

U.S., Soviet churchmen support arms limitation

By MARGARET CARLAN

ST. LOUIS—Russian and United States church leaders agreed here that arms control should be the principal concern of Christians on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

The agreement—and the hope that it might be a small step toward fruitful talks on arms limitations by their two governments—was expressed at a press conference opening five days (Oct. 3-7) of closed talks between 10 Russian religious leaders and representatives of the United States Catholic Conference and the National Council of Churches.

The issue of arms in today's world is the "most burning one not only among Christians but among all peoples in the world," Russian Orthodox Bishop Juvenaly, head of the Soviet delegation, said.

THE POINT was echoed by Father Patrick P. McDermott, S.J., assistant director of the Division of World Justice and Peace, USCC, and Dr. Allan M. Parrent, director of the Washington program, Department of International Affairs, NCC.

The representatives of both delegations emphasized that they had no authorization from their respective governments to conduct any arms negotiations. Nor, they said, did they have any plans to recommend government actions on the basis of the talks. But both cited the unofficial power of churches to foster a climate of peace among the peoples of their countries.

Both also pledged they would be "frank and open" in the talks being hosted by the St. Louis University school of divinity and held at the University's secluded conference center, Fordyce House, some 20 miles outside St. Louis.

A spokesman said newsmen were being barred from the talks and papers would not be made public because the issue was "very touchy," and it was felt that all delegates "would be more free if the meetings were closed."

The talks were the first between the Russians and USCC representatives. Similar meetings have been held on two previous occasions in Europe.

"But," he added, "our main theme remains as such—The Christian Concern for Arms Limitation."

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Between leading Russian churchmen and NCC representatives.

The theme of the meetings was "The Christian Concern for Arms Limitation." Bishop Juvenaly said it provided the "direct answer" to the question of what the religious leaders hoped to accomplish by the meetings.

"We aim," he said, "to express our common Christian concern" about the arms race in today's world. He said there might be disagreement on specifics but he expected "most of all a frank and open discussion motivated by a fraternal spirit."

ASKED if the talks would cover such areas of division as the positions of the United States in Vietnam and the Soviet Union in Czechoslovakia, Bishop Juvenaly, vice chairman of external church affairs for the Eastern Orthodox Patriarchate of Moscow, said the delegates "may touch upon matters whatever."

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Episcopal bishop refutes attack on Pope by ex-priest

By JO-ANN PRICE

HUDSON, Wis.—A call by the former English Catholic priest-theologian, Dr. Charles S. Davis, for the overthrow of "corrupt" power structures in the Catholic Church elicited a sharp rebuttal from the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church at the start of an unprecedented religious conference here.

In one of five position papers at the three-day Conference on the Relevance of Organized Religion and an Agenda for the future, Dr. Davis urged that the "laity, priests and bishops must actively rebel against the present structure, demystify it and break its hold." He said "a key problem" for Catholicism is the authority of the Pope which "must be decisively and finally repudiated."

Dr. Davis's verbal assault on failures of Roman Catholicism and institutional religion generally were answered by Episcopal Bishop John E. Hines

who described himself as "distressed at the sweeping nature of the indictment" by Dr. Davis now professor of religious studies at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alta.

THE THEOLOGIAN's attack on the papacy was made on the same day that Pope Paul VI, speaking to 30 theologians convened in Rome prior to the world Synod of Bishops, rejected the concept that he does not have the exclusive right to rule the whole Church.

Bishop Hines served as a reactor to the Davis position paper.

Christianity, he said, operates through "a fallible, weak, faulty church" which, "despite its clay feet, God has undertaken to use to offer man a way by which his brokenness can be made wholeness."

"Such a church should never be afraid to hear criticism of its weakness and defects. The Gospel judgment lies with God," he said.

Some 20 churchmen spoke to some 50 theologians and scholars assembled in the Hudson House Hotel under the unusual auspices of the George D. Dayton Foundation, a philanthropic agency.

THE ROSTER of participants included Dr. James P. Shannon, the former Catholic auxiliary bishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis, who was here with his wife, Ruth. Such other diverse personalities included the chief executives of several U.S. mainline Protestant denominations; Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Harold R. Perry, S.V.D., of New Orleans; Mrs. Morton Phillips (the newspaper columnist, "Dear Abby") and Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum, director of inter-religious affairs of the American Jewish Committee. Dr. Shannon declined to be interviewed by newsmen.

Dr. Davis's paper appeared to strike the most negative note of a day marked by rather unenthusiastic appraisals of religion's achievements in recent years by various speakers.

The most positive approach came in an initial paper by the (Continued on page 7)

Pope urges the Rosary for peace

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI has issued an appeal to all Catholics to pray the Rosary during October for the special intention of peace among men and between peoples.

An apostolic exhortation, dated October 7, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, described the Rosary as a form of prayer which "has lost none of its importance amid the difficulties of the present day."

The Pope said that the intention for which he asked Catholics to pray the Rosary in October "seems to us more serious and urgent than ever," that is, "peace among men and between peoples."

THE POPE continued: "Despite some progress and some legitimate hopes, murderous conflicts are continuing, new points of tension are appearing, and even Christians, who refer to the same Gospel of love, are seen to be in opposition to one another. Within the Church itself, misunderstandings arise between brothers who mutually accuse and condemn each other. Hence it is more urgent than ever to work and pray for peace."

The Pope said that "peace undoubtedly is the concern of men," yet "despite much goodwill, there are many interests in opposition, much selfishness is shown, many antagonisms increase, many rivalries are in combat."

NEVERTHELESS, "peace is also the concern of God," he said. "He it is who urges us to work toward it, each doing his share, and for that purpose he sustains our feeble energies and our vacillating wills. He alone it is who can give us a peaceful soul and confirm in depth and solidity our efforts for peace."

Prayer is therefore "an irreplaceable contribution to the establishment of peace," the Pope said, and the Gospel teaches us that "Mary is sensitive to the needs of men."

He continued: "At Cana, she did not hesitate to intervene, the joy of the villagers invited to a wedding feast. How then, would she not intervene in favor of peace, that precious possession, if we only pray to her with a sincere heart?"

EATING OUT?

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PRIEST BEHIND BARS—Father James Groppi sits behind bars in the Dane County Jail, Madison, Wis., after his arrest for contempt of the Wisconsin Assembly. Father Groppi had led a three-day demonstration against welfare cuts, during which his followers "occupied" the Assembly chambers. He is being jailed under legislative act, based on a 121-year-old law which provides for a penalty of six months imprisonment or imprisonment for the remainder of the legislative session. (RNS photo)

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Top theology body meets before Synod

VATICAN CITY—A series of official and emphatically unofficial meetings which Italians are already referring to as the "hot October" began here behind closed doors with the first plenary session of the Vatican's recently-appointed International Theological Commission.

Presiding was one of the Church's most prestigious authority figures, Cardinal Franz Seper, prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Among the 30 Commission members at the meeting, however, were several controversial theologians whose works have been questioned by the doctrinal congregation and who have spearheaded movements for sweeping changes in the teachings and structures of the Church.

The week which opened with the Theological Commission's meeting was scheduled to close with an even more momentous event: the beginning of the second international Synod of Bishops, summoned to deliberate and to make recommendations on the question of collegiality—the relationships between individual dioceses, national or regional episcopal conferences and the Vatican. A counter-synod of about 80 dissident priests from eight European countries, with observers from North and South America, plans to hold meetings paralleling those of the Synod, a few hundred feet outside the Vatican in a Waldensian theological seminary.

ACCORDING to Synod officials, a group of clerics present at the Synod as advisors to the delegate bishops will hold yet another separate meeting, a sort of counter-conference-synod, to protest the meetings of the protestors.

The first address at the Theological Commission meeting was given by Father Karl Rahner, S.J., a theologian of progressive tendencies who has recently been under scrutiny by the doctrinal congregation in the past but who now seems to enjoy unquestioned good standing.

Other relatively controversial theologians on the Commission are Father Yves Congar, French Dominican; Father Henry de Lubac, French Jesuit; the Swiss Father Urs von Balthasar and the German Father Joseph Ratzinger. Together with Father Rahner, all

of these theologians were signers of a statement issued last year calling for drastic changes in the central administration of the Church and for more speculative freedom for theologians.

COMMENTING on the Commission's meeting, the Vatican daily newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, stressed that the group was limited to a purely consultative function as an advisory adjunct to the doctrinal congregation.

Its basic purpose is to study the many problems currently assailing the Church, L'Osservatore said.

The agenda for the meeting includes a discussion of the present status of papal authority following the issuing of the encyclical on birth control, the widespread negative response to that document and the explosive interview given last Spring by Cardinal Leo Joseph Suenens, Primate of Belgium.

Cardinal Suenens had urged greater decentralization of the Church, reform of the Roman Curia, an increase of "co-responsibility" in Church structures and the election of future popes by a group more representative of the whole Church than is the College of Cardinals.

