

## Editorial

### Of peace and hostility

Saturday's march for peace at the Seneca Army Depot was an interesting spectacle. It attracted about 300 participants of various ages and walks of life. It fit its billing, for it was truly a peaceful walk, long and hot though it was. The participants did not enter into any confrontations, even as they passed along the barbed wire fence of the depot in the shadow of Army helicopters buzzing overhead. Even as Army personnel took their photographs, participants joked about additions to their dossiers.

A highlight of the morning's ecumenical prayer service was the acknowledgement of a dissident in the crowd. Frank Frost of Kaywood, N.Y., stood silently throughout the lengthy service, holding a sign that read "Peace Through Strength." He was thanked by the crowd for his reminder of opposing views.

Ugliness did appear, though, as we rounded the bend on the return to Sampson State Park. First we passed a fruit stand, and two of us considered buying some apples to quench our raging thirsts. Somehow, we realized the owner would not be willing to sell to us. He stood with his family near the porch, arms folded, glaring at the marchers passing by. Our photographer found an interesting image in the family portrait, complete with an American flag. As he framed the shot, the man approached threateningly. "Just move along," he shouted. "Don't go taking any pictures!"

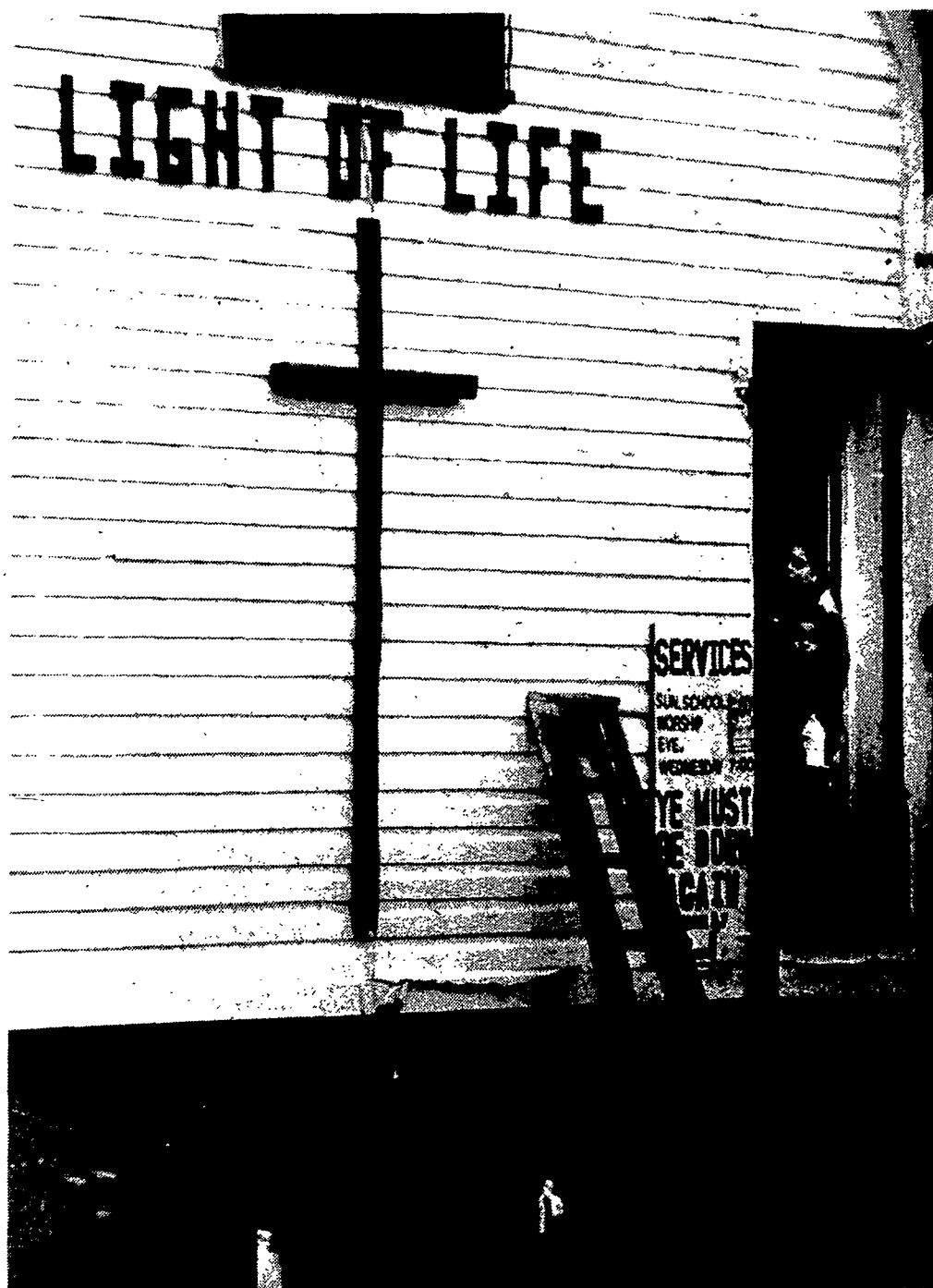
Hardly a mile later, though it surely

seemed like 10, we came upon the Light of Life Pentecostal Church. A woman leaned out the doorway of the church. "Why don't you put the American flag in your little parade?" she queried, somewhat mockingly. "Look Mike, not one American flag!" Soon, the children picked up the chant, yelling sing-song "Where's the flag?" We also wondered why that symbol had been overlooked or excluded.

It is a wonder how peaceful action can engender anger. These two incidents, minor though they are, illustrate how hostility begins. Because of our attire or the activity in which we were engaged, some of the villagers saw us and the entire march as the enemy. Why? Certainly they cannot disagree with the goal of the march — preventing nuclear war. Do they disagree with the method of the peace marchers? Do they simply dislike the way they dress? Do they, like the quiet signbearer, believe in peace through strength? Or are they concerned that the peace movement may in some way change things in and around the Seneca Army Depot? Is it an ideological or economic concern that prompts their hostility?

These, unfortunately, are the same questions that can be asked of the origins of war. And until we learn to accept others and their opinions, until we learn to control our instinct to violence in everyday situations, how can we ever hope to attain world peace?

That is the lesson we must now study — before it is too late.



Jeff Goulding/Courier-Journal  
Two children peer out from the door of the Light of Life Pentecostal Church on Route 96A, picking up their elders' comment that there was not an American flag in the "little parade."

