

Nestles Pact Reached Boycott Suspended

By Liz Armstrong
Washington (NC) — The International Nestle Boycott Committee Jan. 26 suspended its U.S. boycott of Nestle S.A. because of Nestle's "commitment" to following the World Health Organization code in infant formula marketing, boycott and Nestle officials announced at an unusual joint press conference in Washington.

In a joint statement, the two sides, bitter antagonists for almost seven years, said the boycott was suspended and that "Nestle recognizes and supports the commitment of INBC and its members to safeguard the children of the Third World from hazards related to the inappropriate marketing of infant formula."

Nestle had been accused by the boycotters of improper marketing of infant formula in underdeveloped nations, where, critics charged, infants were threatened by formula because mothers were unable to use it properly due to inadequate safe water supplies, lack of education and other problems. Nestle, which does not sell formula in the United States, is the world's largest infant formula producer.

Boycott leaders said, however, that they will continue to monitor Nestle and that

Diocese Taking Wait-See Stance

Mary Heidkamp, director of the diocesan Department of Justice and Peace, said however, the diocese is reserving judgment on the announcement. "We're still waiting for specific details surrounding the whole thing and the end to the boycott." She said an international meeting of boycott supporters is scheduled for Feb. 2 in Mexico, during which a formal vote will be taken on the question. She explained that the diocese would issue a statement once the results of that vote are made public.

they will turn their attention to other formula companies.

Amid praise for their former opponents, representatives from Nestle and the boycott sealed their amity by eating Nestle chocolate bars — one of the numerous Nestle products which had been boycotted.

Sister Regina Murphy, a Sister of Charity who chairs the New York-based INBC, called the agreement a "historic" event which will have "an impact on babies and

mothers of the world now and always."

She said it was a day for celebration and thanksgiving and that Nestle had "demonstrated the kind of moral courage and leadership expected of those at the top."

Progress between the two sides, which once had little contact, advanced rapidly in mid-December after a chance meeting on a Metroliner train between a Nestle executive and boycott leader led to further discussions and joint work with WHO and UNICEF to iron out remaining differences, Nestle and the boycotters said.

"Some of us suspect a nudge from a heavenly source," Sister Murphy joked. She said monitoring of Nestle activities will continue for another six months with the anticipation that "the boycott will come to a full stop" at that time.

"Now that this controversy has been satisfactorily resolved, we can concentrate our efforts on the real causes of infant mortality and morbidity in developing nations — contaminated water, ignorance, malnutrition and inadequate health care," added Rafael Pagan Jr., president of the Nestle Coordination Center for Nutrition Inc.

Among its other efforts since the passage of the WHO code in 1981, Nestle has developed extensive marketing guidelines for its employees and set up an internal auditing commission chaired by former Secretary of State and Sen. Edmund Muskie (D-Maine) to investigate the company's actions.

Muskie, who is recovering from a heart attack, said in a statement released at the press conference that his commission will continue to monitor Nestle and plans an extensive report later this year.

"Nestle has moved forward to become a model for the whole industry, a model which creates a new standard of corporate behavior," said Douglas Johnson, chairman of the national Infant Formula Action Coalition, a leading boycott group. "This will protect the health and lives of infants around the world from the abuse of marketing at any cost. In this commitment, our interests and Nestle's have become parallel."

"We believe the (Nestle) commitments are sincere and will be implemented," Johnson added.

Pagan said the economic impact, if any, of the boycott is hard to assess but that implementation of the WHO code costs some \$15-20 million and that the boycott was taking its toll on Nestle employee morale.

Mothers' Group

Our Lady of the Cenacle Mothers' Group has invited mothers and their preschool children to its next monthly meeting, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Sister Anita Rourke, RC, directs the meetings which include a presentation, time for reflection and sharing. Further information and reservations (for which one should give the number of children attending) are obtained through the Cenacle Ministry Office, 271-8755.

Benefit Dance

The Penrose Irish Dancers will stage a benefit performance, 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Feb. 11, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 165 Rhinecliff Dr. The program features The Rutherford's. A donation of \$5 is asked.