ALSO on the agenda is the subject of increased freedom in theological research, a point which was raised at the Second Vatican Council and again, in 1967, at the first Synod of Bishops.



THE TOPIC: ARMS LIMITATION—Father Paul C. Reinert, S.J., left, president of St. Louis University, chats with Bishop Juvenaly of the Orthodox Church in Russia, leader of a 10-man delegation of Russian religious leaders which conferred with representatives of the U.S. Catholic Conference and the National Council of Churches on "The Christian Concern for Arms Limitation." At right is Bishop Juvenaly's interpreter. (RNS photo)

AN INTERVIEW WITH CARDINAL WRIGHT

Crisis of authority seen as culture crisis

By JAMES C. O'NEILL

VATICAN CITY—The "crisis of authority" that confronts the Church today is not limited to the Church itself but seems to be "a crisis of our culture in itself."

This is the analysis of Cardinal John Wright, the American who heads the Vatican's office for diocesan priests throughout the world. In an exclusive interview with the NC News Service, the cardinal discussed a wide variety of Church problems as well as his own personal reactions about becoming a cardinal of the Roman Curia (the Church's central administrative offices), far away from the familiar reaches of his former diocese of Pittsburgh.

Here is a shortened text of the interview:

Question: Now that you are a member of the Roman Curia and are seeing its operations from a different viewpoint than that of a residential bishop, what are your impressions over-all? Specific advantages, needs, too much paper work? Too few personal contacts outside of Rome, etc?

Cardinal Wright: My over-all impressions of the Roman Curia, seen from within, are not so very different from what they were when I saw the Curia while I was a residential bishop, from outside.

The major difference is probably not in the "over-all" impression but in certain specific

impressions and precise information concerning situations which always mystified me a bit, relying, as I tended to do then, on the press and the routine clerical gossip, rather than on any possible personal contacts for my impressions, over-all and specific.

Please do not misunderstand me. The fact is that I never had any contacts within the Roman Curia except the few which I made casually during the council. My official correspondence with the Curia was rare, routine, but twice shot through with argument. On both these arguments, I won, thanks to the excellent diocesan curias I had. However, I thought of the members of the Curia, high and low, as I tend

to think of anyone, more as persons than as functionaries, and so, while frequently feeling general scutbutt and pres-

rather warm toward them as persons, I think I followed the line concerning them as functionaries.

For example, I thought they had little or nothing much to do. Now I know better. Secondly, I believed the press when they told me that they were monolithic in their viewpoints, reactionary in their positions, all cut out of the same cloth, whistled the same tune and "closed" to outsiders. Not only have I found this false on every point, but I sometimes find myself wondering that otherwise honorable and seemingly decent chaps believed and sold so totally different a point of view.

CANT HELP wondering what motivation they may have had or whether, in all charity, they simply didn't know what they were talking or writing about. This latter is the more

probable explanation, given their general decency, and so my principal negative impression is that the Roman Curia needs desperately to have much better public relations.

There is nothing particularly mysterious about it. Some of the members are fat, some are thin. Some are open, some are closed. Some are progressive, some are conservative, not less remarkably so. Some are liberals on some points and reactionaries on others—just like all priests and lay people I have ever met, anywhere in the world and in any work whatsoever, except for the extremists, fanatics and monomaniacs. My acquaintance with these latter groups at home has always been rather limited. (Continued on page 3)

Parents' sex education role stressed

BALTIMORE—The Catholic bishops of Maryland have issued a statement which emphasizes that parents have the primary responsibility in sex education.

The statement also said that public schools should "involve parents of the child in the preparation and execution" of sex education programs.

Parents also have the right, the statement said, "to remove their children from the sex classes" if the classes "viate

their moral and religious convictions" and all other methods of protest fail.

However, at a news conference, Cardinal Lawrence Shehan of Baltimore said he does not foresee any large scale removal of pupils from sex education classes in Maryland public schools.

The cardinal said the bishops have been "under pressure" to issue a statement on sex education.



CARDINAL WRIGHT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TODAY

Methods of teaching, content draw fire of traditionalists

(Second of three articles)
By RUSSELL SHAW
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WASHINGTON—The controversy over religious education in Catholic schools and out-of-school programs involves both methods and content.

Content—that is what is taught—evokes probably the most passionate protests from traditionalist-minded Catholics, who claim that much of what now passes for religious education is a distortion of Catholic doctrine.

But, so far as one can judge from informal personal contacts, methods—the way in which "religion" is now taught—may be a source of even more widespread concern among Catholic parents.

"The teachers are willing to discuss anything with the kids, but they never tell them anything," one middle-class Catholic mother complained not long ago. She was voicing a complaint frequently heard these days.

ENROLLMENT UP

Marian College report reflects continued growth, expansion

INDIANAPOLIS—The steady growth of Marian College, exemplified in the President's First Annual Report, released this week, comes at a time when many small, private colleges find themselves in less favorable circumstances.

Last month national statistics reported in news magazines showed that most private schools are suffering from a decreased enrollment this year. Marian has 1,105 students now, an increase of 2.9% over last year and equal to the national average for all higher education, according to the report issued by Marian's President Dominick J. Guzzetta.

From 1964 to 1968 total student population increased 16%. The number of male students, at the formerly all girls' school, is up 46% in five years.

FULLTIME faculty has increased 40%, retaining the 13-to-1 student to faculty ratio, and the operating budget has more than doubled, moving from \$800,000 in 1964 to \$1.8 million last year. This year's budget provided \$2.2 million.

Growth also is noted in the 17,000 volumes added to the library in five years and the current construction of a new library that will be able to house over 200,000 volumes.

The value of the physical plant itself has increased over \$2 million.

Most over-30 Catholics who received their religious education under Church auspices are accustomed to a relatively authoritarian classroom situation in which it is the job of the teacher to present facts and the job of students to absorb the facts and repeat them on tests.

TO SOME extent, of course, this description distorts the reality. Even in pre-Vatican II days, not all religion teachers were rigidly authoritarian in their approach. In addition, classroom experience was frequently supplemented by out-of-class built sessions—especially on the college level—between students and teachers.

Still, the typical model of the past was authoritarian: the teacher taught and the student learned.

To a great extent this has changed today. More or less open-ended student discussion has become a commonplace. Textbooks have become far less doctrinaire (and in many places teachers make little or no use of texts anyway, preferring to

rely on films, newspaper items and similar materials as discussion-starters). Religion "lectures" have become popular in Catholic schools on both the high school and college levels.

Perhaps the most fundamental change is the way in which many educators now view religious education—not as an abstract of theology but as a kind of social science discipline whose objective is to help students live more Christian lives.

As James Michael Lee, head of the education department at Notre Dame University put it recently, "Religious education is basically and essentially distinct from theology. . . . Religious education as social science. . . is rooted in the actual dynamics of the teaching-learning process, and how best to facilitate behaviorally the learning process in the students."

MANY PEOPLE—and not necessarily conservative Catholics either—question whether

development Office brought the most dollars in gifts in Marian's history.

Marian's role in Indianapolis life has expanded. "Operation Up Beat" designed and conducted largely by students, has brought inner-city high school pupils to the campus for eight weeks the last two summers. Each pupil received help in academic courses and participated in community activities. Each will be tutored through the current year by Marian students.

The education department has special training classes for inner-city teachers and for college graduates without teaching licenses who now want to teach.

The Indianapolis Capitola, professional football team, also make Marian its summer training home.

In addition, faculty members delivered over 282 performances in talks and speeches in 1968-69.

MARIAN COLLEGE, according to Dr. Guzzetta and the board of trustees, plans to continue to expand gradually with primary influence on the quality of education offered. By 1975, the student body should reach its planned maximum of 1,500, up 400 from current enrollment. Hopefully, additional facilities will include a fieldhouse, a student center and more dormitories.

At the same time, the 21 major subject areas probably will be expanded and the general curriculum revised.

Although tuition probably will increase in future years, students now attend Marian at a lower tuition than out-of-state students pay at the state universities.

Economists estimate that Marian's \$2 plus million annual budget, at the very least, means \$5 million worth of commerce for Indianapolis. Added to that is the \$250,000 estimated annual spending by the students.

Sex education program revised

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—A controversial sex education program in Catholic schools here has been revised for the new school year not because of the criticisms leveled against it.

Father Donald Brent, associate superintendent of schools for the Rochester diocese said the changes were made to bring parents closer to the program and give them a greater voice in its implementation.

A number of people, including one pastor, criticized the program for telling the pupils too much too soon. But Father Brent said a poll of 8,000 parents conducted by the diocese in June, showed that 86 percent of them favored the sex education courses.

behavior rather than knowledge is the primary objective of religious education in the classroom. The religious behavior of young people, they noted, is affected by such a wide range of influences—home, parish life, television and movies, other students—that it seems futile for religious educators to imagine that they can be more than one influence among many, and probably not the most important.

