

STOP LIVING IN

Stand up and speak out, U.S. Religious are told

WASHINGTON—The Religious in the world today is the only person who can afford to be charismatic, but most are too indecisive, a Maryland priest told a vocations conference at the Catholic University of America here.

"Why aren't Religious the most outspoken people in the world?" asked Father Blaise Bonpane, M.M., a Maryland vocation director. "They can afford to be charismatic. They can afford to say anything to anyone anywhere, loud and clear."

The Church needs more people who will say where they stand, he said.

"WHERE DO YOU stand? What is your opinion? Where is your decisiveness? There was a man who came and said, 'War no more.' There was a council that said we believe now that war can be eliminated from the face of the earth."

"What are we saying about it? Nothing, because we have nothing to say, because we don't have an opinion, because we're indecisive people, marked by fear."

The Church in the U.S., he said, has lost contact with the poor. "We went up into the middle and the upper middle

classes," he said, "and left a vacuum below."

"We have nothing to say to the poor," he declared. "If you're poor, you go to D.C. General (Hospital), that's where the dirty people go. If you're poor, you go to public schools, they're poor people."

"And between the lines I can read, if you're poor, you join the Jehovah's Witnesses, because that's where the poor people go. You're poor? Join the Pentecostals. Those are the churches for the poor people. We have nothing to say to the poor."

HE CRITICIZED closing up schools in some neighborhoods as soon as the school day is over. "There is a poor neighborhood and zap, everything closes up right way. Don't want any of those dirty children playing here in our nice clean schools," he said.

"I hope our convents get dirty," he declared. "They're so clean I can't stand them. I'd like to see them dirtied by people who've just been evicted. I'd like to see them dirtied by people who don't know what to do or where to go. They'd look a lot more homely then."

He urged the Religious to move into the future, not to follow

the past. "I have a great reverence for the past, and I think the past is sacred because it is past," he said.

"But today we want to look to the present and the future. And if anyone thinks that by looking to the present and the future we have a damning attitude toward the past, something is wrong with them."

"Some gentleman today has been designing a 1967 Ford," he said. "Is he insulting the person who designed the Model T? I don't think so. I think he is saying the world is moving and we're going to move with it."

"This business of saying we're damning what's come before is silly," he said. "This saying, 'It was good enough for my grandmother'—well, so was the Model T."

"Religiosity," he said, "is ugly. Christianity is attractive. I see vocations as a byproduct of Christian life. And so does the church."

"WE'RE OUT to form Christian people and from this we will get those who want to dedicate their lives to God in the fulltime apostolate," he said.

Encouraging vocations is "a matter of saying what you stand for, saying it honestly and inviting people to join you."

But many of them will join an order "only if you show the world some very exciting things," he said.

He praised the work of Sisters in the Newman Apostolate and said, "Please get out on those campuses. There are vocations out there just waiting for you. That big cloud that we can't reach on the secular campus wants to talk to you."

Religious orders, he charged, "are preoccupied with themselves, with promoting themselves. There is selfishness there."

Too many orders insist on complete allegiance, he said, on defending everything the order says or does. "And as the ship goes down we'll say, 'Everything's fine, everything's lovely, blue, blue, blue, blue.'"

"Open your eyes and count," he said. "How many people are quitting? They're quitting because they think they can be more Christian somewhere else. Does blindness have to be part of our life?"



AIRLIFTS GOATS TO INDIA—Father Jonas Thala's is introducing U.S.-bred goats to hungry India to triple milk yield and provide meat for poor families. Six nannies from Wisconsin will multiply to nearly 5,000 goats in five years. The Catholic Near East Welfare Association, New York, is helping the Eastern Rite Carmelites buy and airlift American goats, also needed for leather, light cargo, and field clearing.

VISITS RESIDENTS

Baltimore clergy help to quell race violence

BALTIMORE — Clergymen were given much of the credit for calming a racially tense area of Baltimore that was rocked by violence after segregationist rallies.

Some 55 priests and ministers fanned out over the danger area, visiting residents in their homes and urging them not to attend the fourth in a series of rallies scheduled by the National States' Rights Party.

As it turned out, the rally was canceled after Circuit Court Judge William J. O'Donnell granted an injunction July 29 forbidding the group to hold rallies for 10 days. The injunction came shortly after several party officers and rally speakers were indicted by a grand jury on charges of riot and conspiracy to riot.

Among those criticizing the violence were most public officials and religious leaders, including Baltimore's Cardinal Lawrence Shehan, who said:

"We join with all responsible citizens in deploring the disturbance caused Thursday night by a few misguided individuals. It is inconceivable that any civic government should not have the power to prevent such a disturbance."

"The right of free speech and association is a sacred right. We must not allow a group of misguided persons to abuse it to the point of public disorder."

"The police department is to be commended for its swift and tactful action last night!" (Thursday)

THE TROUBLE began (July 28) when crowds of whites, mostly teenagers, stormed into Negro areas yelling "Kill the niggers!" and other racial epithets.

