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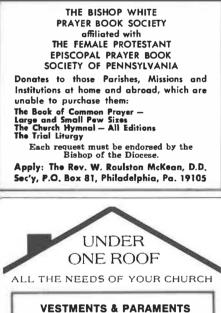
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### **AROUND & ABOUT**

#### With the Editor

I haven't read a book by Wolf-Dieter Zimmermann entitled I Knew Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and am indebted to my friend Alfred P. Klausler for quoting something from it to my friend Martin E. Marty, editor of Context. It seems that Klausler and Marty had been criticized by some people who wanted to "work from within" to reform a church body from which they had departed. Then he came upon this bit in Zimmermann's book, and passed it on to Marty,



who passed it on to the readers of *Context* among whom am I. Because many Episcopalians who cannot accept the Minneapolitan Settlement are torn between their desire to depart for some other church and their impulse to stay and "work from within" to remove the "anomaly" of women priests, I now pass the handkerchief, or potato, to you.

Zimmermann writes: "During the initial phase of the Church struggle Bonhoeffer learned that one of the people, who was later to become prominent in the Confessing Church, wondered if he should join the German Christians [the pro-Nazi group] in order to break that movement from inside. Immediately Bonhoeffer went to see him, accompanied by a few young friends. The illustration which Bonhoeffer then used in his argument has since been very helpful to me in similar situations: 'If you board the wrong train it is no use running along the corridor in the opposite direction.'"

Okay, you don't have to say it: The two cases aren't the same at all. But they do have one thing in common — an analogically valid moving-train metaphor. In the case of Episcopalians, we were all together on a train which, before Minneapolis, may have been the right train for us all: the right train being the one that was on the right track for the destination which its passengers all had as their goal. But if you are one of those who believe that the Episcopal Church got off that track at Minneapolis and onto another one, what do you do? If you choose to "work from within" while the train keeps rolling along on that wrong track, have you or have you not opted for the course of "running along the corridor in the opposite direction"?

When you're convinced that the train you are on was the right train, up to a certain point, and since then has been the wrong train because it changed tracks, do you stay on that one, or change trains for one that seems right? That is the question.

For those who think it's still the right train on the right track the question doesn't exist, of course. We'll see if we can't come up with some other question wherewith to plague them.

**F** or our file on Understatements — American Style, this from *Newsweek*'s report (April 4) on India's new Prime Minister: "Desai's personal method of birth control — total abstinence — is unlikely to prove practical on a national scale."

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O ur friend and lowly tax-paying fellow sufferer, Fr. Blessing, rendered unto Caesar as usual and on schedule this year. With the assistance of a tax lawyer in New York, Mr. John Miles Evans, he prepared the following covering letter to accompany his returns and tribute money:

#### Dear Sirs:

I offer and present unto you herewith my Form 1040 for the taxable year 1976 which, regrettably, is my bounden duty. With all due respect, the instructions for your form are so unduly complex that it may be that I have omitted things which I ought not to have omitted and (God forbid) have included things which I ought not to have included and, as you will soon discover from the size of the medical expense deduction claimed on Schedule A, Line 10, there is no health in me. I know from last year's audit that your property is not always to have mercy. I have, accordingly, made a sincere effort (against all previous training) to read your rubrics strictly and, within reason, to follow them. In retrospect, even I have to agree that it was a bit extravagant of me to claim all 147 of my parishioners as dependents last year, although it is true they do rely upon me excessively. You will also be pleased to note that I have decided to stop addressing you as "Caesar."

> Faithfully yours, The Rev. A. Blessing

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#### **Clifford and Ellen Morehouse**

When Clifford Morehouse was Editor of THE LIVING CHURCH, living in Katonah, N.Y., in the early '50s, he requested me to celebrate the holy eucharist each Monday morning so that he might participate and receive the blessed sacrament as preparation for his writing and weekly editorial each Monday for TLC.

Mrs. Morehouse (Ellen) would have breakfast ready for us after the celebration, and I would leave promptly after breakfast to go to my office in the cathedral grounds in New York City where I worked as director of religious education and youth work for the Diocese of New York. St. Luke's Church, Katonah, was without a rector at the time and I helped out on Sundays.

Whenever the Morehouses were in Katonah, they were present at the Sunday services there.

Mr. and Mrs. Morehouse shared with us the pleasure of meeting some of the churchmen who visited them, and the Morehouses were never too busy to participate in some of our family celebrations. On one such occasion, Mr. Morehouse told of how poorly his geraniums had grown the preceding summer while his neighbor's blossomed lavishly. Hence, Mr. Morehouse, rather secretly, bought and "planted" artificial geraniums in his flower bed. In the autumn, he watched to see when his neighbor's flowers would begin to fade so that he could remove his artificials, but they hung on. The Morehouses became suspicious. Upon closer examination, they discovered that the neighbor's flowers were artificial also.

(The Rev.) J. WILLARD YODER Paterson, N.J.

#### Fr. Ehrgott Replies

Permit me to rebut John M. Simon's article, "Social Security - The Other Side" [TLC, Mar. 13], which he has written in disagreement with my article, "The Clergy and Social Security" [TLC, June 13, 1976], in which I claimed that it is inequitable to classify the clergy as "self-employed," thus subjecting them to a disproportionately large Social Security tax, based on 7.9% of income, whereas an employee pays only 5.85%. I stick to this fact alone as demon**Five Summer Sessions at** 

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the self-employed person can indeed deduct his professional expenses to reach an amount on which the Social Security tax is based, this is offset by the fact that he must add to his income the rental value of housing supplied by the parish, and/or any housing allowance. This is directly opposite to the specific exemption on housing or allowance for the clergy (and anyone whose home is supplied by an employer, as a condition of his work), provided by income tax regulations. Mr. Simon points out the great waste

strating the inequity, but there is one

serious oversight in Mr. Simon's cal-

culations which I would correct. While

of money if the cleric were considered as an employee, whereby the cleric and the parish would each pay in .0585% a total of 11.7%, versus the .079% paid now by the cleric alone. Here Mr. Simon errs, in my opinion, for the point is that the full (and larger) burden of .079% versus .0585% falls completely on the cleric. Further, I question the ethic which has it that parishes paying .0585% would be "wasting" money. I see no need for the clergy to be treated, on the one hand, as privileged persons, but on the other, as taking on the full load at a higher rate than employees. I grant that it is the churches which are saving money, but at the expense of the cleric having to shoulder the full .079%. which is manifestly unfair.

As to solving the difficulty by parishes paying the cleric .0585%, this is in exact contradiction to Mr. Simon's statement that to pay the full 11.7% is to waste money. Moreover, such payments made to the cleric would have to be regarded as additional income, hence taxable both for income tax and Social Security. Finally, as regards Mr. Simon's tabulations of other income tax deductions than for Social Security (professional expense only), I do not see how this is applicable. Income tax deductions other than professional expenses are not involved in figuring the Social Security tax.

As to any class action, this is a last resort. As I reported recently in your letters column [TLC, Feb. 20], the whole question is being considered in the House Ways and Means Committee. Many representatives believe that the present basis for the clergy is inequitable.

(The Rev.) ROBERTS E. EHRGOTT Church of the Nativity Indianapolis, Ind.