Beyond the theoretical issue, however, the very notion that behavior has become the target of religious educators makes many conservatives nervous, since it tends to confirm their suspicions of a catechetical conspiracy designed to turn the Church around 180 degrees on many issues.

This fear was expressed, for example, by Father Robert E. Burns, C.S.P., a columnist for the conservative national Catholic weekly The Wanderer, who wrote recently: "There is a powerful organization of Liberal theologians in this country pushing avant-garde theological theories instead of following the teachings and directives of the Holy See. It is no exaggeration to say that these theologians have a stranglehold on our Catholic educational system."

This conspiracy theory is reinforced by the charge, frequently repeated by conservative sources, that children are being told not to let their parents in on what they have heard in religion class. This, according to another Wanderer columnist, retired Bishop William Adrian of Nashville, is a move intended to prevent parent protest and to "alienate the children from their parents."

Along with the methods of religious education, of course, vocal conservatives are at least as much concerned about its content, particularly as it is reflected in modern religion textbooks. The texts, they claim, ignore or deny many traditional doctrines and, in the area of ethics, betray a bias in favor of situation ethics.

Father Burns, for instance, has written that he was "shocked" to learn that the "Roots of Faith" religion series, published by Harcourt, Brace and World, was in use in "practically every Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Boston." He took particular exception to the fourth-year text's use of extensive quotations from the Rev. Joseph P. Hecher, a leading advocate of situation ethics.

Another favorite target of critics is the treatment by the texts of Christ's divinity and awareness of His mission. At a recent meeting in Philadelphia, for example, this year, Mrs. Theresa Ickinger of Parents for Orthodox in Parochial Education

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Enrollment figures given by St. Meinrad

ST. MEINRAD, Ind.—St. Meinrad College Seminary opened its 1969 scholastic year with a total enrollment of 257, according to an announcement by Sister Mary Mundell, O.S.B., registrar.

A breakdown of enrollment shows that three Archdioceses, 25 dioceses, and four religious communities are represented in the college community.

Students are affiliated with the Archdioceses of Atlanta, Indianapolis, and Louisville and the dioceses of: Nashville, Baton Rouge, Belleville, Charleston, Evansville, Fort Wayne, South Bend, Gary, Harrisburg, Jefferson City, Joliet, Lafayette, Lansing, Natchez-Jackson, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Owenboro, Paterson, Peoria, Pittsburgh, Savannah, Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Toledo, Tucson, Wheeling, Wilmington, and Worcester. Religious affiliation includes: Marmon Abbey, Saint Benedict of Montefano, St. Charles Priory, and St. Meinrad Archabbey.

Seven new members have been added to the faculty at St. Meinrad College.

Father David Kahle, a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, has been appointed assistant academic dean and teaches in the religion department. He has been dean of studies and religious education at the School of Indianapolis. He has a master's degree in physics from the Catholic University of America.

Father Aurelius Boberek, O.S.B., has returned to the faculty after graduate studies in education at Indiana University.

(POPE)—an organization active in the campaign against modern religion texts—quoted statements from a number of books which the said were contrary to Catholic doctrine. Some examples:

• From "Growth in Christ" (Sadler): "Christ's prayer was no different from ours, a search for the meaning of life."

• From "To Live is Christ" (Regnery): "Like all of us, Jesus had to search for His own identity in the world."

• From "Word and Worship" (Benziger): "Through His work, Jesus recognized His vocation. His call from the Father."

Educators have adopted various responses to the growing controversy. In some places, such as the archdiocese of Philadelphia, the superintendent of schools has issued a statement defending the modern religion texts as educationally and doctrinally sound.

Elsewhere, officials have expressed a willingness to listen to objections and seek to reestablish community consensus on religious education. This is the tactic adopted in the diocese of Cleveland, where the school superintendent recently announced formation of a panel of three pastors and three persons to be appointed by the diocesan religious education department "to sit down to the serious scholarly re-analysis of the (contemporary) textbooks, not in the light of patented objections but in the hope that a fair and well-founded appraisal" would result.

In the archdiocese of St. Louis, the archdiocesan priests council has recommended to Cardinal John Carberry that he establish a Commission for Religious Education which would seek to promote sound religious teaching and reassure parents concerned about possible "heretical teaching."

WHETHER such efforts will come soon enough or be effective enough to prevent a major blow remains to be seen. Bishop Adrian, for instance, has written, "If the situation cannot be corrected by a vigorous and persistent protest to the proper authorities—the pastor or Bishop—the parents are bound in conscience to remove their children from the Catholic school, and teach them religion at home or in private classes. The schools will, at least, not teach, or should not teach, the students false doctrine."

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GOLDEN JUBILIANS—Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wergel of Evansville will celebrate their wedding anniversary Saturday, Oct. 11, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass in St. Anthony Church. Relatives and friends of the couple are invited to a reception in St. Anthony School cafeteria from 2 until 4 p.m. Vincent Wergel and the former Stella Schuler were married October 14, 1919 in St. Matthew's Church in Mt. Vernon, Ind. The couple are the parents of 11 children: Sister Mary Linus, O.S.B. (Mary Jean), Sister Dorothy, O.S.B., and Sister M. Rose, O.S.B. (Therese), all of Our Lady of Grace Convent, Beach Grove; Miss Eugenia Wergel and Mrs. Bill (Alice) Lawrence, both of Evansville; Kenneth and Ben, both of St. Philip's; and Mrs. Marion (Syvillia) Lewis of Mt. Vernon. Francis, Paul and Imelda died in infancy. There are also 12 grandchildren.

Comment

The opinions expressed in these editorial columns represent a Catholic viewpoint—not necessarily THE Catholic viewpoint. They are efforts of the editors to serve public opinion within the Church and within the Nation.

So what's new?

Coincident with the new television season, an 11-page report of the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence denounced television for a "constant diet of violent behavior" which, it said, "has an adverse effect on human character and attitudes."

Network executives howled in unison. The conclusion, they said, was based too heavily on surveys of programming in past years and did not reflect the Mr. Clean image permeating the schedules this fall.

If there has been a dramatic shakeup in television content, it isn't all that evident. Violence is still as pervasive as ever in the crime, Western and action-adventure offerings cited by the commission.

But what both the commission and the broadcasters failed to mention is that violence is nowhere so starkly depicted as it is on the typical national news-cast. Fundamental way, television helps to create what children expect of themselves and others, and of what constitutes the standards of our civilized society. Yet we daily permit our children during their formative years to enter a world of police interrogation, of gangsters beating enemies, of spies performing fatal brain surgery, and of routine demonstrations of all kinds of killing and maiming.

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Tomorrow begins the second World Synod of Bishops, a coming together that is expected to influence the spirit and workings of the Church for years, perhaps centuries, to come. Present will be 147 participants—93 presidents of bishops conferences in various nations, 20 Curial heads of departments, 17 personal representatives of the Pope, 14 representatives of Eastern Rite churches and three representatives of religious orders.

The agenda is sparse but the development of the lone topic of discussion could be spectacular in impact and implications.

The synod already has taken on overtones of a confrontation. The good guys against the bad guys or

High Noon in the Vatican basement. It is not all that simple. It never was.

The synod has been called to explore the relationship of the bishops with the Pope and with one another. At the heart of the matter is papal authority and the highly centralized structure of authority in the Church.

Not up for debate are birth control, priestly celibacy, the burgeoning role of the laity or other similar topics. Yet these issues cannot be sidelined. For all issues that divide and unite the body of the Church are inextricably bound to what has become the pivotal controversy of the modern Church—authority.

The structural divisiveness that was manifest by reactions of Canadian and French conferences of bishops to Humanae Vitae (?) is still there, deep and

public. It has precipitated widespread anxiety for the unity of the Church and caused personal anguish to Pope Paul and many of the bishops. It has prompted conservatives to denounce democracy as inimical to faith and liberals to assert that without a healthy regard for democracy and personal conscience the Church will not survive. An impasse has been reached that must be resolved.

In the days ahead, members of the synod will live and breathe that impasse because they, in concert with the Pope and fellow bishops around the world, are personification. What will have to be determined are the dimensions of collegiality, its practical application in a Church renewed by the visionaries of Vatican II, and the limitations of both authority and freedom. The debate and determinations of the next few weeks will affect us all. We can pray it will be for the better.

THE YARDSTICK

What will year bring for colleges?

By DR. GEORGE N. SHUSTER

The campuses have filled up again. Watching some of these endless thousands settle down in their dorms, frat houses and off-campus lodgings is to witness a seasonal migration as fascinating and as mysterious as that of the birds scattering southward at the same time.

Some are bedding down and if you talk to them you can tell that expectation as well as some fear are churning round together in their minds. Then you meet an upper class man or woman who has worked during the summer, driving a truck, or waiting on table, or going to Latin America with some service organization like CILA.

