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economy and tended varied livestock subsequently abandoned their other animals to concentrate on raising steer because they would bring the greatest cash value.

Goats and camels will remain hardy during drought, while cattle — which need seven times more water than that required by other livestock — will die, Crossed pointed out. When Ethiopia's "rainfalls seem to have decreased, it was really (cattle's) need for water that increased," Crossed said, asserting that this led to the starvation of cattle and later of people.

Crossed also argued that many Third World nations have thousands of acres of uncultivated land and are net exporters of such cash crops as coffee beans, sugar and citrus fruits. Yet, she said, land that could be used to raise crops is often owned by the wealthy, who sell their cash crops to affluent nations for profit, while denying poor people in their own countries the chance to grow food.

She said it is arrogant of the developed nations to suggest that the Third World control its population growth while the rich nations continue to use a disproportionate amount of the earth's resources. "I have a hard time explaining to my children that others must die to support our consumptive habits," Crossed said. "We want (the Third World) to have less children so we can have more consumption."

Most of the participants on hand agreed that the world's economic order contributes to hunger, but several questioned whether Crossed was ignoring the potential environmental threat a growing human

population poses.

Crossed automatically assumed that reproduction is "good," noted the conference's keynote speaker, Dr. Lester W. Milbraith, director of the Research Program in Environment and Society at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

During the session and in a later interview, Milbraith asserted that Crossed's arguments ignore mathematics and nature itself. "Nature will not tolerate overpopulation for very long," he said. "When any species gets overpopulated, it dies back."

Such a fate awaits the human race unless it adopts policies of zero-population growth, which limits each person to reproducing a single child, he said, noting that doublings of the human population figure will occur at shorter and shorter intervals as more and more people reproduce.

Even if a just economic order is formed, Milbraith noted, excessive world population could threaten the environment through production of carbon dioxide, which can lead to global warming.

When asked to state an ideal number of people living on the planet, the professor said he once heard that only 100,000 humans could exist on the planet without disrupting the biosphere (the zone of the earth containing living organisms).

Milbraith agreed that the earth can produce enough food to feed the current world population, but said such arguments ignore the welfare of other creatures in the biosphere that will be adversely affected by human encroachment.

The professor emphasized that he did not advocate abandonment of starving people, but said he believed that nations should encourage birth control to stem a potential disaster. He criticized the Catholic Church's pronouncements against artificial birth control as "short-sighted and foolish."

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Crossed later said she didn't oppose voluntary birth control, but she expressed concern at any concept of governmentally imposed population control. She also expressed ambivalence toward the church position on artificial birth control.

"I guess I have to say I respect the church's stand, but I don't know if I agree with it," Crossed said. "I don't think I would

Mary Katherine Campbell, a sister of

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, died

of a heart attack March 15, 1990, at

Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, N.Y.

Bishop Hickey was the principal con-

celebrant of a Mass of Christian Burial at

Annunciation Church in Crestwood, N.Y.,

on Monday, March 19. Mrs. Campbell,

who was known to many as Kay, lived in

the Crestwood section of Yonkers, N.Y.

She was a longtime parishioner of Annun-

Interment was at Gate of Heaven

Born Aug. 4, 1918, in Dansville to the

late Walter M. and Alovsia (Sullivan)

Hickey, Mrs. Campbell attended St.

Patrick's School and Dansville Central

High School. She graduated from Seton

She was predeceased by her husband,

Nicholas J. Campbell, who was a senior

vice president of Exxon Corp. In addition

to living in Westchester County, the

Hill College in Greensburg, Pa., in 1939.

Cemetery in Hawthorne, N.Y.

She was 71 years old.

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practice birth control without consulting what the church says."

Crossed said she and her family of six children have adopted a lifestyle of recycling, which she says points the way out of the population vs. resource-consumption dilemma. For example, her children reuse their lunch bags and limit purchases of clothing and toys, she said, estimating that three of her children live on the same amount of goods as used by the average American child.

Mary Katherine Campbell, 71, sister of Bishop Dennis Hickey

and London.

Father John J. Steger, pastor of St. Jude the Apostle Church in Rochester and a longtime friend of Bishop Hickey, said the Campbells were "one of the most loving families I've ever met.

"They were so thoughtful and deeply spiritual," Father Steger said. "They were always close to the faith."

Bishop Hickey said he will always remember his sister's smile. "She had a good sense of humor," he said.

In addition to Bishop Hickey, Mrs. Campbell is survived by her daughter, Mary Caldwell, of Davidsonville, Md.; a sister, Helen S. Hickey, of Crestwood; and two grandchildren.

- Richard A. Kiley

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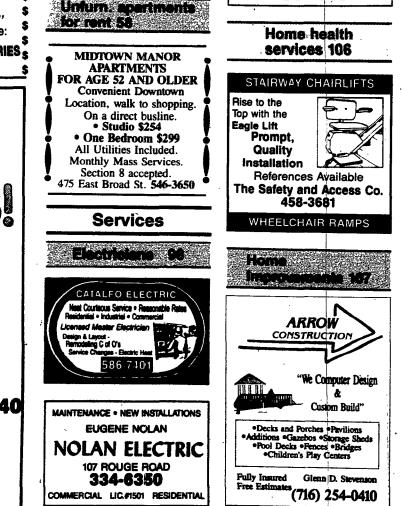
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