#### "The Monk and the Prince"

I hope readers of "The Monk and the Prince" [TLC, Feb. 20] will think twice before including in sermons or other edifying discourses any of the matter contained in that article. Whatever the source of the story may be (something we are not told), it is totally untrue, and a word of caution needs to be uttered. There is no evidence that the common people thought that in Becket "they had a champion who might possibly relieve them of royal abuse." John was certainly a harder-working and probably better ruler than Richard, and Richard died not in his Austrian captivity but fighting in France some five years after his release. But the principal objection to the story must be that Stephen Langton was (a) not a monk, and (b) lived in Paris from about 1180 (nine years before Richard's accession) to 1206, when he became a cardinal. So any notion of him as a monk who humbled the "frolicsome rapist" monarch is quite impossible. Equally impossible is the fictitious view of Magna Carta as a proto-Bill of Rights for the common man, which would have astonished the barons who imposed its terms, slightly moderated and broadened by Langton's influence, on the king.

(The Rev.) RICHARD W. PFAFF Dept. of History U. of North Carolina Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### **Protests Inhibitions**

Recently traumatic events have taken place in the life of the Episcopal Church which make my continuation in this branch of Christ's holy catholic church increasingly difficult. In September General Convention "discovered" that women could be made priests. Our wonderful and inspiring Book of Common Prayer is being replaced with a manual of worship. Not only is the prose uninspiring, but in many places the theology is contrary to what I had been taught. The leaders of our church are attempting to influence our thinking to the point where we will accept avowed and practicing homosexuals to be ordained to the priesthood. While these radical changes are taking place, the Establishment continues to belittle the scripture and tradition as foundations of the church. In the past few weeks three congregations in the Diocese of Los Angeles have said "enough." They will no longer be hoodwinked by these modern inventions. They continue in their worship exactly as before, using the traditional Book of Common Praver. Their people recite the same creeds. There is no visible departure from the past.

In an extraordinary move, the Bishop of Los Angeles has inhibited the rectors and assisting clergy of these parishes. According to the *Los Angeles Times* they were not confronted by the bishop or the standing committee previous to this action. Now attorneys for the bishop have filed motions in the civil courts to demand that these clergy and their congregations be inhibited from

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using their buildings for the worship of God, worship which is in the exact form as they have always been doing as members of this diocese.

How can our church survive if "our" bishops attack clergy and people in the secular courts to take away their altar and their sanctuary? How can our tithes and offerings, given for the service of Christ and his church, be used by the bishop to hire a secular attorney so to injure our brothers and sisters in the faith that their very place of worship be deprived them?

I am writing this letter in the hope that members of the Episcopal Church who may be unaware of these matters will investigate them, and demand answers from the Bishop of Los Angeles. KEMP C. FAIRBANKSII

Torrance, Calif.

#### A Call to Prayer

As controversy swirls about us, as to who should be ordained, as to who has a right to apostolic succession, as to who has property rights, who is O.K. or who is not O.K., the job of ministering in grace and love one to another is sometimes shoved into the background in some areas of the Episcopal Church.

The energies spent in organizing against one another should be harnessed in a spirit of prayerful love so that we can move ahead in evangelistic growth for the church.

I wish that we in the Episcopal Church could this year set aside a special day when every family (lay, clergy and bishops) is asked to spend some time in total quiet, to ponder some of the questions before the church and then to kneel down with our respective families in special prayer to ask unity, and to bless God for a church so rich in human resources.

The church after all is the people of God, the living and the dead, totally bound together. We have 2,000 years of history and 2,000 years of heaven ever with us. We need to be *still* and *hear* God, to go forth in a spirit of reconciliation in the community of the church, and fully to acknowledge that God and God only is fully in charge here and that he in his good time will reveal to us his divine will.

VIOLET M. PORTER

The New Barbarism

I have just come from an early hour Ash Wednesday service, where I was shocked by what has happened to Psalm 51:8. Gone are the meaningful phrases "with hyssop" and "whiter than snow." Must our new revisers rob us of a psalm's imaginative richness in order to fit their own flat-brained norms? And why, in verse 3, is "know" substituted for the more accurate confessional verb "acknowledge"? Must we be talked down to as cultural illiterates and at the same time have our piety emasculated in the name of progress?

I am a university teacher of Shakespeare who has been able to expect, up until now, that at least some of my students would be able to recognize an allusion to Psalm 51 in the words of King Claudius in *Hamlet* when he asks, "Is there not rain enough in the sweet heavens/To wash it [his cursed hand] *white as snow?*". But henceforth Episcopalians "educated" by the *DPB* will lack this perception of Shakespeare's art as well as of the Bible's. They will have become a new generation of the Know Nothing party.

One of the saddest characteristics of our ecclesiastical politicians is that they suppose the Bible's imagery unimportant, or worse still, that they have the right to excise or recast it to suit their own literary taste.

ROY BATTENHOUSE Indiana University

Bloomington, Ind.

#### Two Views

Congratulations to H. N. Kelley ["Do We Still Call It Lent?" TLC, Feb. 27] for braving the thunderbolts and putting his thoughts on paper. Congratulations to you, also, for printing his article. It will, of course, bring the usual flood of mail from the Convention Church devotees saying something about the Holy Spirit. But to us bewildered, confused, and orphaned Little People it was a comfort to read that someone, somewhere has had thoughts similar to ours — that perhaps what we were beginning to think were mental aberrations resulting from constipation or a badly prepared meal are really valid worries stemming from the circus in Minneapolis.

ROGER A. ROVERSTAD, M.D. St. Cloud, Minn.

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I found the article by H. N. Kelley unbelievably unworthy of your fine magazine. I cannot believe that you allowed it to be published. I see no good that it can do for our church, but a lot of harm.

> (The Rev.) RICHARD E. TRASK All Saints' Church

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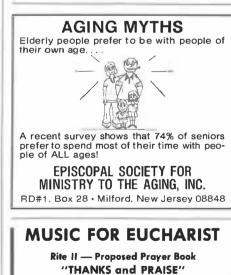
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#### **EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

#### Hispanic Commission: Bishops Must Approve Grants

Diocesan bishops must now personally approve all grants to be made by the Episcopal Church's Hispanic Affairs Commission.

This is one of the new procedures adopted by the commission, according to the Rev. Herbert Arrunátegui, the national officer for Hispanic affairs.

The commission has been in the news recently because of the controversy in connection with a federal hunt for Carlos Albert Torres, a suspected member of the terrorist group FALN, who served on the commission last year. Fr. Arrunátegui's predecessor, Maria Cueto, and her secretary have been jailed for refusing to testify before a grand jury. Commission files have been made available to the FBI by Episcopal Church authorities.

In explaining new procedures for grants, Fr. Arrunátegui said: "Suppose there's a group in Washington, D.C., who wants a grant from us to establish a program in X parish to help the Hispanic community in their area. We mail the application and guidelines. This particular group would have to go to the bishop and submit the application. It would be the responsibility of that bishop to inquire about the application."

Once the bishop approves the grant and signs the application, it is sent to the commission's office in the Episcopal Church Center, New York. A copy of the application is sent to each of the 10 members of the Hispanic commission and is approved if the majority agrees. No grant will be approved, however, if the diocesan bishop does not agree with the funding. The national officer stressed the importance of that step. He also indicated that commission approval must be granted by a strong majority.

In the case of an emergency, members of the commission's executive committee are able to approve a grant, but all other members of the commission are also notified of the request and are given time to consider it. However, the diocesan's approval is still the first step.

Once the grant has been approved for funding, one quarter to one-half of the amount is sent to the recipient. Then an evaluation is made. If the report is not satisfactory, further investigation will be made. If the report is satisfactory, the remainder of the grant is forwarded.