How many are bored more or less stiff with the whole collegiate enterprise? Not the ones who have seriously made up their minds to become engineers or physicians or nuclear physicists. They know they are climbing up steep steps and they climb. And not the Liberal Arts devotees who have taken a full course in the world of the classics. John Fischer has said, and I am sure he is correct: "Only in the liberal arts colleges which boast 'we are not trade schools'—do the youngsters get the feeling that they are drowning in a cloud of feathers." When you get to feeling like that you would probably chuck the whole thing were it not for the draft or a lack of impulse to get rich by buying bricks or repairing TV sets.

No doubt—many have said this before and are saying it now—the Liberal Arts fraternity has been so busy stretching barbed wire around their liberalism that now, and I quote John Fischer again: "They often leave a student convinced at the end of four years that any given idea is probably about as valid as any other—and that none of them has much relationship to the others, or to the decisions he is going to have to make the day after graduation."

And indeed the philosophers among the members of the fraternity have decided that their "love of wisdom" does not point to any conclusion acceptable as a guide to potential behavior.

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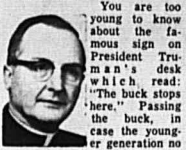
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Q. In our eighth grade religion class this question was brought up: "Why do we have a single man, the Pope, leading our Church?" Wouldn't it be more practical to have a group of men leading the Church together? We know that the Pope leads the Church together with his bishops and cardinals, but what we have in mind is some type of a council, say five men each having an equal part in final decisions. We understand that Christ did appoint only one man but that was two thousand years ago. Is this still adequate for modern times?

A. Congratulations to your class on the kind of questions you are asking and the intelligent efforts you are making to answer them.



You are too young to know about the famous title of President Truman's desk which read: "The buck stops here." Passing the buck, in the case of the younger generation no longer uses the expression, means to pass along the responsibility for some action to another or to blame another for what has been done. It's a permanent, built-in tendency of human nature. In every large human organization, therefore, there must be one person who makes the final decision, who can't pass the buck. This is true in modern corporations and modern democracies.

It is interesting to note that in Christian churches organized in modern times with the press purpose of minimizing in-

Worker-priest plan approved

BUENOS AIRES — Cardinal Antonio Caggiano, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, has approved the experimental formation of a community of worker-priests who will live in one of the poor sections of the city.

The priests will work in factories and will have the same kind of food, clothing and housing as their co-workers. An evaluation of the program and a decision on its possible expansion will be made after one year.



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institutional and authority little by little there emerges a top administrator who becomes a pope in everything but name.

Someone has said that if there were not already a papacy it would be necessary to create one. Protestants working for church unity are not against the idea of a pope; they see the need of one person who can be the source of unity. But they want a pope who is a little more dependent upon the rest of the Church, who would make the decisions after hearing the Church throughout the world, rather than just his advisors in the Roman Curia. Many Catholics are asking for this too, not because they want to weaken the papacy or restrict the decision making of the Pope, but because they want to strengthen it and make it more acceptable and therefore more influential.

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A Sudden Fortune Will Windle Away

THE BASIC problem of the Church today is held to be the crisis of faith, which is seen to be worldwide in its effect. The document expresses confidence, however, that new ways of religious life, perhaps including temporary rather than lifelong commitments, will be found to coincide with modern conditions.

The proposals relating to the ministry take their basis in a study of the original Church, and suggest a greater autonomy for local churches in which the pope would act as the general secretary of a "United Catholic Church of the World."

It is urged that the question of celibacy be left to each student for the priesthood, who could choose to marry or remain celibate. It is also recommended that the authority of the individual bishop be increased, so that questions of discipline might be resolved locally.

TURNING to the need for new forms of ministry, the secretariate harks back to the early days of Christianity and notes the various roles played by deacons and sub-deacons. It asks why a similar system could not be reconstituted to take care of modern demands, creating catechists, counselors, caretakers, and organizational leaders. In this connection, the secretariate looks to the possibility that women be ordained as priests.

The exclusion of women from the altar is an "archaic form of discrimination," the document says. It is further recommended that job conditions for priests be improved, modern working situations, with priests being allowed to apply for the positions they want, to join a trade union, to adopt a professional association.

The question of the laity expected of their priests is also treated. Great emphasis is placed on the role of stimulating faith, and the means to this end are said to be common discussions among priests on spirituality, a common search for new forms of prayer, and time spent in retreats and contemplation.

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(Continued from page 4) absurd with the possibility of destroying cities and exterminating civil populations and wiping out the whole of humanity. ("The Church and Colonialism," Dimension Books).

No wonder Archbishop Camara—who is one of the truly prophetic figures of our generation—feels compelled to keep on saying, over and over again, that the only hope for mankind is to build a bridge of concord between the so-called Christian and so-called Socialist worlds—"so-called" in both cases because Christians, for their part, are very far from being perfect Christians, and the Russian people on the other hand, are not all hopelessly committed to a philosophy of dialectical materialism.

"Why can we not recognize" the Archbishop asks, "that there is more than one type of socialism, and so liberate the term from a necessary bond with materialism?" A good question. With an answer from Chomsky, Miss Allibeyeva answered it partially on Meet the Press.

Enrollment down

DETROIT — Enrollment in archdiocesan seminaries shows a 20% drop this fall, continuing the decline of the past few years. According to figures released by the director of vocations office, the total number of men preparing for the priesthood in archdiocesan seminaries this fall is 485, as compared to 608 last year and 642 in the 1967-68 academic year.

A STATEMENT issued by a national meeting of directors of religious education for Catholic schools, held recently in Marietta, La., alluded to this matter in a statement. "It is his (the religion teacher's) special responsibility to introduce the students to authentic Catholic teaching as made explicit by the Church's magisterium. In the light of the influence of rapid communication media, it

YOUR WORLD AND MINE

Calls Latin American policies 'bankrupt'

By GARY MacEOIN

More than most people realize, the traumatic elements in the intellectual and emotional evolution which caused Senator Frank Church of Idaho to repudiate the Alliance for Progress, I have myself gone through the same process, following paths that ran parallel and at times even merged.

In February 1966, Senator Church read into the Congressional record an article about the Alliance which I had written the previous month. It protested the distortions introduced into that program by the Johnson Administration and warned that failure to maintain the letter and spirit of the solemn pledges we gave at Punta del Este could bring the United States incalculable harm.

I then thought the Alliance could still be saved. That Senator Church was of like mind was demonstrated to me not only by his bringing my views to the attention of his colleagues in Congress but by a personal letter he wrote me.

The Senator, who today is chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Latin America and the principal Democratic Senator concerned with Latin American policy, no longer thinks so. He set out the reasons for his change of mind in a speech delivered in Mexico City this month. What he said acquires additional significance, if as is widely believed, the still secret Rockefeller Report now in President Nixon's hands urges an extension of the distortions which the Alliance for Progress policy has already suffered.

The policy has failed, he said, because the funds were allowed to be used in most countries "not to change the existing order but to benefit the existing order." It had failed because the programs were used to promote economic advantage of U.S. commercial or investment interests, or to punish governments which adopted policies of which they disapproved.

The failure of the Alliance, Senator Church rightly pointed out, is contributing to "the hostile and distorted image of the United States" which is spreading throughout Latin America. This negative image is now shared not only by Communists and other radicals but by growing numbers of moderates and even conservatives. What is happening is that they are losing confidence in the "Free World" system. They do not think it will ever solve their problems.

Many question the desire of the developed nations to help. Others go deeper and question the ability of these nations under the rules they have formulated for the game. In consequence, one finds a progressive rejection of the capitalist system and of the liberal philosophy underlying it, in a word, of the American dream. The total reflection of Latin American reality is going far deeper than a mere criticism of U.S. policies and practices. It is approaching a repudiation of the premises of Western society.

One may agree or disagree with the correctness of that view. But I think this is largely beside the point. The basic reality in today's world is what people think and what they decide to do. Our increasing control over the environment makes the objective limitations on action progressively marginal. We can do what we decide to do.

Next week: Authors and editors defend some of the new subject matter, texts, and methods as part of the development of learning.

That is, of course, true of the developed countries, but it is increasingly true also of the less developed. People everywhere are acquiring an understanding of themselves as individuals and as groups which they formerly lacked. Nothing can be done without them. Since Vietnam, this is an historically established fact. Our young people are confirming it here at home.

Senator Church has urged the immediate ending of military aid and the withdrawal of the military missions now active in seventeen Latin American nations. He also wants to end bilateral aid, channeling our help instead through UN agencies and other multilateral channels.

I am sure that he is thinking of these changes, not as a solution, but simply as a first step. Perhaps no more is immediately possible. Time is needed to reflect on the enormity of the mess, to understand how calamitous for us is the fragmenting of the emotional unity of the continent to which we have contributed.

This is the basic aspect of the problem. Economic aid, no matter how channeled, cannot do the job alone. We must move toward a total sharing as brothers of concern, of efforts and of assets. And for all our pious professions, we have not yet begun to realize what this means.

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KEY GAMES SLATED

Several teams still unbeaten in CYO hoops

With three weeks' schedule remaining in the fall football calendar, division leaders are beginning to emerge in both Cadet and "56" League action.