## And opinions

### Program promotes chastity

#### To the Editor:

For all mothers and fathers and teachers of teens, I would like to let them know of a very good program that has recently been made to promote chastity.

I am so happy that finally there is a program that can be used in either public or private schools to promote chastity. Too often the programs and material available concerning sex education has not encouraged purity — but has encouraged impurity and contraception.

"The Springtime of Your Life" — Seventeen Practical Reasons for Chastity for High School Students — uses 140 color slides and a tape cassette, and runs about a half-hour. The program may be ordered from the Couple to Couple League, P.O. Box 11084, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211. I have a program if someone would like to preview it.

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### Christ, Marx Incompatible

#### To the Editor

A conservative source has come up with a possible reason for the leftward trend of many religious men and women. This is that of having lost their religious faith, they have taken on a political faith trending toward Marxism.

A short look at Marxism should reveal to any literate, reasonably objective person that this ism is slavery incarnate, reaching into every facet of everyone's life with a despotic, overwhelming presence.

How can anyone in his right mind link Christ and Marx? Anyone so doing should have been a denizen of the Lubyanka Prison, where periodically clean-up squads went around mopping up blood.

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### Letter on Mary praised

#### To the Editor:

Applause to Arlene O'Connor on her July 31 letter "Devotion to Mary needed in today's church."

In a recent issue of a Marian magazine there was published a most-enlightening article on Mary's Immaculate Heart.

It can be seen that the First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart, as revealed to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, is still practiced by Catholics. How many know that during an apparition to this same saint in 1678, our Lord showed her three hearts: her own heart between His Heart and Mary's. Jesus said: "It is thus that My love united these three hearts."

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### Prayers to St. Jude

#### To the Editor:

I am pleased that St. Jude is getting some publicity in the Courier-Journal.

I was "introduced" to St. Jude in the 1930s by the good Sisters of Mercy at St. Patrick's School in Owego.

Over the years, I have received many favors through the intercession of St. Jude. The National Shrine of St. Jude, run by the Claretian Fathers, at 221 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill. 60606, puts out a splendid novena booklet which also includes a litany to St. Jude for private use.

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### Catholic literature sought

#### To the Editor:

Readers may like to mail their used Catholic pamphlets and magazines directly to the foreign missions.

If those who wish to do so will please send me self-addressed envelopes, I will give them the addresses of missionary priests and nuns who need Catholic literature.


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