In the past, bishops were sometimes told of the grants after they had been made. Now, they are to be consulted as negotiations begin.

Under the procedures for selecting new commission members, each of the 18 bishops in whose dioceses the church has Hispanic work will be asked to send a list of nominees. The commission consults with the Rt. Rev. Richard Martin, Executive for Ministries, Fr. Arrunátegui said, and recommendations are made to the Presiding Bishop, who makes the final decision.

Although commission members are normally to be nominated by diocesan bishops, the national officer may also submit his own list. In that case, he said, he would notify the bishops whom he was nominating.

Members of the commission, according to the new guidelines, must be Episcopalians and have to be already concerned with Hispanic work, though they need not be Hispanic themselves. If a consultant is employed, it is not necessary that that person be an Episcopalian.

The commission currently has a \$35,000 budget for grants but if an unusually large grant is requested and approved, the Coalition for Human Needs may be asked for additional funds from its \$700,000 budget.

Last year, expenditures of the Hispanic Affairs Commission amounted to \$361,000 of which \$115,000 was allocated for "community development" and \$130,-500 for "grants."

In the past, the commission has drawn up statements which have focused on themes of empowerment and liberation. Under the new set-up, Fr. Arrunátegui said he is "avoiding that because once you set these goals or specific manifestoes, you limit yourself."

A major priority for the coming year will be the promoting and developing of a native clergy among Hispanic members of the Episcopal Church.

A major goal adopted by commission members is the "projection to the Hispanic community of a new image of the Episcopal Church, which at the present time is seen as an elite and WASP church." Members stressed that "this (new) image must be one of an Episcopal Church with open arms, ready to be the spiritual home of all those who so desire." Hispanic Affairs Commission members include the Rev. Frs. Samuel Pinzon, Washington, D.C. (chairman), Enrique Brown, Stamford, Conn. (secretary), Luis A. Quiroga, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Clifford Waller, San Antonio, and the Rt. Rev. Adrian Caceres, Bishop of Ecuador.

Lay members are Mrs. Ralph Cloud, El Paso, Leopoldo Frade, Sewanee, Tenn., Manuel G. Mesa, Miami, Jose Paradela, Elizabeth, N.J., and Mrs. Virginia Ram, Los Angeles.

#### CHURCH AND SOCIETY

#### **Bishop Blasts PECUSA Stance**

Claiming that the Episcopal Church is backing off on human rights matters, the Rt. Rev. Colin Winter, exiled Bishop of Damaraland (Namibia), called on church members to renew the struggle and to withdraw investment from exploitative countries.

Bishop Winter made his remarks in a recorded conversation with the Rev. Sipo Mzimela at the Episcopal Church Center. Mr. Mzimela is a South African in exile.

The bishop, who lives in England, said Namibia is the most exploited nation in the history of the world and claimed that 70% of its gross national product was taken out of the country to nations such as France, England, and the United States.

Many of the business people whose firms are exploiting Southern Africa were church goers, he said, and asked: "What kind of preachment are they getting? Who is ministering to the souls of these people, who, I believe, stand under the judgment of God?"

Lutherans, he said, have spent \$1.5 million in education on southern Africa [Lutherans reportedly make up the largest body of Christians in Namibia], and their materials, he suggested, should be used by the Episcopal Church throughout its dioceses.

Bishop Winter said he was at the church center to press for withdrawal of investments from what he termed oppressive multi-national corporations. To the people in the church center he said: "I am here to say...'you are not dealing with the issues of Namibia in their proper way.'"

The church should not be "just talking

about investments," the bishop said, "but should be withdrawing them from banks and businesses which are propping up the violence in southern Africa. The multi-nationals should be challenged. I don't see in conscience how the church can go on investing money."

Bishop Winter called for an educational campaign to study the problems of southern Africa and for a conference to which southern Africans would be invited "to begin to address the issues."

#### **CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

#### Methodist's Hymn to Be Used in Jubilee Service

Churches throughout England will mark Queen Elizabeth's silver jubilee on June 5, with a special order of service being drawn up by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in consultation with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council.

There will be a choice of hymns one written by Poet Laureate Sir John Betjeman and the other by the Rev. Frederick Pratt Green, a retired Methodist minister.

Mr. Green, who has about 100 hymns to his credit, had been asked to write one for use later this year at Norwich Cathedral's jubilee. It came to the attention of the dean of York, who recommended it to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Now it is to be sung at the Queen's Jubilee service.

Something of a situation has arisen in England for Mr. Green's hymn was written without the knowledge that Sir John, whose official duty it is to produce one, was also working on a hymn. However, the Poet Laureate's hymn has received a very mixed reaction and has been widely criticized. While it is not now being included in the special order of service, there is no reason why any church which so desires cannot order its choir to sing it.

#### **LEBANON**

#### Assassination Spurs Revenge

As feared, the assassination of Kamal Jumblat, leftist leader and chieftain of the Muslim Druse sect, in Lebanon, brought about immediate attacks on Christians.

The murder of Mr. Jumblat, who was ambushed while driving to his mountain home near Beirut, was considered dangerous enough to escalate another round of all-out civil war in Lebanon.

Maronite Catholic Pierre Gemayel, a leader of the right-wing Phalangist party and a major adversary of Mr. Mr. Gemayel also called on all Lebanese to close ranks to head off what he called "attempts by vicious elements" to disrupt the Syrian-imposed peace on the country.

Shortly after word of Mr. Jumblat's murder was released attacks were launched against more than 200 Christian villagers who were slain. Dozens more were believed to be kidnapped.

The Christian Phalange Party, through its radio station, said some of the villagers were "axed, others were knifed to death, and many had their throats cut." The station also reported that a large group of men, women, and children were killed and buried beneath the rubble of a church in Barouk. They had sought shelter in the building which was then blown up with dynamite, reportedly placed by the Druse.

Christian political leaders have called upon President Sarkis for protection.

#### <u>ROMAN CATHOLICS</u> Prelate Slain in Congo

Less than a week after the assassination of Congo's president, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Brazzaville was kidnapped and murdered.

Government sources first reported that Emile Cardinal Biayenda was murdered by three relatives of the assassinated President Marien Ngouabi in a "family vendetta."

Brazzaville Radio then said that Nguoabi family members "vehemently condemned" the archbishop's murder.

At one point it was reported that former Congolese President Alphonse Massamba-Debat, who was executed for the assassination of President Ngouabi, was behind the kidnapping and murder of the fifty-year old prelate.

Churchmen everywhere were shocked at the cardinal's death which followed by a month the "accidental" death of Archbishop Janani Luwum in Uganda.

In London Basil Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, said the murder of "my brother cardinal" is "yet another instance of the appalling price that Christian leaders are now paying in Africa for their unwavering witness to justice and human rights for all."

#### **Expulsion "Humiliates" Bishop**

Bishop Donal A. Lamont, O. Carm., of Umtali returned to his native Ireland saying he felt "humiliated" by his expulsion from Rhodesia.

A strong critic of the Ian Smith regime, the bishop, who became a citizen of Rhodesia in 1950, was expelled in connection with his conviction on charges of failing to report the presence of black nationalist guerrillas in his diocese near the Mozambique border.

"I feel very humiliated by my deportation," the bishop said in Dublin. "I feel that I have been privileged because of my white skin. Two of my priests sentenced for the same offense will serve jail sentences because they are black."

The bishop's 10-year sentence was reduced to four years, with three years suspended. However, the government saying it did not want Bishop Lamont "to make a martyr of himself" by serving one year in jail, stripped him of his citizenship, declared him to be a *persona non grata*, and ordered him out of the country.