They had just come from one of the segregationist rallies where speakers shouted racial slogans, denounced the city administration as "law-controlled," and defended "constitutional" white race and constitutional government.

The night before, one of the speakers, Connie Lynch, a self-styled "professional segregationist," said politicians in general are "traitors" who have succumbed to "black savages" organized with Jewish financial support.

Pope enumerates virtues for peace

CASTELGANDOLFO, Italy — Only the help of God, the wisdom of the Gospel and the grace of Christ can give men the virtues needed to maintain lasting peace. Pope Paul VI said here.

He was speaking to crowds gathered in the courtyard of his summer villa before the noon Angelus.

The virtues required to sustain peace, he continued, are: tolerance and forbearance, which will not allow the desire for and hope of peace to be extinguished; and a love of justice and liberty (since there cannot be true peace without liberty and justice), which is applied to nations, social classes and every individual human person.

School prayer amendment draws strong opposition

WASHINGTON—Amending the Constitution to permit voluntary prayer in public schools "would be a profound mistake," the dean of the Boston College Law School told a Senate subcommittee here.

Father Robert F. Drinan, S.J., led off testimony before the Senate subcommittee on constitutional amendments which is holding hearings on Sen. Everett Dirksen's proposal to allow public school officials "to provide for and permit" voluntary participation in prayer.

Four of the first five witnesses opposed the proposed amendment.

In a statement read before the subcommittee on Wednesday, Indiana Methodist Bishop Richard C. Raines warned that "any tampering with the First Amendment might open a Pandora's Box of religious sects competing with each other to use the public classroom as a battleground for the minds of the young."

The churchman, who was unable to appear in person because of plane scheduling difficulties, said that "he failed to see how the Dirksen amendment would increase the power of religion in national life."

Father Drinan called the amendment an emotional response to the Supreme Court decisions banning compulsory prayer and Bible-reading in public schools.

A public school, he said, "is a school whose only religious orientation is that it has no religious orientation."

THE SUPREME COURT decisions, he said, "merely stripped away the widespread illusion that the American public school somehow combined piety and learning in an eminently satisfactory way."

The amendment, he continued, is "an almost irrational refusal to suppress one of the most persistent myths in American life—the illusion that the public school can train future citizens in morality and piety."

Rather than conduct a campaign for children, he said, the schools should teach students about religion and its impact on the world.

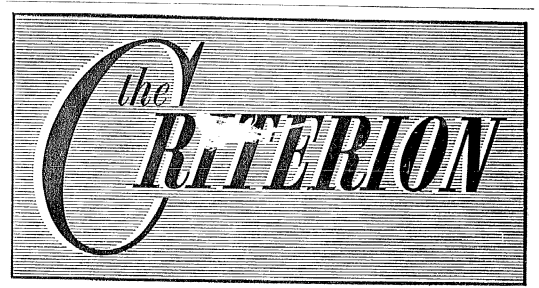
"The absence of objective teaching about religion in the public school is one of the most serious educational limitations of public education in this country," he declared.

He said he was "requested and strongly urged" to testify by "calling on Protestant and Jewish individuals and organizations, of whom the overwhelming majority" is strongly opposed to any constitutional change in the First Amendment which would permit "voluntary" prayers in the public school.

"For what reason do 40 Senators seek to appear more pious than the churches and more righteous than the Supreme Court?" he asked.

FATHER DRINAN admitted, though, that "the problem of furnishing academically adequate instruction about religion and morality in the public school is more acute than most educators will admit and more crucial than most parents or even churchmen realize."

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French priest's books Hierarchy denounces apartheid

PARIS — Father Marc Oraison, French priest-psychiatrist who has written a number of books on sex and psychoanalysis, has been notified by his bishop that he will not receive an imprimatur for future publications.

This was stated in a communique issued by the national office of public information here. The communique, published in the Paris daily, Le Monde, said it was able to confirm that the refusal came from Cardinal Paul Richard of Bordeaux, Father Oraison's diocese, and not from the French episcopate, as had been reported earlier.

IT ALSO reported that the French hierarchy had been informed that the doctrinal congregation at the Vatican, after "various reminders and warnings" to Father Oraison, had decided to ask the French bishops not allow him to speak on matters of moral theology in ecclesiastical circles.

(In Rome, a spokesman for the Doctrinal Congregation said nothing about the matter could be stated by the congregation.)

A PRACTICING physician before ordination, Father Oraison first published his views on sexuality in his doctoral dissertation, "Christian Life and Problems of Sexuality." It was reported to have been placed on the non-protective Index for Forbidden Books some two years after publication.

Father Oraison's other books, all on psychiatric or sexual subjects, have had large public sales, but have been viewed with suspicion by some Church authorities.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—The South African bishops have spoken out against this country's policy of apartheid—strict racial segregation—declaring that "the natural right of free association among men is unassailable and cannot be either diminished or taken away on racial grounds."