Key games involving unbeaten teams this Sunday will include: Cadet League, Division I—St. Andrew's (4-0) and St. Lawrence (0-4) at St. Andrew's, 3:30 p.m.; Division II—St. Simon's (4-0) and Our Lady of Lourdes (3-0) at Ellensberger Park, 2 p.m.; Division III—St. Malachy's (3-0) and St. Roch's (2-1) at Msgr. Downey No. 1, 3:30 p.m.

Division IV—Our Lady of Greenwood (3-0) has the bye; St. Rita's (0-4) and St. Bernadette's (0-4) at CYO No. 1, 1:15 p.m.; Division V—Our Lady of St. Carmel (3-0) and Nativity at Mt. Carmel, 3 p.m.; St. Thomas (3-0) has the bye.

"56" League, Division I—St. Joseph's (4-0) and St. Christopher's (3-0) at Eagle Creek, 12:30 p.m.; Division II—St. Pius X (3-0) and Christ the King at CYO North No. 1, 12:30 p.m.; Division III—St. John's (3-0) and Nativity (0-4) at Roncalli High School, 12:30 p.m.; Division IV—Holy Spirit (4-0) and St. Simon's (2-0) at Ellensberger Park, 12:30 p.m.

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SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 12

"56" LEAGUE

Division 1: St. Christopher vs. St. Joseph at Eagle Creek, 12:30 p.m.; St. Paul vs. St. Michael at Roncalli, 12:30 p.m.; St. Mary vs. St. Malachy at Greenwood, 12:30 p.m.; St. Thomas vs. St. Luke at St. Joseph's, 12:30 p.m.

Division 2: Christ the King vs. St. Pius X at CYO North No. 1, 12:30 p.m.; St. Andrew vs. St. Simon at Ellensberger, 12:30 p.m.; Our Lady of Lourdes vs. St. Bernadette at St. Malachy's, 12:30 p.m.; St. Matthew vs. Immaculate Heart at CYO North No. 2, 12:30 p.m.

Division 3: Sacred Heart vs. St. Roch at CYO North No. 3, 12:30 p.m.; St. Patrick vs. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at St. Patrick's, 12:30 p.m.; St. John vs. Nativity at Roncalli, 12:30 p.m.

Division 4: Holy Spirit vs. St. Simon at Ellensberger, 12:30 p.m.; Our Lady of Lourdes vs. St. Bernadette at St. Malachy's, 12:30 p.m.; St. Matthew vs. Immaculate Heart at CYO North No. 2, 12:30 p.m.

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ATTEND OUTDOOR LIVING ROSARY—Members of Msgr. Downey Council Knights of Columbus, Indianapolis, took advantage of a beautiful fall afternoon last Sunday to pay homage to the Mother of God by reciting a Living Rosary on the council grounds, 511 E. Thompson Rd. Nearly 200 wives and children also attended the event, dedicated to world peace. Unformed members of the Msgr. Downey Choral Group, Fourth Degree and Explorer Post 522 participated. General chairman was Stephen Papesh, a member of St. Catherine's parish.

CYO SPORTS

CYO FOOTBALL

Games of Sunday, Oct. 5

Division 1: St. Andrew vs. St. Lawrence at St. Andrew's, 12:30 p.m.; St. Simon vs. St. Roch at St. Simon's, 12:30 p.m.; St. Malachy vs. St. Bernadette at St. Malachy's, 12:30 p.m.; St. Matthew vs. Immaculate Heart at CYO North No. 2, 12:30 p.m.

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Sister Marcella dies at age 56

ST. MARY-OF THE WOODS, Ind.—Funeral services for Sister Marcella O'Malley, S.P., 56, were held at the motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence here Tuesday, Oct. 7. She died (Oct. 5) at Providence High School, Chicago, after some weeks of illness.

A native of Chicago, Sister Marcella entered the convent in 1933. Among her teaching assignments were St. Philip Neri and St. John of Arc Schools, Indianapolis; St. Charles School, Bloomington; and St. Patrick's School, Terre Haute.

Three sisters survive: Mrs. Agnes O'Connor, of Niles, Ill.; Sister St. Vincent O'Malley, S.P., of River Grove, Ill.; and Sister M. Viator O'Malley, B.V.M., of Dubuque, Ia.

Guild to meet

INDIANAPOLIS—Our Lady of Hope Guild will have its annual meeting and election of officers at St. Bridget's parish hall on Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. A Holy Hour will precede the meeting in the Church.

Mass privilege

BOSTON — The 1.5 million Catholic Catholics in the eight-county Detroit archdiocese will be permitted to fulfill their Sunday Mass obligation by attending Saturday evening Masses beginning October 24.

New president

HOUSTON—T. Raber Taylor, 60, a Denver attorney, has been elected president of the Superior Council of the United States, Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Theologian has doubts on Synod

FRANKFURT, Germany — A noted German theologian has expressed doubts that the Synod of Bishops to begin October 11 in Rome will be successful.

Father Karl Rahner, S.J., professor of dogmatic theology at Muenster University, told the German Catholic weekly, *Publik*, that the agenda for the synod shows "little promise" of achieving "closer unity between the national bishops' conferences and the Holy See."

Father Rahner said that the agenda lacks real proposals for a legally fixed co-operation between the Pope and the bishops.

"Rome, which is so intent on turning the national bishops' conferences into parish in all decisions. Each parish may enter a maximum of three teams of four contestants."

Set Fall Foliage Tour Sunday, October 12th

TROY, Ind.—Perry County's annual Fall Foliage Tour will be held Sunday, Oct. 12, starting at 1:30 and 2 p.m. (EDT).

The tours will be taken in caravans with 12 to 15 cars in each and will last approximately two hours over dust-free roads. The tour will wind its way through the beautiful Lincoln Hills of Perry and Spencer counties, first passing the Lincoln Ferry Park, where Lincoln operated a ferry across the Anderson river.

The tour will then pass through the hamlets of Huffman and New Boston to Evanston Mill, where Abe took food and flour to be ground. The mill no longer exists, but there is a covered bridge of Civil War vintage near the mill site. Then on to Bristol with a rest stop at the old St. Joseph Church and back through St. Marks and via the Troy Ridge Road to the point of origin.

At the starting point in Troy, local people offer fall foods, jellies, sorghum, home made items such as bird feeders, pumpkins, gourds, nuts, apple cider and kindred items for sale. Usually local artists are on hand to sketch and display their handicraft. Food is also available prior to the tour for the convenience of the visitors.

Father Eugene Weidman, pastor of St. Paul church in Troy, is the "guiding light" in this annual event.

Slate kickoff

INDIANAPOLIS — Playoff games in the Cadet and Junior Kickball Leagues are scheduled to begin next week as the regular season play draws to a close in both leagues.

In the Cadet League, regular games remain to be played Friday and Monday, with playoffs to start next Wednesday barring ties. The regular season play draws to a close in both leagues.

Junior League action will be completed Wednesday, a Thursday with playoff games scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. The same division line-up prevails as in the Cadet League.

Paper drive
INDIANAPOLIS—The Father Tom Club of Secina Memorial High School will sponsor a paper drive, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10 and 11. Persons having papers and needing transportation are asked to call 356-6377.

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Guild has 'special' interests

By PAUL G. FOX

Tickets still remain for the lecture next Tuesday by Dr. Haim Ginnott in Clowes Memorial Hall, Indianapolis. Sponsored by the *Guardian Angel Guild*, the program's proceeds will benefit the Special Education Department of the Archdiocesan School Office.

Dr. Ginnott, the eminent psychologist-author is familiar to viewers of the Today and Mike Douglas television shows, and readers of his column in McCall's magazine. His latest book "Between Parent and Teenager" has ranked in the "top 10" on the nation's best-seller non-fiction list for the past four months.

Tickets are available by calling the following numbers: 547-3370, 283-3920 and 251-2826. Also, they are being sold daily at the Clowes box office and Ayres' Downtown and Glendale on Friday, Oct. 10, and Saturday, Oct. 11.

Among the worthy activities sponsored by the Guardian Angel Guild are:

- Special education classes at St. Mary's Child Center, where 22 children from seven to 13 are presently enrolled. Teachers are Sister Catherine Raters, O.S.F., and Sister Marilyn Therese Lipp, S.P.
- Remedial academic program at the Child Center for children attending other schools but who are experiencing specific learning problems in reading, spelling, math, etc. Remedial therapist is Miss Mary Carson and enrollment is about 25.

- Enrichment programs, including Junior Great Books for seventh and eighth graders and Junior Classics for fifth and sixth graders. Volunteers staff these programs. Mrs. Thomas Maxwell is co-ordinator for the Junior Great Books program, which enrolls about 270 children in 25 schools, while Mrs. Ann Ely is in charge of the Junior Classics. The latter program involves about 700 pupils in 25 schools.