Bishop Lamont, consecrated in 1957 after 11 years of missionary work in Rhodesia, is an advocate of non-violent solutions to the current crises in Rhodesia.

#### **CONGRESS**

#### Handgun Control

Sen. Jacob K. Javits has introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate "to prevent lawless and irresponsible use of handguns in selected areas with high crime rates."

At the same time, he introduced a companion bill "to promote more effective management of certain law enforcement functions of the executive branch by transferring functions of the Secretary of the Treasury under the Gun Control Act of 1968 to the Attorney General ..."

The New York senator said the two bills "are designed to tailor federal gun controls to limited geographical areas throughout the country where the problems of handgun related crimes are most severe, and where public support for federal controls is broad-based."

#### Bill Would Protect Pregnant Workers

Legislation which would outlaw discrimination in employment against pregnant workers has been introduced in both the Senate and House of Representatives with a total of 86 co-sponsors.

It was prompted by the U.S. Supreme Court ruling last winter (Gilbert v. General Electric Co.).

In that decision, justices ruled that working women disabled by pregnancies or related conditions are not entitled by law to the same benefits which their employers provide to workers with other disabilities.

Backers of the bill now in Congress said the Supreme Court ruling "constituted a serious setback to women's rights and to the development of antidiscrimination law under Title VII [of the 1968 Civil Rights Act]. More importantly, the decision poses a serious threat to the security of the American family unit."

As an amendment to the Civil Rights Act, the bill, introduced by Sens. Harrison A. Williams and Birch Bayh and Rep. Augustus F. Hawkins, would require employers to treat "women affected by pregnancy, child-birth, or related conditions... as other persons not so affected but similar in their ability or inability to work."

Sen. Jacob Javits said the measure is "absolutely necessary if we are serious about equal treatment without regard to sex for all members of the labor force in the United States."

#### LUTHERANS

#### Clearer Definition of Real Presence Needed

The executive committee of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) has urged that in dialogues with theologians of other Christian traditions, "there be still clearer definition of the agreement in understanding the Real Presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper, and the agreement in understanding justification."

"In dealing with several areas of ecumenical relations, the committee commended regional Anglican-Lutheran discussions, "beginning with Tanzania, Europe, and the USA."

As for talks with Roman Catholics, efforts to increase the already "far reaching consensus" were urged, particularly regarding the doctrine of justification by faith and in light of contemporary reformulations of Roman Catholic doctrine.

The previously publicized possibilities of official Roman Catholic acceptance of the Lutheran Augsburg Confession as "a valid expression of the Catholic faith," were noted as "significant" by the committee.

Chairman of the standing committee of ecumenical relations of the LWF is Archbishop Olof Sundby of the Church of Sweden.

#### CALIFORNIA

#### Parish Acts on G.C. Decisions

St. John's Chapel, Del Monte, Monterey, has voted to disassociate itself with the Diocese of California and the authority of the Bishop of California, the Rt. Rev. C. Kilmer Myers.

With only one dissenting vote the parish also repudiated the actions of the 65th General Convention.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

In September, 1976, the Hawaii Preparatory Academy began holding classes on two campuses. While the Upper School is still located on the 55 acre hillside campus at the foot of the Kohala Mountains which it has occupied since 1959, the Lower and Middle Schools now enjoy their own campus two miles away near the center of the country village of Waimea. This campus, formerly the Waimea Village Inn, provides ample space for classrooms and science, library, art and music activities for grades 1-8 as well as residential facilities for boarding students in grades 6-8 and for several faculty families who act as dormitory parents. The Upper School offers a boarding and day program for grades 9-12.

The Middle School, grades 6-8, is a major addition to the HPA program. Its philosophy is based on the premise that this age group has needs that are best met by a curriculum especially designed for it which is both free of an elementary school setting yet not dependent on the needs of high school students.

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St. Andrew's Priory School for Girls in Honolulu, Hawaii held its first annual Alumnae Homecoming on January 5. The program began with a tea hosted by Governor and Mrs. George Ariyoshi at the Governor's home, Washington Place. The senior girls conducted a tour of the school, and the alumnae were addressed by the Rt. Rev. Edmond L. Browning, the new Bishop of Hawaii. Over 500 alumnae attended this first Homecoming. For the first time in the



Entrance to main hall, St. Andrew's Priory School, Honolulu, Hawaii.

110 year history of the school a Development Fund Program has been initiated. The headmaster, the Rev. Fred G. Minuth has assigned the direction of this program to his assistant, Frank A. Steffen. This "Master Plan for the Future" calls for the total renovation of the interior of Main Hall, the original Priory Building, erected in 1909. Also included in the Master Plan is faculty development, curriculum enrichment, and the establishment of an endowment fund for future needs. The Priory hopes to raise \$1,750,000 in six years.

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The Rev. James C. Jackson, chaplain of **Voorhees College** in Denmark, South Carolina, announced that "Affirmation for Living" was the theme of a film festival presentation shown during Religious Emphasis Week recently.

The films chosen were Egostates, Games, and Box for Mr. Lipton shown on the opening day, followed by Sandal Maker, Graduation Day, and Is the 11:59 Late This Year on the second day. The third day's offerings were Truck Stop, Death of Simon Jackson, and Some Talk About Poolrooms and Gin Mills. Voorhees students, professors and local clergymen led the discussions following each film.

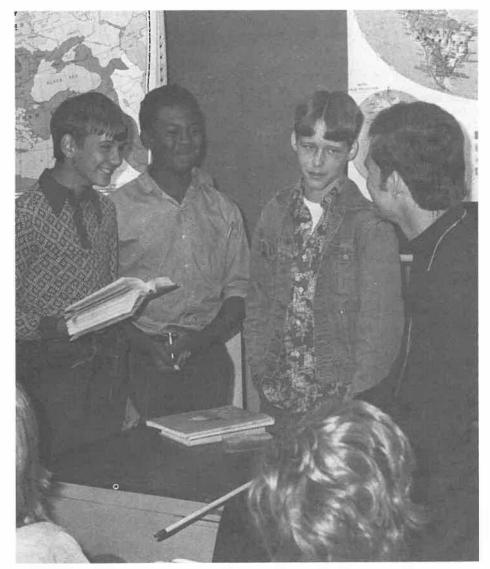
Julius F. Nimmons, Jr., acting chairman of the history department of **Saint Augustine's College**, Raleigh, North Carolina, has arranged for three political science students, Cheryl Mosley, Gregory Randolph, and Gregory Gleaves, to work in the offices of state legislators during the current sessions. Keith W. Phillips, an accounting major at the college, has received a certificate of nomination for the 1977 Harry S. Truman Scholarship from Pennsylvania, in recognition of his academic performance and commitment to government service.

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Seabury Hall, Makawao, Hawaii, has started a new typing program with the investment of only \$750 to obtain seven electric typewriters — fully reconditioned and ready for heavy duty use. In early February, the school held its seventh Interim program. A variety of exciting and educational activities were scheduled: college visiting on the West Coast, skiing at Lake Tahoe, hiking in the wilderness areas of Hawaii, studying the archeological data of Maunaloa Valley, and studying in depth the two major industries of Hawaii the military and tourism.

# ST. MICHAEL'S FARM FOR BOYS

By BROTHER DAVID



Boys at Saint Michael's each receive a minimim of five hours of instruction daily, with additional supervised study as needed.