The bishops spoke (July 26) in their first joint pastoral on human relations since 1962. The decision to speak was taken at a plenary conference of the episcopate in Pretoria (July 12 to 15) attended by 31 bishops, Archbishop Owen McCann of Cape Town presided.

The bishops said they thought their meeting "an appropriate occasion to introduce the people of southern Africa to one of the most timely and topical of the eccumenical council decrees, the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, and to draw attention to certain chapters of particular significance to South Africa and its special problems."

The bishops said they offered their message in "a spirit of humility and service, solidarity and compassion." And, they added, "if there should be any to whom this message gives offense or causes sorrow, we beg forgiveness of them. Yet with St. Paul we must remind them that they are called upon to share with us the tribulations of the Gospel message."

"If I am not well with us, let us join forces, Christian and non-Christian, to face with common honesty and courage the common evil."

Polish Cardinal can't come to U.S.

BERLIN — Poland's Primate, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, told the mayor of Toronto that there is no chance that his country's communist government will allow him to leave the country to attend celebrations abroad of the 1,000th anniversary of Poland's conversion to Christianity.

This was reported in Warsaw by Mayor Philip G. Wens following a 15-minute meeting with the cardinal at the latter's residence.

Cardinal Wyszyński had planned to visit the U.S. and Canada for millennium celebrations this summer.

Also opposing the amendment was the Rev. Dr. David Hunter, deputy general secretary of the National Council of Churches, speaking for the council's general board.

He also criticized the wording of the proposed amendment as "baffling" and "self-contradictory."

"Similarly, non-treatment of religion in the public school can only result in the perpetuation into the next generation of existing misunderstandings over religious differences."

If a public official is empowered to provide for "voluntary" prayer, he said, it cannot be voluntary. "Every definition of the term 'provide for' includes the idea of a person or institution arranging, before-hand, for some service which will be received by individuals at least on a quasi-involuntary basis," he said.

ALSO OPPOSING the amendment was the Rev. Dr. David Hunter, deputy general secretary of the National Council of Churches, speaking for the council's general board.

He cited the board's policy statements supporting the court decisions and opposing any amendment.

"The general board did not single out for comment any one of the various amendments then before the Congress designed to overrule the Supreme Court's prayer decisions," he said. "They merely indicated that they did not want the First Amendment revised or rewritten."

He said that voluntary prayer in schools would be almost impossible, "especially among impressionable children who are unlikely to dissent or abstain from activities in which all of their fellows are joining under the provision or permission of the school."

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Low-cost housing loan given city

WASHINGTON — The Indianapolis Housing Authority has been awarded a \$30 million loan for the construction of low-cost rental housing for the elderly and needy families in the inner-city area.

Announcement of the loan was made Wednesday by the office of 11th District Congressman Andrew Jacobs, Jr. here.

The present loan of some \$34.4 million by the Department of Housing and Urban Development is one of the largest awarded anywhere in the country. A spokesman for Rep. Jacobs said. Since \$16 million was awarded to Indianapolis in 1965, the current grant brings the two-year total to slightly more than \$50 million.

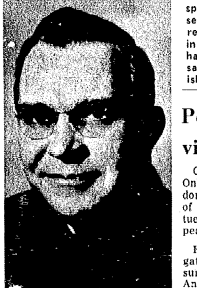
The apartment units to be located in some 14 locations throughout the city, mainly in slum and marginal areas.

The loan is to be repaid through sale of public revenue bonds.

Compulsory LAHORE, Pakistan — The West Pakistan government has ordered all schools in the province to make "mandatory arrangements" for the compulsory teaching of Islamic, Islamic religious lore, up to matriculation.



PLAN DOVER FESTIVAL—More than 1,000 chicken dinners will be served at St. John the Baptist parish, Dover, during the annual festival there Sunday, Aug. 7. In addition to the dinner, to be served in the parish hall from 9 to 7 p.m., church grounds will be decked with various booths for young and old patrons. A country store and quilt booth are among the most popular each year. The Dearborn County parish is located on State Road 1, three miles off Interstate 74, about an hour and 20 minutes' drive from Marion County. Shown above with the pastor, Father John Kraks, are members of the parish work-force (from left): Mrs. Maurice Knus, Mrs. Justin Murlough, Mrs. Richard Gaynor, Mrs. Lester Fuernstein, Mrs. Robert Zimmer and Mrs. Sylvan Andres. Mrs. Fuernstein is chairlady of the dinner. (Staff photo)



MARYKNOLL DELEGATE—Very Rev. Clarence Wilks, M.M., a Richmond native who serves as regional superior of the Maryknoll Fathers in Japan, is one of 50 priest-delegates meeting this week at Maryknoll headquarters to elect new leadership for the 1,200-member society. The general chapter will also undertake intensive examination of the direction and scope of missionary work of the society. (Story on Page 11).