- A 10-year perinatal study, conducted by the Child Center, the Indiana University Medical Center and St. Vincent's Hospital. Mrs. Raymond Gardner has charge of Guild volunteers who assist in the project. Records are being kept on 1,500 children born at St. Vincent's from July, 1966, through June, 1967. Information on childhood development patterns will be maintained until 1976 when a report will be released.

- Religious education classes for the retarded. Directed by Mrs. Russell Beaver, the classes will meet this year at Holy Name, Little Flower, Immaculate Heart of Mary and

St. Michael's Schools.

President of the Guardian Angel Guild is Mrs. H.J. Baker, a member of St. Luke's parish.

NAMES IN THE NEWS—Daniel J. Crews and Alfred J. Tears, of the Talbot House board of directors, will attend the fourth annual conference of the Association of Halfway House Alcoholism Programs in Tulsa, October 12-15.

Marine Private Thomas Fields, a member of St. Louis parish, Batesville, received an expert rifleman medal during graduation ceremonies recently in San Diego. A former student at Marian College, he was a member of the honor platoon. His parents and family were present for the ceremonies. He is now assigned to Camp Pendleton, Cal.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zahm, members of St. Mark's parish, Indianapolis, on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary this past Thursday, Oct. 9. . . . **Miss Donna Jean Kiebach**, a graduate of St. Agnes Academy, Indianapolis, was recently elected vice president of the freshman class at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College.

NEW FALL TITLES—The Abbey Press of St. Meinrad Archabbey has released five new paperbacks and five pamphlets in its fall publishing venture. Under the editorship of Brian P. Daly, the new titles include: pamphlets—Religion's Role in Education, by Mary McGowan Slattery; We Lift Our Voices, by Rabbi Bernard M. Cohen; What Is a Saint?, by Phyllis McGinley; Crisis in Catholic Schools, by Russell Shaw; and A College Chaplain Speaks to Parents, by Father Thomas Dunphy. Book titles are: Ready Your Child for School, by the Montessori Way, by Lena L. Gitter; The Challenge of the Retarded Child, by Sister Mary Theodore, O.S.F.; College Begins at Two, by Isabelle P. Buckley; A Newsmen's View of the Birth Control Encyclopedia, by Floyd Anderson; and Ups and Downs of Marriage, by Louise Shanahan.

ART CLASSES AT ALVERNA—The spacious grounds and beauty of *Alverna Retreat House*, located at 8140 Spring Mill Road, should beckon advanced and beginner artists to art classes being planned there on Wednesday afternoons and evenings. To be conducted by an Indianapolis artist, the course will feature classes in portrait, landscape and still life in the media of oil, pastels, charcoal and water color. For further information, call 359-0254. Classes will begin later this month.

Cemetery Outdoor Mass is scheduled for this Saturday

INDIANAPOLIS — Msgr. Jo. at 12 noon Saturday, Oct. 11, seph Brokhaage, rector of the He will be assisted in the Latin School, will celebrate an ury by Latin School students Outdoor Mass in St. Joseph's and choir. Cemetery, 2400 S. Meridian St. Sponsored by the Catholic

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represent a political force in our country."

Rather, he added, it "brings to its people the saving power of the Gospel" while the "government represents the interests of the whole nation."

He denied that the Russian churchmen had been given any guidelines by their government which could limit the discussions. "We do not represent the government, and are not military experts," he said, adding that the delegates would discuss Christian "views in regard to wars."

Bishop Javenaly also denied emphatically reports of anti-church governmental policies or a constantly decreasing number of practicing Christians in Russia.

"THERE HAS been talk for over 50 years that our church is about to die," and yet, he said, the people are maintaining the churches without any subsidies and seminaries were forced by the number of young applicants to take only the best candidates this year.

He said statistics on church membership are not kept because "religion is the private business of every citizen," but estimated that the Orthodox Church alone has 30 to 40 million practicing members. (There are some 22 million in Russia and the Orthodox Church is the largest religious body.)

After Bishop Javenaly left the press conference, representatives of the U.S. churchmen were questioned by newsmen as to the possible "propaganda" value to Russia of the talks. Dr. Parent said the U.S. group would not have invited the Russians, "if we didn't think something could be accomplished" by talks between religious leaders of the "two nations, each of which has the power to blow each other off the earth."

He expressed hope for "frank discussion" which could lead at least to "understanding a theological basis" of the Christian position on war and could be "one little step" toward arms limitation.

FATHER McDermott also expressed hope that churchmen in the future could "influence their governments' policies," but stressed that the influence of churchmen is not in "power plays." He said the impact of Pope Paul's plea for "war never again" during his 1965 visit to the United Nations was an example of the "very influential" role church leaders could play without political force or arms.

The talks might not result in any recommendations to either government, he said, but at the same time could "set a context" out of which government disarmament talks could come.

The 10-man Russian delegation, which included Evangelical Lutheran and U.S.S.R. Baptist Union representatives as well as Orthodox leaders, arrived here (Oct. 3) after brief stops in New York and Washington.

They were met at St. Louis Lambert Airport by a band of demonstrators protesting the visit on behalf of anti-communist groups including the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation, the Missouri National Security Council and the Free Friends of Captive Nations.

The Soviet churchmen were invited for the talks jointly by Msgr. Marvin Borden, director, Division of World Justice and Peace, USCC, and Dr. Robert Bilheimer, executive director, Department of International Affairs, National Council of Churches.

city. The Blessed Sacrament is kept in a special chapel separate from the body of the church. Regardless of what the latter writer thinks of the National Catholic Reporter, Thorman's talk was not "anti-Church" and was actually considered by some who attended as "too conservative." Questions treated during the open forum were not of a secular but of a religious nature.

I wonder how many of our priests and laity consider an integrated swimming pool too much desegregation. Since when are people attending the Eucharistic Sacrifice called SCUM?

I am praying daily that Father Montroy, Father Meny, Father Rohleder and other men of their stature will continue to fight for EQUAL rights for each of God's children.

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† MARY E. STEVENS, 75, St. Anthony's, Oct. 3, Mother of Edward J. Stevens, sister of Helen Riegel and Mrs. Arville Meyer.

† PHILIP S. MICELI, 88, Holy Mary, Oct. 4, Father of Tony and Tada Miceli and Nina M. Venezia.

† CHARLES W. ROSENBERG, 31, Our Lady of Greenwood, Oct. 4, Husband of Patricia A. Rosenberg and father of Charles and Patricia Rosenberg, both of Chicago, Ill.

† MARY COFFIELD, 53, 55 Peter and Paul Cathedral, Oct. 6.

† CARL J. HAGAN, 78, St. Ann's, Oct. 7, Brother of Alma Hagan and Anna Meyer.

† CLARA P. TELLAS, 78, Sacred Heart, Oct. 7, Mother of Marie J. Larnach.

MADISON
† BELL STEIGERWALD, 78, St. Michael's, Sept. 28, Husband of Charlotte.

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† CECILIA M. STUCKENBERG, 71, St. Mary, Sept. 28, Wife of George Wimp of New Albany, a half-brother and sister.

RICHMOND
† DANIEL M. CONNOR, 90, St. Mary's, Oct. 3, Brother of Martha Connor of Richmond.

† MARY PARDELL, 95, St. Andrew's, Oct. 3, Stepdaughter of Martin and Robert P. Pardeck, both of Chicago, Ill.

TERRE HAUTE
† VERNICA LINDA, 83, St. Margaret Mary, Oct. 1, Sister of Mrs. Elizabeth Corcoran, Mrs. Marie Linder, Mrs. Theresa Sappington and Robert Lynch, all of Terre Haute, Mrs. Agnes Holt of International Falls, Minn.; Sam Lynch of Kansas City, Mo., and John Lynch of Seattle, Wn.

† MARGARET MCDANIEL, 80, St. Margaret Mary, Oct. 3.

† HELEN L. MOYER, St. Benedict's, Oct. 6, Mother of Mrs. Gertrude Klugeha of Louisville, sister of Mrs. Mary Tomlinson of Corvallis, Calif. and Mrs. Kathryn Byrum of Nevada, Calif.

† DONALD J. GOSWELL, 14, St. Ann's, Oct. 6, Son of Barbara Goswell of Terre Haute and Herbert Goswell of Plainfield, brother of Mrs. Madeline Stet of Saratoga, Calif.; Mrs. Jean Reeves, St. Mary, Ind.; Edward, Garry, Herbert and Harold, all of Terre Haute; grandson of Mrs. Adrian Sprague of Plainfield.

has divided the See so as to form the two dioceses of Mobile and Birmingham.

The Most Rev. John L. May, until now auxiliary bishop of Chicago, has been named bishop of Mobile. He is president of the Catholic Church Extension Society.

The Most Rev. Joseph G. Vath, until now auxiliary bishop of Mobile-Birmingham, has been named bishop of Birmingham.

Archbishop Toolen will act as apostolic administrator until the new Ordinaries take possession of their Sees.