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Our program has several basic elements intertwined into the daily life of each boy. Through it, over the course of the average stay of two-and-a-half years, a boy grows out of a life of rejection and feelings of low self esteem, insecurity, and fear, and evolves into a stable, mature, and responsible personality that enables him to accept as a practicing Christian, a productive and creative place in society. That the program has an extraordinary level of success is attested to by the fact that of the 504 "alumni," only seven are known to have had additional trouble with the law. Many of St. Michael's graduates



In order to save on costs, boys help with the construction program at Saint Michael's. The brick work on the new dormitory building is nearly completed.

have gone on to complete college, graduate school, and a variety of vocational programs.

When the Congregation of Saint Augustine moved from San Diego, California, and assumed the operation of Saint Michael's Farm, there were two major areas of concern facing the future of the Farm. One crucial area of need was getting the school established, stabilized, and accredited. Since the Congregation assumed the Farm's operation, our educational program has been accredited by the state's Department of Education, grades 7-12, and leads to an accredited high school diploma. Each student receives a minimum of five hours of instruction daily, with additional supervised study as needed. In addition to the academic courses, our curriculum has been recently enriched by remedial and vocational training, comprehensive testing, and makes extensive use of modular scheduling, ungraded progress, and programmed learning, - all designed to bring the boys up to grade level. Classes, of course, are small, and each boy receives whatever individual tutoring and other help he may require. The counseling aspect of our program is conducted by a qualified therapeutic counselor who is a member of our teaching staff. In addition, we have access to consultants and clergy who come in from the community, as required.

Religious life and instruction is at the heart of the school. The chapel stands in the center of the campus, and services are scheduled every day. Each boy receives religious instruction for two hours each week, and is taught the basic moral and ethical principles common to all religions. The Congregation of Saint Augustine's primary work at St. Michael's Farm for Boys is to administer and teach, with a definite program of religious instruction and high academic standards, recognizing that Christian teaching is a spiritual work of mercy.

Another area of concern facing the Farm when the Congregation assumed its operation was the pressing need to build and equip new structures and renovate existing ones, so as to improve the physical facilities. Since 1970, the staff house has been completed and furnished, and a new barn and shop have been built and partially equipped. Last fall, a greenhouse was built by the boys and staff. General renovations have been made in all buildings, including the addition of a sun porch on the existing staff house, and the bricking of the exterior of the chapel and the farm manager's house. The interior of the chapel was recently plastered, and will soon be painted. Many improvements have been made to our lake, which is used for recreational purposes. This included the creation of a new spill-way system to prevent soil erosion around the lake and surrounding property. Recently, the lake was stocked with catfish, bream, and bass. And, several acres are now under pecan trees. Construction is nearly completed on Menard Hall which will house a kitchen, dining hall, and several offices. Because of rain and cold weather, construction has been delayed, but progress is steadily moving forward. Additionally, most of the brick work is completed on a new dormitory building which will replace the temporary structure that we have been using since the old dormitory burned three years ago. When completed, this building will house 28 boys, two staff members, and will include a student lounge, staff apartment, and an infirmary, as well as providing much needed storage space. With the completion of these two new buildings, construction will begin on a recreational, multi-purpose building, and our immediate goal to provide adequate facilities for the boys will have been met. However, the school greatly needs additional classroom facilities, and expanded housing for the teaching staff.

We give thanks in that we were recently able to purchase 34 acres adjoining our present property. This is land on which a priory (for staff members) and a retreat house might in time be built. And also, since it includes one quarter mile of frontage on Bollie Creek, it has definite possibilities for the creation of a recreational swimming, camping, and picnicking area for the boys.

Thursday, June 16, is Anniversary Day this year. To celebrate our 23rd birthday, we shall be dedicating the two new buildings: Menard Hall, the new dining-room and kitchen named for the Rev. Victor A. Menard, founder of St. Michael's, and the Bishop Noland Dormitory, to be dedicated to the memory of the Rt. Rev. Iveson B. Noland, eighth Bishop of Louisiana.

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### **EDITORIALS**

#### Is Government Control "Ours"?

T hose who control whether we live or die must be under our control. We now control

every group with a life-protecting function except doctors. It is time to end that exception."

Thus concludes an impassioned plea for nationalized medicine by Charles Peters, on the "My Turn" page of *Newsweek* (March 28, 1977). The writer is editor of *Washington Monthly*.

Mr. Peters starts from the premise that doctors are like soldiers, sailors, policemen and firemen in "the business of protecting our lives." In dealing with those other life-protectors, he points out, "We tell them where to serve. The policemen can't all patrol Park Avenue. The sailors can't all be based in San Francisco. . . . We do not permit even the greatest general to charge us whatever he wants." Why then, he proceeds, should we let the doctor decide for himself where he shall serve, and how, and for how much?

Other vitally important considerations are dealt with intelligently in the essay. We have no quarrel with Mr. Peters about any of them, and not necessarily a quarrel with him on the particular point we are here considering. But we do have something of a troublement.

Our question is this. When we talk about bringing the medical profession, along with the soldiers and policemen and other life-protectors, under "our control," whom and what do we have in mind when we say "our"? Mr. Peters clearly means government, not us as individuals. He assumes that government control is our control; but that, for some of us, is precisely Q.E.D.

In developing his case Mr. Peters uses an odd illustration which seems to tell against his argument rather than for it. Of public control (meaning government control) he says: "Of course, it will have its disadvantages. The military that was brilliant at Midway was a parody of bureaucratic malfunction at Pearl Harbor. But our civilian health system is Pearl Harbor every day, with a fragmentation of responsibility so complete that a major problem in malpractice litigation is figuring out whether internist A, specialist B or hospital C was responsible for the particular disaster at issue." Surely this is strange reasoning. It was because the military was a slave of government control that Pearl Harbor happened. It was when the military was operating for a moment without governmental let or hindrance at Midway that it was brilliantly effective. Without suggesting for a moment that the present medical free-enterprise system is always, or even usually, brilliantly effective, doesn't it seem that to put medicine under government control would be to subject it to the Pearl Harbor pattern rather than to the Midway pattern?

Something indeed is going to have to be done about the soaring cost of medical care in this country. Not even the A.M.A. questions that. But we cannot share Mr. Peters' trust in the power and wisdom and will of government to administer it, still less to control it, in the way that he and so many other proponents of nationalized medicine have in mind.

Is there, or could there be, any such thing, we wonder, as an organized citizens' union for bargaining collectively with the medical profession? Perhaps such an approach is unrealistic, but at any rate it could be "ours" in a way that "our" government has never been and probably can never be.

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# 1977 CHURCH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

### "What Is Cheating?"

"What is Cheating?" was this year's topic of the Church School Essay Contest. Of the entries received, three were selected as prizewinners. Vivian Lee, of Fr. George B. S. Hale High School, Raleigh, N.C., was awarded first place (a gold medal and \$100); Lori Aquino, of St. Andrew's Priory School, Honolulu, Hawaii, won second place (a silver medal and \$50); and Laurel-Ann Dooley, a student at St. Mark's School, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is the third place winner (a silver medal and \$25).

### First Prize Essay

#### By VIVIAN LEE

W ebster's International Dictionary defines cheating as "depriving one of something valuable by use of deceit; to influence to some desired end or condition by a trick or subterfuge." However, if one is to examine thoroughly what is meant by cheating, he must question not only its definition but its causes, effects, and value as well. The forces that motivate one to cheat are selfish. The potential gains seem profitable, but in reality, are very superficial. Extra income, good grades or secretive affairs are usually not a worthwhile price to pay for the loss of honor that accompanies deception.

