strategy for exploiting their intrinsic importance in favor of a particular policy or other interests.

So it is important to consider duly and with the objectivity they deserve, each of the serious propositions aimed at making a contribution to real disarmament and creating a better climate. Even short steps have a value going beyond material and technical aspects. Whatever field is envisaged, we need today fresh perspectives and readiness to give respectful hearing and attentive reception to honest suggestions coming from all who concern themselves in responsibility with such controversial matters.

In this regard we note the rise of what I would call the phenomenon of rhetoric. A domain so tense and full of inevitable dangers has no room for any kind of forced talk or provocative position. Indulgence in rhetoric, in fiery and passionate language, veiled threats and counterthreats, and sly maneuvers can only exacerbate the acuteness of a problem calling for sober and attentive examination. On the other hand, governments and those having responsibility to them cannot carry on the affairs of states independent of the wishes of their peoples. The history of civilizations shows us terrifying examples of what happens when such an experiment is tried. Well, the fears and worries of numerous groups in various parts of the world reveal that people are more and more terrified at the thought of what would happen if some irresponsibles let loose a nuclear war.

So it is that peace movements have developed everywhere to some degree or other. These movements have become extremely popular and are being supported by an increasing number of citizens belonging to differing social levels, of all ages and of differing educations. They are supported by young people especially. The ideological foundations of these movements are manifold. Their projects, proposals and policies vary greatly and can often be exposed to being made use of for partisan ends. But going beyond these formal divergences, there is a deep and sincere desire for peace.

So I cannot but associate myself with your project to appeal to public opinion so as to elicit the rise of true universal awareness and conscience of the terrible risks of war. Such a consciousness should lead in good time to generalized peace.

Under present conditions, dissuasion based on equilibrium — certainly not as an end in itself but as a stage on the way to progressive disarmament — can still be judged to be morally acceptable.

However, to ensure peace it is indispensable not to be content with a minimum which is always fraught with a real danger of explosion.

So what is to be done? In the absence of a supranational authority — such as was desired by Pope John XXIII in his encyclical *Pacem in Terris* and which men had hoped to find in the United Nations — the sole realistic solution in the face of the threat of war is still negotiation. I would like to remind you here of some words of St. Augustine which I have mentioned before: "Slay war with the words of negotiations, but do not slay man with the sword." Today once more I reaffirm before you my confidence in the power of honest negotiation for reaching just and equitable solutions. Such negotiations demand patience and constancy and ought to be aimed notably at achieving balanced, simultaneous, and internationally controlled armaments reduction.

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Vacation Time

The Courier-Journal offices will be closed the week of July 4 and no edition will be published July 14. Normal deadlines, Thursday noon before the next edition, will be resumed for the July 21 issue.

Release of Haitians Fails To Still Critics of Policy

By John Dash

"In the wake of the order for release, this country has nothing to be proud of. This is not a time for jubilation, but for moral introspection, realizing that as a government dedicated to the principles of freedom, that in the name of government, we could do such a monstrous thing to people." a group of black clergymen here said the day after Haitian refugees imprisoned in the U.S. were finally ordered released.

The Haitians now detained in federal prisons, except in Brooklyn, were ordered released last week by Judge Eugene Spellman in Miami, as the wrap-up to a class-action suit filed against the federal government on behalf of the refugees. That suit sought to demonstrate that federal policy was racially discriminatory, and to overturn a policy announced about a year ago to detain Haitian refugees arriving here illegally.

In the case of the Brooklyn detainees, their freedom, at present, is contingent on a suit now being heard.

Judge Spellman did not find

the policy discriminatory but did overturn it.

In a statement issued last week, the local clergymen in United Church Ministry said, "The Haitians and their children have been, since 1980, the victims of a vicious system of racism and injustice. Repulsed from seeking freedom in this country and placed instead into concentration camps, it is a wonder that many of them were able to maintain their mental health..."

UCM, the diocesan Office of Black Ministries and several allied groups, including the Marcus Garvey Memorial Black Solidarity Committee, the American Muslim Mission, the Haitian Refugee Re-Settlement Committee of Rochester, Action for a Better Community, the Palestinian Human Rights Campaign, the Irish Northern Aid Committee and the Latin American Solidarity Committee, all subscribed to the statement which pledged to resettle Haitian refugees who wish to locate in the diocese.

"It is hoped," the statement read, "that some of the Haitians detained at Ray Brook will be permitted to come to Rochester once they



Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Dr. Walker (right) of the Office of Black Ministries answers a reporter's question. Raymond Graves, head of United Church Ministry,

are released." Ray Brook is a federal penitentiary near Saranac Lake, where 157 Haitian refugees are being detained.

United Church Ministry also pledged itself to offer institutional sponsorship for as many as 15 Haitian refugees.

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'This Is a Serious Business, No Time for Fun...'

Poetry is strictly a hobby for Mary Alice Kocher of Spencerport. "I write it mostly for friends," she explains, "for wedding toasts and things like that."

But with a couple of baseball players among her four young children, she finds objection to those who reveal "bad temper" at youth league baseball games. Her poem expresses her sentiment, surely shared by many others.

By Mary Alice Kocher

The sun was shining bright that day,
A new adventure to begin.
A game of baseball was under way
A sport of fun, not vital to win.

Oh how wrong we were that day,
This was no time for play;
A game of challenge, a game of wit,
If you don't win, you might as well quit!

Never mind the heart in that boy so still,
He's here to win and win he will!
Don't bother teaching those who are slow,
Maybe they'll get bored and decide to go.

It will be much better for him, you say,
He really wouldn't get much chance to play.
Let him leave now, it doesn't matter,
Just make sure the others keep up the chatter.

Get used to it kids, the tension and fear,
This is the real world you face here.
A reputation is at stake,
So better not make even one mistake.



Hold that bat up, watch the ball.
He's safe, he's out, the ump made a bad call —
This is serious business, no time for fun,
Don't embarrass me now, we need another run!

Oh, we're ahead now, everything's OK
Don't steal that base, I screamed for you to stay!
Tease the opponents, they're no good,
Make them nervous, we're out for blood.

Don't worry, I know all the rules
And I play to win, cause I'm no fool.
No one will protest when my temper flies,
And who cares how I look in those boys' eyes?

Now the sky doesn't seem as bright to me,
What happened to the sun?
Someone's destroyed baseball as it used to be
When boys and girls had fun.