Hypnotist Guests At Guild Dinner

Roy D. Alden, one of the nation's leading habit control hypnotists, was guest speaker at the Jan. 24 dinner meeting of the Cardinal Mooney Women's Guild at the high school.

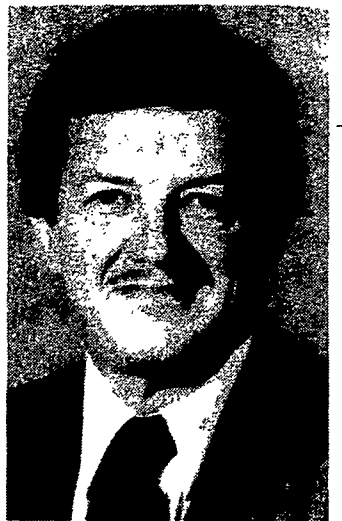
Alden, a former pharmacist, formed the Institute of Applied Hypnosis six years ago.

During his presentation, Alden discussed how hypnosis may be used by anybody to improve himself.

Alden said that the self-

image is formed as a result of all the experiences that have made an impression in one's memory. He said the terms "accident prone", "klutzy", and "health-nut" are examples of how one's experiences and beliefs make each person what they are.

Alden said that each person possesses the power to break away and change his self-image — the best way being the development of personal goals.



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Liturgy Office Plans Educational Program

A program of educational formation will begin March 5 in Leicester with the host parishes St. Thomas of Leicester and its mission parish, St. Lucy of Retsof.

Ten 2-hour sessions will deal with such topics as the liturgical year, environment and art, eucharistic theology, music at liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The sessions will run from March 5 through May 21 under the supervision of Sister Nancy Burkin, SSJ, of the diocesan Liturgy Office. The first session will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Raphael meeting room at the St. Thomas parish house.

Any interested parish liturgy team members, pa-

rishioners and teachers of religion who wish to attend any or all of the sessions should call the Liturgy Office (716)328-3210 for a scheduled of topics. Registration may be done through the Liturgy Office or at the door. Registration fee is \$5 for the entire program or \$1 for a single session.

The text, "The Liturgy Documents: A Parish Resource," will be available at \$5 at each session or at the Liturgy Office. Anyone wishing further information should contact the Liturgy Office.

Deadline

Deadline for news in the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday, preceding Wednesday publication. The Courier-Journal address is 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.

Hispanic Prayer Meet

The diocesan Liturgy Office and the Office of Spanish Apostolate are sponsoring an evening of prayer for the liturgical ministers serving the Hispanic community in the Newark/Geneva area at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, at St. Francis DeSales Church in Geneva.

Father Frank Santana, Deacon Kenneth Scarcioffa and Father Thomas Mull will speak on ministry. All are invited.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for the 1983-84 school year for the Diocese of Rochester Elementary and Secondary Schools for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein, has been completed and the report is available at the office of the individual school for inspection by all interested persons.

Archbishop Law

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Boston's last three archbishops have become cardinals. The first was Cardinal William O'Connell, who became archbishop of Boston in 1906 and a cardinal in 1911. His successor was Cardinal Richard Cushing, who received the red hat in 1958, 14 years after he became archbishop of Boston. Cardinal Humberto Medeiros, who died last October, succeeded Cardinal Cushing in 1970 and was named a cardinal in 1973.

NFP Classes Scheduled At 2 Sites

Natural Family Planning classes, sponsored by NFP Education of Rochester, will begin at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7, at St. Anne Church, 1600 Mt. Hope Ave., and at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17, at St. Mary's Hospital, Genesee Street.

Certified NFP instructors will be Phil and Marian LaPorta and Joe and Donna White. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration necessary.

Natural Family Planning can be used to achieve or avoid pregnancy. Further information is available from NFP Education, 89 Genesee St., Rochester, N.Y. 14611, (716)464-8705.

First Friday

Father Thoms Mull, director of the diocesan Liturgy Office, will celebrate Mass and speak to the First Friday Luncheon Club, 11:45 a.m., Friday, Feb. 3, at the Knights of Columbus club-rooms 670 Thurston Road. The event is sponsored by the Knights and the Daily Mass League. According to Jack Ward of both institutions, the group "is most anxious to welcome participants in this devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

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