

# Red China, the U.N., and Peace

Admittance of Red China to the United Nations may seem like a remote and relatively unimportant question at this time, what with the world's attention centered on the efforts being made to bring lasting peace to Vietnam.

However, the question does come up, in a sort of round-about way, because of these very peace efforts. It is raised even more directly by Fidel Castro's very strong denunciation of Red China.

Traditionally, the question of letting the Peking regime into the UN has simmered on the back burner until the periodic recurrence of the vote in the UN grew near. The effort to have Red China take over the UN seat held by the Nationalist government of Chang Kai-shek on Formosa was rebuffed for the 15th time late in 1965. But the margin achieved by the opposition, notably the United States, was small.

Immediately, the People's Daily in communist Peking called the vote "a heavy blow" to U.S. policy, and went so far as to say even an overwhelming vote to admit Red China would be "far from enough" to satisfy Peking, but would have to be accompanied by the UN "resolutely condemning U.S. imperialism, the biggest aggressor of contemporary times." There was apprehension on Formosa because of the vote, and a paper in Taiwan said it might have been a defeat for Red China but was "not a victory for us."

Analysts said Red China apparently felt strong enough to "win everything" and would insist that Nationalist China be thrown out of the UN.

Since then, Pope Paul VI has made his historic appeals for a settlement of the Vietnam war, and President Johnson has launched his "peace offensive," in which, in the words of Secretary of State Dean Rusk, "we were in touch with all the governments of the world, more than 115 of them, as well as with His Holiness the Pope, the secretary general of the United Nations, the North Atlantic Council of NATO, the Organization of American States, the Organization of African Unity and the International Committee of the Red Cross."

Peace in Vietnam, virtually everyone agrees, depends more on the attitude of Red China than the stance of North Vietnam or of Soviet Russia. If the widespread talks and moves for peace should be blocked because of the attitude of Red China, one wonders if its world image would be even as favorable as it was last fall.

Now Cuba's Castro has lashed out at Red China, charging that it first tried to gain control of Cuba by subversion and, this failing, resorted to "brutal economic reprisal." Peking cut its rice sales to Cuba at a time when Cuba food production was low and sugar was bringing relative little return.

Castro, it has been widely assumed, was trying to play a middle course between Moscow and Peking. Now, it would seem, he must lean heavily toward Soviet Russia. This comes at a time when the differences between Moscow and Peking are said to be the greatest ever, and when some predict that Soviet Russia is paving the way for a break with Red China some time this year.

If, in view of all this, Red China should make a swaggering, blustering entrance into the UN, or if, having been

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## All In The Family

by Nancy West

With this article we begin a series which will eventually involve you and your ideas.

It seems typical of the changes in church climate during the last few years that a column be launched with such a hope openly expressed. Five years ago when I began a series of articles, SAINT-GAZING, preparation, in addition to prayer, consisted of ordering books and planning to make many trips to the library. Now seized with awareness of the need to communicate, preparation consists of this plea to brothers and sisters of the family of God, Raleigh tribe, WRITE. Write about whatever is a burning topic to you as a child of God, and let us know for it is our concern too.

While you are writing and looking for stamps, we'll dwell for a few weeks on the recent lively goings-on in Charlotte at the Liturgical Congress. The spirit of this Congress was joy. Enthusiasm and eager cooperativeness ap-

proached Beatle proportions. Strange hymns were tackled and conquered loudly and gladly. Requests for written questions for panel members brought forth a heap of them high enough to start a fire of wet logs. Every spark of humor, and there were many, was fanned by receptive laughter. The whole-hearted applause for favorite points made by the speakers was a new sound to convention-hardened ears.

This gathering represented our family of the Southeastern Province of the Church in the United States, but at least half were members of our diocese, and so it is to this new spirit of enthusiasm that we appeal to ALL IN THE FAMILY.