Certainly when one deceives or uses another individual for his own purposes, he is depriving that person of something that is rightfully his. In acting as he does, he is unintentionally robbing himself of experiences. To cheat on tests, income taxes or company reports may seem to produce desired results at the time, but is a poor substitute for the knowledge that one has been fair and honest with others and himself as well. To be satisfied with one's own behavior is most important. If a person has, through cheating, been accepted in a school at the cost of another, more deserving person's loss, he must live with this knowledge. Although one can deceive another person, self-deception is nearly impossible.

Vivian Lee, 18, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Lee, is a senior at Fr. George B. S. Hale High School, Raleigh, North Carolina. Her hobbies are art and swimming. After graduation, she plans to attend Peace College, Raleigh, where she has been awarded an academic scholarship.

In the past few years, our society has been faced with many cases of cheating and deception. Politics, on both state and national levels, has been pervaded with such actions. The culmination of these practices was seen in the Watergate Scandal. The nation suffered through the outcome of one administration's fraudulent acts. Eventually, however, those men involved in the break-in and cover-up have been the ones to endure public and private humiliation. The West Point scandal is another example of the widespread illeffects of cheating. The cadets involved in the scandal lost more in self-respect and self-confidence than they would ever have gained from a passing grade.

Through such instances as these, one can easily see the worthlessness of cheating. If one questions the extent to which it is wrong, he must examine his own sense of morals for an answer. As to the question of whether or not it is actually a sin against God, it seems that if one does not strive to be the best person he can, it can be said that one is not in accordance with God's laws. To deny one's own potentialities by taking a shortcut is an unnecessary waste.

If one always remains dependent on another's abilities, his own resources lie dormant and untapped. Obviously, one is cheating himself. Gibran's message is similar as he writes, "The vision of one man lends not its wings to another man." Everyone should be responsible for his own actions and the producer of his own work. The daily temptation to take credit for someone else's accomplishments or to deceive others should be avoided. Instead, one should make extra efforts in his own work and know the rewards of his own success.



Vivian Lee

#### Second Prize

#### By LORI AQUINO

C heating has always been deemed immoral and sinful in the eyes of society. However, is cheating necessarily sinful in every situation? Are there not some exceptions? Exactly who is to blame in an occurrence of cheating? And how are Christians to view cheating?

In general, cheating may be defined as getting something by dishonest or deceitful means, or taking advantage of someone for one's own personal gain. Yet, these meanings seem inapplicable in cases where cheating may seem for the best to the cheater, considering all circumstances. A student may cheat on a test or have another assist him in cheating because, in that instance, he believes it is absolutely necessary that he pass. Perhaps the individual is being pressured by his parents to receive higher grades or he needs to pass the exam to graduate. Cheating may seem to be the best solution, although rules are being violated. Marital infidelity, another example of cheating, definitely fits the accepted definition; but the individual complications may make those directly involved feel it the best thing to

The act of cheating is immoral; socially, it is considered a sin because it is an act of dishonesty, yet, dishonesty in any form should not be subject to situational weighing. Even well intentioned cheating cannot possibly be justified and judged as moral and upright. Cheating is an infringement upon the rights of other individuals as they are in many cases deprived of the fullness in life that is justly theirs. In the case of academic cheating, not only is the student deceiving the system, but he is also deceiving both the teacher and the other students. The teacher is cheated in that he is being robbed of a certain degree of respect. The fellow students are cheated in that a false comparison of their ability with that of the cheating student is being made. Furthermore, both parties are being deceived because the student is making them form a false opinion of him.

In marital cheating one often hears only of the unfaithful partner cheating his or her spouse. Nevertheless, the situation entails more cheating than simply that. The outside party involved is also participating in the deception by

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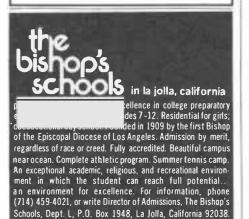
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contributing to that husband's or wife's dishonesty toward his or her spouse. The cheated spouse has become a victim of dishonesty and he or she has been deprived the full rights and privileges of marriage.

All participants in an act of cheating are guilty of immorality, whether it is the student who receives or gives help or whether it is the marital cheater or the outside party; all are equally to blame because all are knowingly engaging in a dishonest act of fraudulence. The situation may vary, but, to be just, all involved must be considered equally guilty.

Cheating, however, is not limited to the outward, everyday action it is normally associated with. The act of cheating stems from within the person, "evil things all come from inside, and they defile the man" (Mk. 7:22 NEB). One must consider the fact that a person who participates in such a deception is, in essence, cheating himself. That person is depriving not only others of valuable fullness in life as he takes advantage of them for his own gain, but he is also denying himself a full and complete life because he is depriving himself of self-love and self-respect, necessary qualities for a meaningful life.

Christians view cheating as wrong, a sin against both man and God. Exactly why, however, do we have this conviction and what is the basis?

In the Old Testament, the Lord said to Moses, "You shall love your neighbour as a man like yourself" (Lev. 9:18 NEB). Jesus further emphasized this command by saying of all the commandments, loving God was first and foremost and second was loving one's neighbor. As Christians we are obligated to our fellowmen and we are to offer help to all, not out of a sense of duty, but out of true compassion. As we seemingly live our own lives, we must try to help our neighbors achieve the same quality of life we attempt to acquire for ourselves. "Each of us must consider his neighbour and think what is for his good and will build up the common life" (Rom. 15:02 NEB).

This principle is good and acceptable; however, what happens when a Christian is asked by his neighbor to engage in cheating when it seems like the best thing for all? If one considers only the external conditions, dishonest acts are often thought to be the best alternatives. Christians know that it is a sin to cheat and that "our one desire is always to do what is right" (Heb. 13:18 NEB). In giving help in cheating, the one desiring and receiving the aid may pass the exam, get a good grade, and even graduate, but is it really the right thing to do? Is it really best for him to gain these external measures of success while sacrificing a clear conscience?

Christians are to regard not only their own interests, but those of their neighbors (I Cor. 10:24 NEB). In all situations in which cheating occurs, we ought honestly to ask, "Will doing this make him a better person and increase his spiritual awareness of God? In any case of deception the answer must be "no." Dishonesty builds a wall shutting God out, not letting him in. In loving our neighbors we cannot assist them in ill-gotten gain, for "Love does no wrong to a neighbour" (Rom. 13:10 NEB).

The subject of cheating is a difficult one to focus upon clearly. The implications are vast and complicated. Situational differences can often seemingly make the deception justified, but deceitfulness can never be right. To the Christian, cheating is a sin against both man and God, but as Christians we must always remember that our role is to love, not to judge.

#### Third Prize

#### By LAUREL-ANN DOOLEY

W hat is cheating? The dictionary says it is "deceiving, defrauding, pretending." This is the clearcut definition of the word, but cheating is much more than a word.

Most students cheat at one time or another throughout their school years. The question is; Why? The obvious answer is to achieve a better grade than they would have ordinarily. But, there are many underlying reasons to be looked into.

Do people cheat merely for grade purposes? Myself, I think not. I have found that some cheat simply to appear "cool," if only to themselves. Others cheat "because everyone else does." They follow the crowd.

