

'Never Call Terrorists Heroes,' Cautions Peace Prize Winner

Washington (NC) — "It is important to keep saying that the gunmen in Northern Ireland are not national heroes," said Mairead Corrigan Maguire, who was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 as co-founder of the Peace People movement in Northern Ireland.

In an interview in Washington on May 11, she said she had told members of Congress the day before to "keep saying terrorists are terrorists; they are not tomorrow's heroes."

Mrs. Corrigan Maguire, who once considered joining the Irish Republican Army, an outlawed guerrilla organization, criticized the Christian churches for what she said was a failure to preach Christ's message of non-violence.

"I believe the churches denied Christ from St. Augustine on when they began theorizing about war," she said. St. Augustine, the bishop of Hippo in north Africa at the beginning of the fifth century, was the principal formulator of the doctrine of the just war.

"I believe it's totally immoral to build nuclear weapons, much less use them," said Mrs. Corrigan Maguire.

She expressed great interest in the pastoral letter on war and peace approved a week earlier by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. "If the churches are to have any relevance in this century then this is the most important issue they have got to tackle," she said. Mrs. Corrigan Maguire, 39, was visiting the United States for a week to raise funds for the Peace People and to explain the work of the movement.



She was scheduled to receive an honorary degree from St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt., on May 13.

Mrs. Corrigan Maguire and Betty Williams, both

Catholics, founded the Peace People movement in an effort to unite Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland in efforts to end the conflict there.

Pastoral Unaffected

New York — The Reagan administration had much less influence on the third draft of the U.S. bishops' proposed war and peace pastoral letter than much of the news reporting suggests, Father J. Bryan Hehir told participants in a Manhattan College observance of the 20th anniversary of the papal encyclical, "Pacem in Terris" (Peace on Earth). Aside from a technical point made by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, Father Hehir said, only two changes from the second to the third draft represent items proposed by the administration. One item involved including administration statements concerning deterrence policy, the other was agreeing to mention nuclear disarmament proposals, which had not been done in the second draft. "Some newspaper articles give you the impression that the administration rewrote the document while the bishops went out for coffee," said Father Hehir.



The crowd at the cathedral at one point numbered more than 250.

Conferences

Continued from Page 1 of the pastoral and offered suggestions on its use in parishes. In addition, he led two small-group discussions on the moral questions of nuclear deterrence.

Other discussion topics included preaching on the issue of nuclear war, integrating the letter with CCD and Catholic school education, and pastoral questions on the impact the letter will have on workers and families in military installations.

Area peace groups, in-

cluding Catholics against Nuclear Arms, Finger Lakes Peace Alliance and Pax Christi of Rochester, as well as the umbrella organization, Genesee/Finger Lakes Nuclear Disarmament Network, had materials on display at the Rochester event.

In addition, the justice and peace commission provided participants with a number of lists detailing organizations and addresses, books, pamphlets and other educational supplies.

'Planet' Film To Be Shown

The controversial Oscar award-winning movie, "If You Love This Planet," will be shown 8 p.m., Monday, May 23 at Temple B'rith Kodesh.

The showing is sponsored by a number of disarmament groups including the Genesee/Finger Lakes Nuclear Disarmament Network and Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control.

Following the movie, a panel will discuss questions of censorship and nuclear arms control.

Methodists 'Stand with' U.S. Bishops

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (NC) — United Methodist bishops "stand in solidarity" with their Roman Catholic counterparts in condemning the nuclear arms race and seeking peace, according to a Methodist bishops' statement.

The Methodist bishops convened in Little Rock May 2 for a five-day semiannual meeting, while the U.S. Catholic bishops were meeting to consider their war and peace pastoral.

At their own meeting, the Methodists endorsed a statement supporting the Catholic bishops' stance.

"We stand in solidarity with the Roman Catholic bishops in their moral condemnation of the nuclear race and their continuing struggle for peace," the Methodist Council of Bishops said. The Methodist bishops also recommended the Catholic pastoral letter for study in all United Methodist churches and ecumenical settings and said they would seek ways to make the pastoral available to Methodist pastors and leaders.

During a 1982 session, the Methodist bishops called for a mutually verifiable nuclear freeze on nuclear weapons research, development, testing and production.

Deadline

Items intended for publication must be typed and in the Courier-Journal offices by noon Thursday before the Wednesday publication. The Courier-Journal is located at 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.

Ecumenical Group To Discuss Pastoral

What is being billed as "an ecumenical search" into the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," will be held 6:15-9 p.m., Sunday, May 22 at St. Pius Tenth Church hall, 3000 Chili Ave.

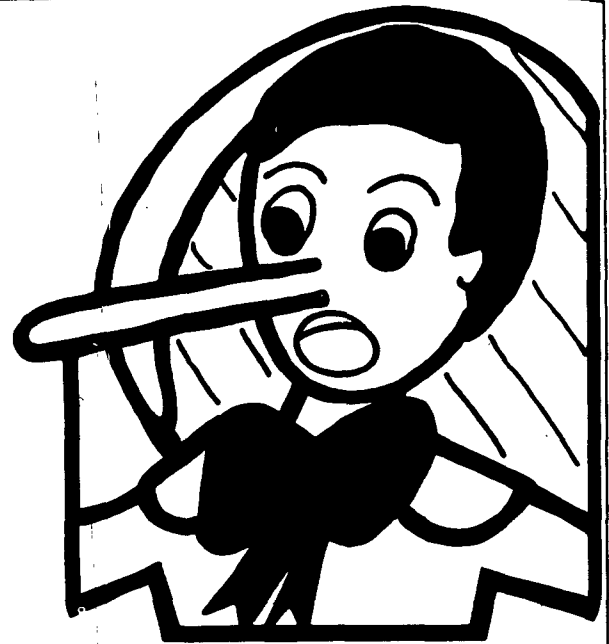
Rev. Bob Kaiser of Gates Presbyterian Church will deliver the opening prayer.

Father Charles Mulligan, director of the diocesan

Division of Social Ministries, will give a presentation on the letter.

A discussion on Church involvement in such questions and an audio-visual presentation, "The Last Slide Show," will round out the evening.

The program is being sponsored by Protestant and Catholic churches of the Gates-Chili area.



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