Abp. Toolen resigns at 83

WASHINGTON — Pope Paul VI has accepted the resignation of Archbishop Thomas J. Toolen, 83, as bishop of Mobile-Birmingham, and has named him to be titular archbishop of Glastonbury.

At the same time, the Pope

The smut peddlers

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"the epidemic proportions" of the trend to obscenity. In the sad phenomenon of eroticism, he said, "we find the theory that opens the way to license disguised as liberty and to the aberration of the instinct, called liberation of conventional scruples."

The hucksters of filth in this country have outraged those with much less sensitive regard for morality and decency. They have taken advantage of judicial confusion. But they are about to be curtailed with what we hope will be a rational legislative response.

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Migrant program

SUNMAN, Ind. — An evaluation meeting for volunteers involved in the migrant program in the Sunman vicinity will be held at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10, at St. Nicholas School. Religion classes for children, teens and adults have been conducted by Franciscan priests, Brothers and Sisters from Oldenburg and lay men and women volunteers from the surrounding area. To date, 35 children have received their First Communion as a result of the program.

Franciscan scholastics hold session at Marian

INDIANAPOLIS — Seventy Franciscan scholastics met at Marian College here (Sept. 27) for a day of instruction and discussion on Franciscan spirituality which is part of an intensified formation program. Four similar study days will be held during the school year.

The Scholasticate is the last phase of the formation program which has been revised by the 1969 General Chapter of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg. The particular characteristic of this phase of religious life is a commitment to the Community made by the Sister. Generally this period will be four or five years, but individual circumstances may provide grounds for shortening it to three or extending it to six years.

Formerly all Sisters made three-year temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Perpetual vows may now be made by the Sister when she and the congregation feel that she is ready.

The first study day was directed by Sister Mary Norma Rocklage, director of scholastics.

Sister Jean Pierre Wolfe and Sister Marian (Marie Pius) Boherschmidt spoke on the culture of St. Francis' era and methods of reading and interpreting the writings of St. Francis of Assisi.

Other phases of the revised formation program are:

- pre-postulancy — which is generally a year in which a girl studies the community and work and members before entering the postulancy;

- postulancy — which is the girl's first year in the community. Professional preparation and introduction to religious life are stressed;

- novitiate — which is a two-year program following the postulancy.

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PLAN BRADFORD CHILI SUPPER—The annual Chili Supper at St. Michael's parish, Bradford, will be held Sunday, Oct. 12, starting at 5 p.m. Featured on the menu will be chili, hot dogs, ham sandwiches, potato salad and pies. Your favorite game will also be played. Shown above with Father John Thuis, O.S.B., week-end assistant at St. Michael's, are: Mrs. Zaida Prechelt, Mrs. Katy Piers, Mrs. Verena Haas and Sister Robert Booth, Pastor of St. Michael's is Father David Senefeld.

CYO dance set for this Sunday

INDIANAPOLIS — The CYO dance sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X council, 2100 E. 71st St., on Columbus Day, Sunday, Oct. 12, will mark the first anniversary for the monthly dances for CYO members and their guests.

During the past year, 3,800 teen-agers have attended the dances, and the Northside Parish CYO Organizations have received \$1,525 from the proceeds.

Twenty-five tickets to an Indiana Pacer Basketball Game will be awarded as door prizes at the dance. The "Stone Haus" group will play from 7:15 to 10:15 p.m. Admission is \$1 for CYO members and \$1.25 for guests. All teen-agers are required to wear school clothes.

Turkey supper

BATESVILLE, Ind. — The annual turkey supper at St. Mary-of-the-Rock parish will be served Sunday, Oct. 12, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the church. Booths and other entertainment will be featured. Following the supper, there will be a free dance for all. The public is invited.

Mission Social

OLDENBURG, Ind. — The Mission Social, sponsored annually by the Immaculate Conception Academy, will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. (Indiana time) Sunday, Oct. 12, at the academy. The event will feature games, booths, your favorite party and refreshments. The public is invited.

Clergy voice

CHICAGO — Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago have been asked by Cardinal John Cody to nominate three candidates they consider suitable for the office of bishop.

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BROOKVILLE, Ind. — Subjects for the remaining Adult Education Classes being held at St. Michael's parish the first and third Wednesday of each month are: The Role of the Layman in the Church, October 15, and Vatican II, November 5.

The entire session on November 19 will be devoted to questions concerning Church-oriented problems posed by persons attending. Ecumenism will be discussed at the closing session on December 3.

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VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

Last Summer is a murky tale

By JAMES W. ARNOLD

"Last Summer" is a dream of a movie for symbol-busters, a murky tale of four teenagers loafing through the summer at an adultless Atlantic beach.

There are a dozen possible meanings, perhaps chiefly that of becoming an adult in the contemporary world means becoming either a victim or a victimizer, but whatever interpretation you prefer, the movie is probably not worth all the trouble. It is like climbing the Himalayas in search of a guru, and arriving home-weary and breathless only to find Johnny Carson interviewing Jacqueline Susann.

The morsels of insight are out of proportion to the climb. In "Summer," that means laboring through a lot of teen-age agonizing about sex and adult corruption, a heroine with a compulsion to remove her bra, a steady drip of naughty words, and many scenes of rehabilitating a hardly symbolic and unattractive seagull.

The film is the latest work of director-writer Tom Frank and Eleanor Perry ("David and Lisa," "The Swimmer"). Their films tend to be Grim and meaningful, with passages of melancholy beauty, and "Summer" is an admirable exception. Their novel is very much the kind of movie.

Two youths, Ben and Peter meet a very ripe girl, Sandy, on the beach and help her climb the Himalayas. Twenty out of curiosity, and reinforcing each other's courage, they begin to probe the adult mysteries of booze, sex, pot, Rhonda, a brace-toothed adolescent from Cleveland, makes it a lousier. Eventually, their tasting of life leads to cruelty and a savage, impulsive rape. As the film ends, they disperse amidst the ruins of the beach, like Adam and Eve, having consumed the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

It is not quite Innocence Corrupted. The kids have a running start. Sandy (played charmingly by Barbara Hershey) is easily the strongest character, the leader, the cynical child of a boyhood woman. The world, she has been led to expect, is a nasty place, and she yearns to explore it. She will be as bold, as ruthless as life demands.

Most of the "adventures" are at her instigation, but she is less a symbol of evil than an angry child, willful and cruel perhaps, skeptical of moral values she sees as hypocrisy, defiantly following her desires and as surprised as anyone about where they lead.

The others differ along a moral scale. Dan (Bruce Davison) is least characterized, the stereotypical amoral kid who is ready for anything that gives him pleasure. Morality never occurs to him. His prime motive is lust; he will, Rhonda predicts, become the executive at the country club who judges membership applications.

Peter (Richard Thomas, who played Joanne Woodward's son in "Winning") is at least morally sane. He has the same impulses as the others, but makes a try at controlling them. He is attracted to the good qualities in the un-beautiful Rhonda, without understanding them; he knows there is a difference between love and "love"; he is a dreamer who hopes life will be full of beauty and magic. He has an "unmapped face"; he can become anything.

The chubby intellectual Rhoda (Cathy Burns) is easily recognized as the guardian of traditional values, defender of her parents, etc. Yet she is flawed, inhibited, afraid of life. Though reluctant, she wants to be accepted by the others and goes along with them. It is Sandy's exasperation with Rhoda's moral reluctance that brings on the final calamity, each of the boys collaborating in his own way.

The point, possibly, is that following nature leads not to freedom but to horror. And multiplified naturalism is the only value for many modern youth, being raised in a vulgar, selfish society by adults who are themselves hedonists.

The seascape setting is visually stunning, and the changes

in light, from utter brightness to hazy to the moody silhouettes of dusk, help provide an uncanny sense of foreboding. But "Summer" remains unsatisfying, partly because it seems to exploit its material, partly because it offers small return on a viewer's investment of time and concentration. (Rating: A-4)

Current National Box-office Leaders (compiled from Variety, but not necessarily recommended):

1. True Grit (A-1): The quintessential John Wayne in a funny, picturesque and non-sensational western.

2. Midnight Cowboy (A-4): The souls of two lost men touch for a moment in the sick night world of Times Square. Another powerful moral critique of modern life by the director of "Daring."

3. Daddy's Gone A-Hunting (A-3): A slick San Francisco thriller, on the edge of bad taste, about a madman who seeks revenge for the death of his shorted child.

4. Easy Rider (A-4): Two young men search for meaning and freedom on a long motorcycle trip through the mixed beauty and ugliness of the American southwest.

5. The Libertine (C): A new skin flick by Radley Metzger whose business is improving to the extent that he can hire reputable actors to make frankly dirty movies.

Recommended: True Grit, Midnight Cowboy, Daddy's Gone A-Hunting, Also: 2001 (A-2), Romeo and Juliet (A-4), Popi (A-2), Oliver! (A-1), H (A-4), Sweet Charity (A-2), Finian's Rainbow (A-1), Medium Cool (B), Lion in Winter (A-3), The Fixer (A-3), The Learning Tree (A-3), Run Wild, Run Free (A-1), The Illustrated Man (A-3).

