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Catholics and Birth Control

It is still too glibly assumed that the Roman Catholic Church is a rigidly authoritarian institution, whose members are loath to speak on any issue until the pulpit gives the cue. Evidence of how fatuous it is to talk of "the church attitude" as something either monolithic or frozen is abundant in the vast range of Catholic opinion on birth control, as reflected in The Times survey that concluded Thursday.

THE crisis created in many countries by the enormous expansion of population and the resulting misery for hundreds of millions of men, women and children has prompted a widespread reappraisal of traditional positions, both as to methods of limiting births without violating the church's basic beliefs and as to the formulation of public policy on the dissemination of knowledge about birth control.

There is among church authorities an increasing recognition that in a pluralistic society the moral views of all groups must be respected and that birth control has a necessary place in any multipart solution of the population problem. It is not for the Catholic to impose his morality about method on the non-Catholic; it is not for the non-Catholic to insist that the Catholic accept birth preventives offensive to his religion.

A WORLDWIDE ferment is going on in all institutions. The church's readiness to keep its own thinking under constant reexamination has been demonstrated in many fields by Popes John XXIII and Paul VI.

Out of the exchanges of viewpoint this approach encourages on birth control come hopes for a better reconciliation of the ideas of Catholics on a community and world problem both should be working in joint conscience to solve. —New York Times

Passports and Cuba

A threat of jail and fines hangs over the heads of the 58 students who defied the U.S. government and accepted an invitation to visit Fidel Castro's Cuba. Their passports not valid for travel from the United States to Cuba, they bypassed travel regulations by flying to Czechoslovakia and then to Cuba.

Now they are returning the same way. President Kennedy at his Aug. 1 press conference said that their journey was paid for in cash by the Cuban government.

Then the President issued a mild threat. The students' passports would be lifted, he said, and "other steps may be considered in regard to a few who are not students but who are Communists." The students had been warned that they faced jail and fines up to \$5,000.

One of the group, Todd Stuart, a Harvard student, on July 31 said in Havana that he didn't believe the government could take away their passports. This was after learning by Miami radio that the passports had been revoked. "A few years ago," Stuart said, "the Supreme Court ruled that a passport is private property."

STUART was referring to a ruling of 1958. The Supreme Court also held that the Secretary of State had no authority to deny passports on the basis of an applicant's associations or beliefs.

The House of Representatives in 1958 and 1959 passed a bill giving the State Department authority to bar passports to Communists, but the Senate did not act in either year.

A 1960 report of the House Un-American Activities Committee recommended that the Secretary of State be authorized to deny passports to persons "whose purpose in traveling abroad" was to "advance the objectives of Communists." And in January, 1962, the Department of State issued new regulations denying passports to Communist Party members but providing that they be allowed a hearing.

THE case against the students would not appear to be governed by the 1958 ruling, for they willfully violated the terms under which the passports had been issued.

A more likely parallel is the case of William Worthy, Jr., Negro newspaperman who spent 41 days in Red China in 1956 and two days in Hungary in violation of passport regulations. The State Department refused to renew Worthy's passport.

The refusal was upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, and the Supreme Court in December, 1959, denied a review. (Bans on travel by newspapermen in Red China and Hungary were later lifted.)

WORTHY ran afoul of the law again two years ago when he shipped for Mexico—where no passport is needed—but left the ship at Havana because, he said, he was ill. He stayed 11 weeks writing articles for his paper. He returned by plane in October.

Curiously, six months passed before he was indicted for violation of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952. He was convicted and last Sept. 17 was sentenced to three months in jail and a year on probation. The conviction is being appealed.

Worthy's prosecution was unusual, to say the least. Indications are that the erring students will fare better with the government, except, perhaps for those who are not really students. —E.R.R.

"I'm A Young Gail What Would Like To Help Youse Wit' Your Shopping"



Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper, in fact the contrary is often the case.

Rebuttal To the Editor: Your editorial of 8-16-63 requires an answer. It reminded me of a letter I wrote about two years ago on insecticides. To it you appended a derogatory remark. Silent Spring has vindicated every statement. No, we of the "far right" do not have a letter writing system. The impulse that causes me to write is the same as the one that causes Everett Acklin to write. The results we get are different because our personalities and backgrounds are different. The function of Robert Welch and other "right wing" leaders is education - to put us in contact with information concerning current affairs that is not found in the current "controlled" press.

To illustrate, I heard last night on the Manion Forum (6:15 p.m. Sat. Channel 5) Craig Hosmer, congressman from California. He is a member of the House and Senate Committee on Atomic Energy. Prior to entering Congress he was an attorney for the Atomic Energy Commission. He is an "educated, intelligent and informed member of the community," yet he agreed completely with every statement Mrs. Pheasant, L. C. Powell and I had made. He urged every listener to write his or her senators opposing signing. But not a word he said would ever find its way into the Tribune or any other of our "controlled" press.

We have heard something about the testimony of the chiefs of staff. It was evident from the little we were permitted to know of their testimony that they were not too enthusiastic about the treaty. Senator Goldwater remarked concerning their testimony that it "contained an unusually large number of ifs and buts." The lesson of the General Walker case has not been lost on them. It is not safe for commanding officers to express opinions differing from those held by the Russians in the White House and State Department.

