



ARRESTED IN RIGHTS DEMONSTRATION — Father William Hogan of St. Francis de Paula church was one of a large number of persons arrested for staging a sit-down in a Chicago street intersection as part of demonstrations against the rehiring of Chicago school superintendent Benjamin Willis. The demonstrators charge Willis impedes school integration. It was the second time in a little over two weeks that Father Hogan was arrested in connection with the demonstrations. (NC Photos)

Nobel Laureates Declare Press Misstated Petitions to Pontiff

Sydney — (RNS) — Sir John Eccles said here recent press reports stating that two groups of Nobel Prize winners had urged the Pope to reconsider the Church's teaching on birth control were misleading.

Sir John, who is professor of physiology at the John Curtin School of Medical Research (Canberra) and one of the signatories of one of the letters, told the Catholic Weekly here that both documents were designed to stress the goal of family planning by responsible parenthood, but made no reference to the means of regulating birth.

THE TEXT of the letter which Sir John (together with several Americans, an Argentinian, and Sir Farlane Burnett, another Australian) signed and which he released, follows:

"We, the undersigned Nobel Laureates, are deeply conscious of the immense burden of responsibility resting on the shoulders of Your Holiness in acting on the information and analyses of the commission you have designated to study the subject of population and fertility control.

"We extend our prayers and sympathies to Your Holiness and to the commission in this trying period leading to decisions that will affect the course of history for all time and for all human beings regardless of their religions.

"Sensitive as all thoughtful men and women must be to the ethical context in which marriage and the family should be viewed, we are increasingly impressed by the

emerging consensus about the goals of family planning, namely, to assure each new infant the birthright of a warm welcome in a loving home with a healthy opportunity for education, employment and fulfillment.

"Pressures of population growth now add to new moral imperative to the thoughtful consideration of family size. In recognition of the gravity of the issue and the in-

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Luci Johnson's Baptism Defended by Archbishop

WASHINGTON — Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington said here the conditional baptism of Luci Baines Johnson did not imply in the officiating priest's judgment that her Episcopal baptism was invalid.

In a statement issued from the Washington archdiocesan chancery office, the prelate expressed confidence that the priest, Father James F. Montgomery, did not have any intention of reflecting on Episcopal tenets.

The statement also said that Father Montgomery decided to baptize the President's daughter, advised her of his decision and she agreed with it.

Miss Johnson's baptism was criticized by Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike of California. He called the ceremony in St. Matthew's cathedral a "direct slap" at Episcopal baptismal rites administered to Luci as an infant. Others joined the criticism, including Dr. Frederick A. Schiotez, president of the American Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

THE TEXT of Archbishop O'Boyle's statement:

"Father James F. Montgomery, after maturely considering all the factors involved in the desire of Miss Luci B. Johnson to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, decided to baptize her conditionally. He advised her of his decision and she agreed, trusting his judg-

ment and guidance. "Father Montgomery's decision to administer baptism conditionally did not imply, in his judgment, that her baptism in the Episcopal Church was invalid. "I fully accept the validity of baptism conferred by anyone in a manner in agreement with the traditional Christian teaching, performed in the Episcopal Church or in any church and I am confident that Father Montgomery was deeply conscientious in coming to his decision and did not have, nor has any intention of reflecting on the tenets and practices of the Episcopal Church, of which Miss Luci Johnson has been a good and faithful member since early childhood. "I upheld the right, of course, of Father Montgomery to make freely his decision in this matter after conscientiously considering all the circumstances."

evitable world-wide consequences of your action on it, we wish to express to Your Holiness the hope that any decisions will be the fruit of most profound and most searching studies."

"To this end we wish to offer Your Holiness the best of our professional capacities and endeavors."

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WASHINGTON — (NC) — The Soviet Union has systematically annihilated churches within its borders except for the Russian Orthodox which reached a "truce" during World War II, a study prepared for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee says.

Prepared at the request of Sen. Thomas A. Dodd of Connecticut, the study was done by the Law Library of the Library of Congress. It is volume one, parts two and three, of a subcommittee-sponsored document called "Church and State Under Communism."

Study Reviews Red Persecution Of Churchmen

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