

Bishops' Letter

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not for the "evils and aberrations of capitalism."

Auxiliary Bishop Peter Rosazza of Hartford, Conn., introduced a motion, which passed by voice vote, directing the bishops' Committee on Social Development and World Peace to prepare a pastoral letter on capitalism.

Later, when the drafting committee headed by Archbishop Weakland was formed, Bishops Rosazza and Weigand were named as members. Bishop George Speltz of St. Cloud, Minn., and Bishop Joseph Daley of Harrisburg, Pa., were also named to the committee. In 1982 Archbishop Thomas Donnellan of Atlanta replaced Bishop Daley, who was then ill and has since died of cancer.

The same 1980 meeting that started the ball rolling on a capitalism pastoral also decided to start work on a

statement about war and peace in the nuclear age, however. That project was given priority, and Archbishop Weakland's committee worked steadily, but largely behind the scenes.

After the war and peace pastoral was approved at a special spring meeting of the bishops in 1983, Archbishop Weakland that fall gave the first interim report on his committee's work.

He said the committee had concluded that capitalism could not be analyzed at the same theoretical level as Marxism, "since there is no simple coherent philosophical world view that is identifiable for the capitalist position."

The committee had therefore decided to limit its discussions to the American economy, he said. In addition, he said, it had decided to narrow its main focus to:

-- Job creation as a na-

tional economic priority;

-- The need for an adequate income for the poor and disadvantaged;

-- The moral and ethical implications of U.S. trade policy;

-- Economic planning and policy as part of the social order.

Within the past two months, the committee decided that it could not adequately treat issues of food and agricultural policy within the other four topics as it originally planned, so it has added that as a separate fifth topic.

The decision was reached too late to develop an adequate text for that section, however, and the first draft is to be released without it. It is to be incorporated in a second draft, due for distribution next spring.

What can be said about the draft before it is made public?

First, whatever its contents, it is only a first draft. The five bishops on the committee and their advisers have listened to some 150 experts and spent countless hours developing, discussing and refining their positions. But in the last analysis it is only a committee's work at this point.

The bishops as a body will get their first crack at the draft during their Nov. 12-15 meeting. The discussion is likely to highlight what the bishops see as the main strengths and weaknesses of the document. Many of them

will also send in detailed critiques of particular sections and written suggestions for improvement, which the committee will take into account in writing a second draft.

The second draft will be discussed further when the bishops meet in June in Col-

legeville, Minn. Those discussions and a new round of written comments will serve as a basis for writing a third draft. That third draft, according to the plan, is then to be debated, amended, and finally voted on at the bishops' November 1985 meeting in Washington.

Poland

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Father Popieluszko, 37, was kidnapped Oct. 19 while driving along a road near the northern Polish city of Torun. His driver escaped.

The reservoir in which the priest's body was found is located on the Vistula River at Wloclawek, about 120 miles northwest of Warsaw, according to news reports.

Polish authorities have arrested three Interior Ministry officials in the case. One, 33-year-old Capt. Grzegorz Piotrowski, at first confessed to killing the priest, but later retracted his confession, Polish authorities said. The officer said that instead he released Father Popieluszko.

Solidarity founder Lech Walesa condemned the murder as a "mortal blow" to Polish society. But in an Oct. 30 statement from his home in Gdansk he called for a dialogue among the government, church, Solidarity and underground activists.

Without naming individuals, Walesa said that "they wanted to kill hope that it is possible in Poland to avoid violence in political life. The killing of Rev. Popieluszko tears down the mask of violence, it exposes its deepest evil."

Parishoners at the priest's suburban Warsaw church, St. Stanislaw Koszka, sobbed when they were told of his death Oct. 30 at the end of a Mass which has been celebrated for Father Popieluszko each night since his abduction.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban said during an Oct. 30 news conference that there was no proof to support suspicions that high level military or political figures were behind Father Popieluszko's murder. However, he also said that "the instigators of this crime are also being sought...those who stood behind these three men, why and for what reason."

The government has increased the guard around the three suspects in the case to prevent any attempt on their lives.

Ethiopia

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The agency, which has assistance programs in 70 countries worldwide, is currently distributing 90 percent of the American food aid reaching Ethiopia, she said. CRS expects to distribute 39,000 tons of food to 650,000 Ethiopians by the end of 1984.

CRS aid programs for Ethiopia are especially in need of cash donations at this point, said Hackett.

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Ms. Griffin said she hoped the Reagan administration's Oct. 25 decision to provide \$45 million in food aid to Ethiopia would draw attention to the problem and inspire other groups to provide aid.

The U.S. aid will provide private relief organizations with 80,000 tons of food to distribute throughout Ethiopia.

India

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Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Father Redington teaches Indian religion at Georgetown and spent about four years in the East Asian country.

The general attitude of Gandhi and her party toward Catholics was secularist -- not favoring any particular faith over another, and protecting the rights of minority religions from the majority Hindu religion, the Jesuit said.

He said religious freedom flourished in India under Gandhi. "The situation is complex, but a situation of widespread religious freedom," he said.

Father Redington said, however, that while she was tolerant of the Catholic Church in India, Prime Minister Gandhi was instrumental in slowing down the flow of Catholic missionaries into the country.

Also, as recently as 1982 efforts were made in the Indian legislature toward passage of a law which would have made it virtually illegal for people to convert to Christianity, he said.

Catholics make up less than 2 percent of India's 640 million population, which is 84 percent Hindu.

Despite the legislative move, which the church called "patently anti-Christian," Father Redington described the growth of vocations in India as "outstanding" and "one of the healthiest in the world." He said Catholic schools are considered prestigious and important in the country.

Anti-Christian activity in India is restricted to "some groups of Hindu chauvinists," he said, but added that Hinduism is perhaps the most tolerant of all religions.

Father Walz

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of Perpetual Help Church, then as assistant at St. Boniface, and then at Holy Apostles.

In 1946 he was transferred from assistant pastor of St. Vincent in Corning to assistant at St. John the Baptist in Elmira.

In June 1954, Father Walz was named pastor of Our Lady of the Lake in King Ferry and All Saints in Ludlowville.

Eight years later he was named pastor of St. Mary's Church, Dansville.

After serving a time as assistant pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Rochester, he was named pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Rochester.

In 1971, he resigned that post and took up the chaplaincy of St. Joseph's Convalescent and Infirmary at the congregational motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Father Walz retired the chaplaincy in 1978.

Father Walz is survived by three brothers, Herman, John and Paul; three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Hahn, Mrs. Vicki Clar and Mrs. Bernard (Agnes) Rehberg; and many nieces and nephews.

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