No, the huge increase in mail to government officials is due to a growing awareness at the grass roots level, of the terrible inroads Communism has made in our country. It expresses the people's determination to save our country while there is yet time. But the time is so short, Dan Snot said last night the 1964 elections may well be the last free elections in our country. The result of the Young Republican Convention in San Francisco is an expression of the same spirit.

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Minority Groups To the Editor: The Democrats want to change the immigration laws and admit more minority groups to America. The reason should be obvious. If enough minorities are admitted, they soon will be the majority. When immigration becomes a tool of the state department, there will be no limit to admittance of immigrants.

The United States has not been able to provide full employment since the early days of the big depression. With an increase from births of more than four million per year, and millions of new workers coming into the market annually, one fails to see why we need skilled foreign workers.

F. Bert Hutchins tells us there are not enough jobs for trained workers already in the United States. Birth rates abroad are so high that any quotas given would provide only minor relief.

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Should Visit Rhodes To the Editor: It is enlightening to read that Gov. Hatfield is against submitting to the voters the issue on Oregon State Income Taxes. Oregon has the second highest in-

Door Open for Legitimate Speculation Over Course Now Possible for Red China

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Just as the nuclear test ban agreement has aroused speculation over possible new areas of agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union, so there also is room for legitimate speculation over the course now to be followed by Red China.

President Kennedy phrased this in somber tones when he said at his Aug. 1 news conference that a continuation of present Red Chinese policies into the 1970's could create a situation potentially more dangerous than any since the end of World War II. The failure of the two Communist giants to settle their dispute in last month's Moscow meetings effectively isolated Peking from Moscow, and the nuclear agreement simply added to Red Chinese frustration. This is a frustration of long-

standing, having its roots in steadfast U. S. opposition to Red Chinese expansions and now abetted by Soviet refusal to help the Chinese develop a nuclear arsenal of their own. Will Consolidate Influence It may be expected that Red China will move strongly now to consolidate her influence over the Communist parties of Asia, and to extend it over similar parties in Africa and South America, using the color line as one of her weapons.

She also may be expected to continue boring from within. She has denounced the leadership of the World Federation of Trade Unions, the International Union of Students and the World Federation of Democratic Youth for supporting the Nuclear Treaty. But she has made no move to withdraw membership in such Communist organizations. Militarily she is able to pose a threat in Korea, in southeast Asia and against India. But reckless as the Red Chinese leadership has been with words, it has shown no real desire to take on a fight it is certain to lose.

With the U. S. 7th Fleet patrolling the Straits of Formosa, she has made no real move against the Chiang Kai-Shek stronghold or even against the off-shore islands of Quemoy or the Matsu.

When shooting broke out along the Korean truce line and three Americans died there last month, there was a flurry of speculation that this might be the start of a new Chinese-directed attempt to start something. South Korean Elections Finally, more than to anything else, it was attributed to the season and to a desire to disrupt approaching South Korean elections. The chance that Red China, with an obsolete air force and without nuclear weapons, would start a major action against such a lineup seems increasingly remote. But, meanwhile, the nuclear reactor given to Peking by the Russians in 1958 continues to cook its bomb-making material and in 10 years the picture could be different.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, word has just come from Washington that acceptance by both sides of BINDING ARBITRATION of the two key issues involved has apparently killed the threat of a nationwide railroad strike which has been hanging over the country for months.

Late Friday, Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz announced the acceptance of his proposal - first made on Aug. 2 - that the questions of firemen's jobs and train-crew makeup be submitted to an arbitration board made up of representatives of the railroads, the five on-train unions and two PUBLIC members.

This board would make a final decision, BINDING on both parties, only on the firemen's jobs and the train-crew makeup. Throughout the battle over what the railroads call feather-bedding there has been general agreement that if these two thorniest problems could be solved the parties could AGREE on all lesser issues without great difficulty.

THROUGHOUT the long negotiations, COMPULSORY (binding) arbitration has been the chief issue. That raises this question: What is compulsory arbitration? LET'S PUT IT this way: The jury system is compulsory arbitration. Individuals, or corporations, or partnerships disagree. They can't settle their dispute among themselves. Somebody sues somebody. The disagreement goes to court. A jury decides it. There may be appeals. But when all the courts-clear up to the U.S. Supreme Court, if it is carried that far-have had their say, the final decision MUST be accepted.

What is that but compulsory arbitration? It is an interesting story. The jury system was established in England by Henry II, grandson of William the Conqueror, in the late 1150's. Prior to that time, both civil and criminal cases had been decided through the oath, the ordeal or the duel.

THE COURT would order one of the litigants to muster a body of men who would swear to the justice of his cause and whom, it was believed, God would punish if they swore falsely. That was the oath. Or, the judges would condemn the accused, under the supervision of a priest, to carry a red hot iron, or to eat a morsel of bread or to be plunged into a pool of water. If the iron did not burn him, or the bread choke him, or the water REJECT him so that he could not sink, then Divine Providence was adjudged to have granted a visible sign that the accused was innocent.