Abbey art studio slates Art Fair

ST. MEINRAD, Ind. — Abbey Art Studio of St. Meinrad Arch-Abbey has announced the first annual open air Art Fair to be held on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11 and 12. The Fair will be open to visitors on Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. (CDT).

On display at the Fair will be the art work of members of Abbey Art Studio. All the work is handmade and represents many of the arts and crafts which members of the Art Studio have been engaged in for many years. The display will include prints and paintings, ceramics and batiks, and woven goods.

Plan festival

INDIANAPOLIS—St. Mark's fall festival, sponsored by the parish CYO, will be held from 2 to 9 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12, at the parish, 6040 E. East St. Chili, hot dogs, beverages and dessert will be served.

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A native of Hamilton, O., Sister Michael Marie entered the convent in 1924. She taught elementary grades in community schools in Cincinnati, Kansas City and Dayton. She retired from active duties in 1953 because of ill health.

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PSYCHOLOGISTS COMPLETE STUDY

Many priests seen suffering from 'information vacuum'

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Catholic priests, especially parish assistants, suffer from an information vacuum, which leads to an undermining of their confidence.

This problem was brought out in a study by two Yale University behavioral scientists, Dr. Douglas T. Hall and Dr. Benjamin Schneider.

"Priests, as a group, seem to be concerned about approval," Hall told NC News Service. But the study shows that priests receive very little feedback on their performances.

A person's self-esteem tended to increase following an experience of psychological success in a task effort," the study by Hall and Schneider states.

"The person must achieve the goal," the study revealed. "There is little evidence of active choosing on the part of the priest, and little evidence of the system offering any opportunity to choose."

"The important events in a priest's career (the assignments he has, the promotions he receives, the place he lives) are usually not of his own choosing. The priest has little control over his own life's development in the priesthood," the report continues.

"Seeing institutionalized

This theory establishes "a connection between a person's work experience and his self-image."

THE TWO scientists cited four factors necessary if a person is to experience psychological success:

• He must actively choose a challenging goal for himself; a goal requiring him to "stretch" himself to a new limit of his competence.

• He must work autonomously in attempting to attain the goal so that he will see success as his own and not that of someone else.

• The goal must be in an area that is central or important to the person's self-concept.

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events as critical in one's career is not a problem per se, but when these events completely overshadow events of one's own making, the likelihood of psychological success is extremely low," the study asserts.

"THIS TYPE of career pattern," Hall and Schneider said, "leads to a person's being influenced much more by his environment than by himself. We would predict that for some individuals this would result in a person's inability to make independent choices and in dependence on the organization."

Hall and Schneider pointed out that in examining parish priests' work experiences in the Church structure, "one is hard-pressed to think of extant occupational systems of professional personnel with fewer structural opportunities for psychological success and growth."

"These are strong statements to make about the lack of career growth opportunities for the parish priest," they admitted.

"There are almost an unlimited number of factors in the organization which may be employed to block the priest's career development — to reduce the opportunities of the parish priest to experience psychological success," the study said.

The study team opined that their "developmental theory would predict that this lack of choice and control over one's work and personal life takes a heavy toll on the self-esteem and confidence of the priest."

"ALTHOUGH our data cannot conclusively prove this point," the study reports, it is strongly suggested in the interviews and it is often mentioned in the mass media as a primary difficulty for priests who leave the priesthood and suddenly have to live by their own choices."

Performance feedback is the other element necessary to help the person improve the quality of his work, the study points out. Most parish priests lack this, the study said, adding that "performance in the priesthood is hard to define and even harder to measure."

Hall told NC News Service that of the little feedback parish assistants receive from their pastors, much of it is "often of a critical nature." Or else the pastor communicates a sense of "leave me alone" to the curates, Hall added.

This lack of feedback, he said, "keeps them from developing skills. If the priest is not helped, he doesn't know what things he could improve upon."

Hall said the study showed that even curates do have good communications with their pastors, these problems are not as predominant. But these cases constitute a minority, he said.

The study was conducted in a diocese which wishes to remain anonymous, Hall said, adding that the diocese may reveal itself sometime in the future.

Survey is completed on retired priests

NEWARK — "I'm bored to death."

That's the reaction of one elderly priest now living in retirement. But it's by no means typical of the pastors who have gone into retirement since the end of the Second Vatican Council, according to a survey of retired priests taken by the Advocate, newspaper of the Newark archdiocese.

Thirty-two pastors of the Newark archdiocese are now living in retirement and most of them, unprepared for retirement though they were, are finding it a new challenge in which the priestly ministry takes on less demanding but no less rewarding dimensions.

AS ONE PRIEST put it: "I look at retirement as a different phase of my life—one that is interesting, fruitful, productive and priestly."

Few, however, said that the change came without a wrench, because almost all of them had

been asked to step aside after the diocesan Senate of Priests approved a retirement program approved by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland.

"You expected that you'd die with your boots on," said one as he reflected on the job by other pastors who had not prepared for retirement.

UNDER the diocesan program, pastors may continue to live in the parish rectory where they served, if they wish to do so, and 13 of the 14 are doing so. Twelve are living in country or resort-type places, one is living in a city apartment, one in a rest home and the others are living with their families.

Retirement guidelines now in effect provide that a priest may request retirement at any age after 65 and are expected to retire at 75. Those continuing to live in the rectory receive a monthly salary of \$300; if they live elsewhere they receive \$600.

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Catholic IU faculty members to be feted

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—A reception for Catholic members of the Indiana University faculty and administrative staff will be held Sunday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Catholic Student Center.

Chairmen for the reception, which is the first social affair at the Center this fall for the Catholic faculty and staff, are Dr. Paul Gordon, chairman of management and administrative studies in the Indiana University

School of Business, and Mrs. Elisabeth Bridgwater of the IU Halls of Residence staff.

Mrs. Earl Dvorak will be chairman for the refreshments and Mrs. A. A. Valdetaro will be in charge of decorations for the reception.

Dr. William J. Siffin, professor of government, and Mrs. Siffin will register the guests.

Other members of the committee for the October 12 reception are Mrs. Marvin Carmack, Mrs. William Landin, Mrs. William T. Brennan, Mrs. Walter Nugent, Mrs. Eldred F. Hardtke, Mrs. John Wiltz and Mrs. Michael Prosser.

Serving as hosts and hostesses will be Father James P. Higgins, director, Father George W. Coffin, Father John Schoettelkotte, and Sister Luke Crawford, S.P., of the St. Paul Center staff, and Dr. Robert F. Byrnes, Distinguished Professor of History, and Mrs. Byrnes; Curtis R. Simic of the University Foundation and Mrs. Simic; Leo Dowling, associate dean of students, and Mrs. Dowling; Mrs. Bridgwater, and Dr. and Mrs. Gordon.

Saturday Masses

NOVENA SPEAKER—Father Julius Armbruster, O.S.B., of Blue Cloud (S.D.) Abbey, will preach for the solemn Novena at St. Jude to be held at St. Jude's parish, from October 28-32. Mass and devotions will begin each night at 7:30 p.m.

BOSTON — Saturday evening Masses which meet the Sunday "obligation" in Catholic churches are becoming so popular with parishioners that many churches in the Boston archdiocese are planning to eliminate some Sunday services.



REFUGEE CROSS—This wooden cross was erected at Houphouet-Boligny Stadium, Abidjan, Ivory Coast, marking the All Africa Conference of Churches Assembly program. The offering, collected at the bottom of the cross was designated for a refugee program at M'Beki, Central Africa Republic. This resettlement program for 20,000 Sudanese refugees is sponsored jointly by Roman Catholic and Protestant churches with the United Nations. Refugee resettlement in Africa has been a particular concern of AACC since its founding in 1962. (RNS photo)

Don't be afraid to be 'involved.' Jesuits are told

MADRID—The superior general of the Jesuits has said that members of his order must not avoid political involvement when such involvement is necessary to combat social injustice.

The superior general, Father Pedro Arrupe, S.J., said in an interview that "to take a passive political attitude before social injustice is to thwart the Gospel and to feed inequity."

He added: "There is political involvement at the highest level when you fight social injustices."

"We reject the idea that Jesuits must systematically avoid all political involvement. Modern man rejects such an idea."

"Often political decisions and actions in the secular world violate and harm fundamental rights, thus frustrating the true meaning of human existence for the individual and for the community. How, for instance, can a Jesuit priest remain passive in the face of racial injustice, or in the face of institutionalized violence? To remain inactive would mean betraying our calling in life."

Sees improvement among Biafrans

ROME—A director of the U.S. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), viewed in Rome enroute to New York, explained that CRS, in conjunction with other relief organizations, has been active in humanitarian efforts to help the afflicted on both sides of the warring state. He said his immediate impression was that families are being readied to eke out a new form of existence.

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