Is cheating really wrong then? Yes, I still think it is. This goes all the way back to the Ten Commandments. "Thou shalt not bear false witness" and cheating is bearing false witness, for is cheating not a form of lying? The cheater is not only cheating his fellow classmates by not giving those who actually worked a fair and equal chance, but himself, perhaps for the same reasons. He is lying to himself, not letting himself try, not letting himself care. He is smothering his morals.

Everyone knows that cheating is dishonest, for all of us possess some kind of

Laurel-Ann Dooley, 13, is an eighth grade student at Saint Mark's Episcopal School, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Her interests include horseback riding, gardening, sewing, and reading. a conscience, a sense of right and wrong.

I feel that the adults concerned, parents and teachers both, rather than treating cheaters too harshly, should look deeply and with insight into the matter. I fail to see what good corporal punishment and deprivation do. These punishments are not at all related to cheating and the cheater won't be helped in any way by them; "Help," there is the key word. He, the cheater, won't be "reformed," if that is not too serious a word, in any way. I feel that he would benefit much more from a good discussion with some adults together with some of his peers than from a heavy punishment.

As I have already stated, everyone knows that cheating is wrong. But, how wrong do they think it is? "Yes, yes, it's wrong," they say. "But, everyone does it. It's natural. It's no big thing." This philosophy is wrong and should be changed, even forming small groups of students and adults, as I said before, to discuss it would help.

The key is to set principles and stick by them. Once you disregard your principles, it's hard to go back to them, and if you do, you don't consider them as important as you did. The longer you stick by your principles and moral code, the stronger person you become.

I don't see how any student can look at a paper he cheated on and be proud of it. They are depriving themselves of the good feeling you get when you accomplish something *yourself*. I'm sure people are much happier when they don't cheat. Then any grade they get, they at least know they earned it themselves honestly.

All in all, cheating seems to be of no benefit to anyone. Sure, you do end up with a better grade, but the price is paid for even that; the price being conscience pangs and a loss of self-respect, which, in themselves, are reasons enough not to cheat.

Yes, cheating is wrong and people should think more seriously about it, what it really is, and what it means.



Laurel-Ann Dooley

### What They Said About Cheating

Cheating is a "cover up" for a person's shortcomings.

Stewart Murchie. Grade 6, The Choir School of St. Thomas Church, New York, N.Y.

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You may start out a winner if you are not caught, but in the end cheating makes you a loser.

Melissa Allen. Grade 8, All Saints' Parish Day School, White Settlement, Texas

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Cheating is a pretty cheap way of accomplishing things. If you get used to getting your schoolwork by looking over your friend's shoulder, it can hurt your own self-confidence and also build up the feeling that you have to cheat or you cannot accomplish anything in life.

David Cross. Grade 8, Trinity Cathedral School, Little Rock, Ark.

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Cheating hurts many people, but the person that does the cheating gets hurt the most.

**Pat Ewing.** Grade 6, St. John's Parish School, Olney, Md.

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I think a cheater is like a green, snaky weed that grows right in the middle of your loveliest rose garden. It grows there. It is cut down, and grows again. Suddenly all the beauty goes out of the rose.

Jamie Campbell. Grade 7, St. Timothy's Episcopal School, Raleigh, NC.

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To cheat in any way not only hurts me, but my fellow man. To hurt my fellow man is not just to hurt myself, but to hurt the God who created me.

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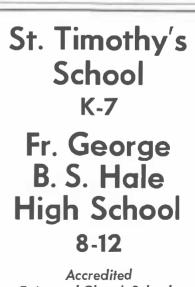
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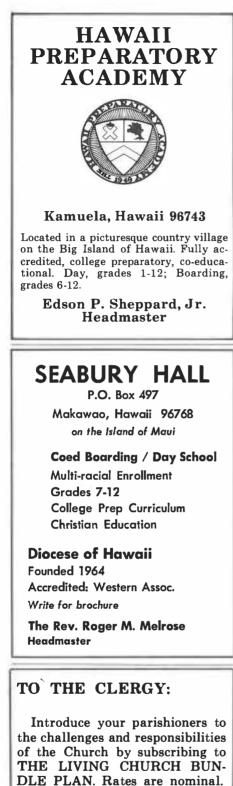
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### AS OTHERS SEE IT

As a member of the committee which was charged with producing the new BCP Psalter, I should like to respond, as briefly as possible, to some of your attacks upon the honesty and common sense of the committee as a whole.

First, there is the question of our attempt to avoid, as far as scholarly integrity would permit, "sex-biased language." This is not a project for which I have any great enthusiasm, since I think it can easily be demonstrated that linguistic usage has little relation to social actualities, but there is an increasing number of women in the church who disagree and who are, for example, uncomfortable with the use of the word "man" to designate common gender. Because I think it unlikely that this tendency will be reversed I am willing to cooperate in the effort to eliminate such language wherever this can be done honestly and unobtrusively. While I am not in accord with the decision of the committee in every instance, I believe the final result, on the whole, successfully meets these requirements.

As for the Hebrew noun*ish*, it is by no means true that it means, and can only mean, a human of male gender. A brief glance at Young's Concordance will tell you that over twenty different words and phrases, many not including the word "man" at all, are used to translate it even in the KJV. It is translated "every one" 119 times, and 12 times, "person." In Job 42.11 and I Chr. 16.3 it explicitly includes men and women. Probably these elementary facts are not directly relevant to the translation of the Psalter, as I do not doubt that in most cases ish is there correctly rendered "man." Nevertheless the statistics on usage show how easily the word in Hebrew could come to be used as common denominator for individuals of both sexes. Where the maleness of the subject was important in the writer's mind, other words such as gever were available, and were used to avoid ambiguity.

A further consideration based on the Hebrew text of the Psalter is that the two forms of expression, "Blessed is *the* man who..." and "Blessed are *they* who ...," are obviously exactly equivalent (compare in this respect Pss. 1.1 and 119.1,2). Even in the latter instance, the forms in Hebrew are unambiguously masculine, but I am unaware of any translation which insists on translating with pedantic honesty, "Blessed are *those men* who...." What the committee on the Psalter did in a great number of cases was simply to substitute an En-

glish plural common form for the singular, which is necessarily masculine whether common (i.e. indefinite) or not. This does no violence at all to the thought of the writer and does not. I believe, exceed the bounds of that flexibility in purely stylistic matters which has always been the prerogative of the translator. Nor does it obscure the patriarchal, masculine-centered character of ancient Hebrew society, which is abundantly attested by a multitude of explicit statements in the Bible, not least in the Psalter. What it does do is make it possible for a considerable and increasing group of women (not necessarily radical feminists) to identify more readily their own thoughts and experiences with those of the ancient Hebrew psalmist, and therefore to enter more easily into the life of the church.

Second, there is the matter of "Blessed" vs. "Happy." No one ques-tions that "blessedness" is something higher than mere "happiness." But the real question is: What do the Hebrew and Greek say? and of this there can be no doubt. "Blessed," literally and ety-mologically, means "one who is recip-ient of a blessing." But neither the Hebrew nor the Greek word implies this at all (although the idea may be conveyed in the passage taken as a whole). Ashre in Hebrew and makarios in Greek are used to designate simply one who is in a happy or fortunate position, irrespective of the cause. The Greek word properly translated "blessed" (eulogetos) is used in the NT only in formulas referring to Christ or God the Father. The unanimity of modern versions in distinguishing accurately between ashre and baruch, and between makarios and eulogetos, is very impressive. However much one might wish it otherwise, for devotional or homiletic reasons, no other procedure is "honestly" possible.