The duel, or trial by battle, was a Norman innovation based on the theory that the God of Battles would strengthen the arm of the righteous and so the winner of the duel would be innocent. Or, if hired a champion, and his champion won the duel, he would be innocent. If his champion lost the duel, it was a sign that the accused was guilty.

WEIRD, isn't it? But, after all - is it much different from our modern system of settling labor disputes? PROBING question: What is a strike but a come tax of all our 50 states. Perhaps Gov. Hatfield, instead of visiting so often with Gov. Rockefeller of N. Y., should call on Gov. James Allen Rhodes of Ohio.

When Gov. Rhodes took office he found the State of Ohio's finances badly out of balance. Representatives of ten states have come to his office to hear and to see how he has taken "chaos out of government" and is restoring sanity to the State of Ohio. In six months time he has saved the state \$22 million dollars, and he isn't through yet.

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Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop (c) New York Herald Tribune Syndicate

(Joseph Alsop will be on vacation this month - and gathering material both in this country and abroad for future columns. During his absence, top members of the staff of the New York Herald Tribune will substitute for him.)

On the Aguililla Key stormed a landing party. Their comrades trained anti-aircraft guns on watching U.S. aircraft. They even sent in a helicopter from one of the little warships. So, 19 exiles from Cuba were forcibly repatriated after a bald invasion of foreign territory. The incident - so melancholy in its utter insensitivity to human dignity and right - was Soviet conceived. The U.S.S.R., around the world, never ceases to try and bring back citizens who fled and want no more of the Soviet system.

The act of Aguililla Key, while successful from the Soviet operational point of view, was most potent, though, to the vast and recent Soviet intelligence methods: that a Cuba under its present regime is of untold value as a jumping-off spot for Latin America.

The biggest, proportionately, Soviet intelligence operation abroad is in Cuba today. Access is easier and more direct, as a result, with Soviet missions throughout Latin America. Every Russian mission in Latin America today is headed by a highly experienced intelligence officer.

THE grim, old joke that the chauffeur in a Russian Embassy really ran the show has long since been interred with Stalin. Instead of using intelligence agents in covert and lower-echelon levels, deliberate U.S. decision has placed them in No. 1 spots.

And not just in Latin America. This is now true in most of Asia and Africa. The objective is the same: seizing by subversion the regimes and, thereby, the markets of new countries. An underground apparatus and a disaffected, ambitious politicians are all pay dirt in the targets marked out by Soviet policy.

Some ultra-sophisticated people may say, loftily, that it doesn't sound very new. Well, it is and had better be recognized, because the Russians never before used intelligence operations on such a high level to strike for a given objective.

Maybe this remark from a highly gifted man, who holds glittering credentials, has a little impact: "It's a life-and-death competition for the markets," he said, dry smoking a filter cigarette. "There ought to be a lot more said about it. But that's not up to me."

Obviously, it's up to the top to see and shed some light on this deadly phase of co-existence. OUR planes watched. Under orders, they did nothing.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

August 20, 1953 (Thursday) The Medford city council last night voted 6 to 2 to take preliminary steps necessary for an examination of the Medford police and traffic department by an outside person or agency professionally qualified.

Ashland voters yesterday rejected an initiative proposition for the city to purchase Twin Plunges swimming pool.

20 YEARS AGO

August 20, 1933 (Friday) Rent overcharge in Medford area totals \$11,500. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Many municipalities are now making post-war plans. In not a single instance have arrangements been made to transform social centers into soup kitchens."

30 YEARS AGO

August 20, 1933 (Sunday) Mr. and Mrs. A. S. V. Carpenter return home after visit in California. M. N. Hogan installs ticker service.

40 YEARS AGO

August 20, 1923 (Monday) Prof. Irving Vining of Ashland named president of chamber of commerce. Rattlesnakes reported plentiful along Rogue river.

50 YEARS AGO

August 20, 1913 (Wednesday) Total of 2,761 visitors at Crater Lake park smashes record. Cole auto representatives driving 1914 model car, visit Medford on testing and good roads observation tour.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. Which is the correct official name of the European country - The Netherlands or Holland?
2. In what religion is a mosque a place of worship?
3. Only even numbers are used to designate U. S. highways; true or false?
4. Name the original colonies that became states of the Union.
5. Was Paul Bunyan a real, or fictional character?
6. Who was the female star in "Mamba's Daughters," and "Cabin in the Sky"?
7. What agency is responsible for federal flood control?
8. Name the two Presidents of the U. S. whose last names contained only four letters.
9. What human organ is pictured on the back of a one-dollar silver certificate?
10. Following are names of cities: Burlington, Erie, Milwaukee, New Haven, Santa Fe, what else have they in common?
Answers: 1. The Netherlands. 2. Mohammedanism. 3. Fals. 4. N.H., Mass., Conn., R.I., N.Y., N.J., Del., N.C., S.C., Va., Ga., S. Carol. 5. Eithe. 6. Mamba's Daughters. 7. U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. 8. Polk and Taft. 9. The eye. 10. All nicknames of railroads.



"Do you ever get the feeling that this summer is a re-run of last summer and the summer before that and the summer before that and ...?"