One might note in conclusion that Young's Concordance, which is certainly not corrupted with the modern spirit, defines *ashre* and *makarios* both as meaning "happy" or "very happy." Note also the KJV translation of *makarios* in John 13.17, Rom. 14.22, I Pet. 3.14 and 4.14 ("happy" in each instance). It is also worth meditating on the significance of the fact that all three versions, KJV, Coverdale and PBCP, agree on the translation of Ps. 127.5, a verse which is grammatically an exact parallel to Ps. 1.1: "Happy is the man...("man" being here *gever*, not *ish*).

(The Rev.) ROBERT C. DENTAN Buffalo, N. Y.

#### NEWS

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The reasons leading to this decision, the Rev. Jerome F. Politzer reported, were the Prayer Book, priestesses, and perversion "and not necessarily in that order."

Fr. Politzer, rector of St. John's since 1968, said the action was taken "to continue for the parish the Book of Common Prayer, the ministry of the apostolic priesthood, and the spiritual and moral teachings of the Holy Bible."

Declaring that the bishops of the Episcopal Church (PECUSA) had violated their own vows to uphold their church's constitution, the resolution stated that St. John's shall continue to uphold and propagate the historic faith, order, doctrine, and sacraments of the Episcopal Church.

According to Luther D. Wallis, senior warden, St. John's will associate with Trinity Church, Hayward, and St. Peter's Church, Oakland (two parishes that had already repudiated the 65th General Convention), to attempt to win back some of the 30,000 Episcopalians who have left the church in the Diocese of California during the last 10 years.

Fr. Politzer is the grandson of the Rev. Robert C. Foute, who was rector of Old Grace Church in San Francisco when its vestry gave \$500 to help build St. John's in 1891.

Today, the Del Monte parish has what Fr. Politzer calls a good cross section of ages, with parishioners coming from as far away as the Salinas, Watsonville, and Aptos areas.

But now the parish is smaller. The lone dissenter, James Anderson of Monterey, says he will take his family to another parish. He agrees with the convention decisions on the Prayer Book and women priests. "There are no hard feelings," he said.

**RELIGIONS** 

#### Krishna Movement, "Bona Fide Religion"

JudgeJohn J. Leahy of Queens (N.Y.) Supreme Court Criminal Division has dismissed charges against two Hare Krishna leaders and the New York temple, and declared that the Krishna movement is a "bona fide religion."

"The freedom of religion is not to be abridged because it is unconventional in its beliefs and practices, or because it is approved or disapproved of by the mainstream of society or more conventional religions," the judge said.

He ruled that no crime had been committed by Angus J. Murphy, 24, president of the New York temple or by Harold Conley, 25, supervisor of women at the temple. The two had been charged with unlawful imprisonment of two members, Eddie Shapiro, 22, and Marylee Kreshour, 23, by brain washing and mind control.

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) and the local temple president were also cleared of grand larceny charges for an alleged attempt to extort \$20,000 from Dr. Eli Shapiro, Eddie's father.

Judge Leahy said the "entire and basic issue before this court is whether or not the two alleged victims in this case, and the defendants, will be allowed to practice the religion of their choice — and this must be answered with a resounding affirmation."

"The Hare Krishna religion is a bona fide religion with roots in India that go back thousands of years," the judge said. The "inalienable right" of Mr. Shapiro and Miss Kreshour to follow the tenets of that faith "will not be trammeled upon," he ruled.

To sustain the indictment, the judge declared, "would open the so-called 'Pandora's Box' to a plethora of unjustified investigations, accusations, and prosecutions that would go on ad

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#### **Moon Efforts Expanding**

Twenty-two members of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church have moved to Houston, are attending services at local churches, and planning extensive missionary work.

Patrick Hickey, local leader, said 80 more members will move to Houston later this spring. The move is part of expansion efforts in the southwest, he said, adding that 40 families in the Houston area have children in the Moon church, but who are working elsewhere.

"The teaching of the Divine Principle [Mr. Moon's teachings] have inspired a dedication from the young people that is not found in existing churches," Mr. Hickey said. "That has resulted in fulltime commitment."

He explained that the church "is not a cult. It is not a sect. It is a new Christian revival in America."

Moon followers plan to take part in the anti-pornography drive in Houston and to aid in anti-Communist activities, but Mr. Hickey was vague about what specific actions his group would take in either area.

#### **HEALING**

#### "Center of Soul" in Heart

A British physician who is a strong advocate of faith healing said he is opposed to heart transplants in the human body.

However, Dr. Christopher Woodward said, he has no objections to transplants of other parts of the human body.

"I believe the center of the soul lies not in the brain but in the heart, and therefore I am totally opposed to any form of heart transplant."

The doctor made his remarks at a Clergy-Doctor Relationships symposium held in the Anglican Cathedral of Christ the Living Savior, Colombo,

#### **Things to Come**

#### May

1-2: First regional meeting of First Congress of the Evangelical and Catholic Mission, Church of the Incarnation, Dallas. The Rt. Rev. Stanley Atkins, chairman.

6-7: Second regional meeting of above, St. Thomas Church, New York City.

8-9: Third regional meeting of above, Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis.

8-10: APSO — Appalachia Peoples Service Organization — Conference, Pittsburgh. The Rev. Morris E. Hollenbaugh, Hamilton, Ohio, coordinator. Sri Lanka. The meeting, which drew a large audience, was convened by the Rev. Theodore H. Perera, a Methodist minister who operates a faith healing center in a suburb of Colombo.

Dr. Woodward said he had the greatest respect for the medical profession and for its research into possible cures for the "numerous diseases that afflict mankind today," but, he emphasized, "the medical profession must accept the spiritual dimension of its work."

Acknowledging "spiritual healing" as a "gift of God," he said that "real faith had no fears, no confusions, no doubts, and no limit on the power of God to intervene" in illnesses.

#### BIBLE

#### Mark Most Often Translated

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The United Bible Societies, an international group of 59 individual societies, provided support to more than 500 Bible translation projects last year.

#### **CHURCH ADMINISTRATION**

#### Study Questions Value of Church Restructuring

Most of America's major non-Roman church bodies have completed massive reorganizations of their national bureaucracies in recent years, but a new study questions whether they were worth the agony they brought.

Cost of moving offices, disrupting lives of personnel, and dislocating theological bases of the churches have been enormous, says the study which deals with restructuring.

The study, *What New Creation?*, by Paul A. Mickey and Robert L. Wilson, focuses on five churches which are among 12 major religious organizations that have undergone extensive restructuring since 1968: the Episcopal Church, American Baptist Churches, the United Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church U.S. (Southern), and the United Methodist Church.

One result of reorganization, according to the authors, has been the combination of agencies into fewer and larger departments, creating "superboards" that make internal communications difficult and lines of accountability unclear.

Staffs have been cut and budgets pared in the face of a declining share of church income relayed by local and regional bodies to national offices.

The authors, both faculty members of Duke University Divinity School, are sharply critical of the use of quotas to obtain a better balance of minorities and women in the national church agencies.

"Priority has been given to having the desired representations," they write. "Competence was to become - at least temporarily — a secondary requirement. Thus, the goal has been to find a person who first would fill the desired quota, not the most competent one."

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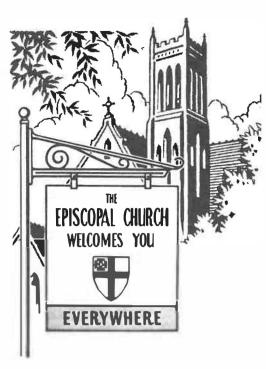
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