One feature of the Congress which meant much to me was the display and use of handsome Eucharistic banners made and carried by boys from Charlotte Catholic High School. (You see, during the years since I was a Saint-gazer, I've been a Book-gazer, or Librarian at Catholic High and therefore know and love these banner-boys.)

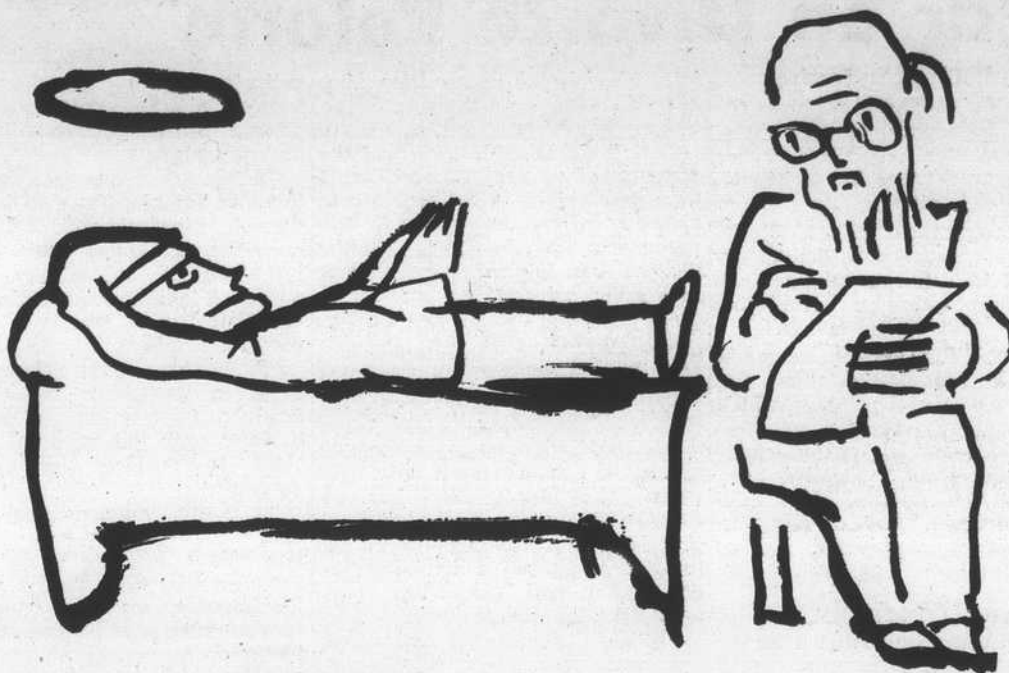
If you weren't there to see these banners, you missed something. These are creations of vivid color and bold design the boys have used to express their ideas of the Holy Eucharist. At the Offertory of the Congress Masses the young artists led the procession carrying their brave and gay insignia. "We Thank You" and "Alleluia" waved down the aisle in orange and turquoise evidence that meeting Christ in Communion, with their brothers, means something strong and real in these young lives.

While you are sending in your thoughts, I'll be making a Lenten banner for our living-room. Brother Robert Moriarity says you take a length of burlap, glue on it a design cut from felt, sew on a backing, fold over and stitch a heading for a rod—and there's your banner. He says we all have creative ability entrusted by God, waiting to be released.

Perhaps you'd rather express your uniqueness in written words. Send to me at: 3352 Willow Oak Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28209.

## Freud And Faith

Charlot



"... And That Blamed Halo Follows Me Everywhere!"

## The Week in Liturgy

By Rev. Paschal Boland, O.S.B.

# Lent: Conformation to Christ

February 20

**QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.** Lent begins during this week on Ash Wednesday and gives us the opportunity of re-focusing our lives on the ideas and ideals Christ presented, and which were recorded for us by His close associates. As Christians and followers of Christ, Lent is a time to make a further effort to conform ourselves to Christ and His teachings.

Let the blind man on the road to Jericho inspire us. When he heard the commotion of the crowd and asked what it was all about, they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was coming along the road. He had heard about Jesus and that He performed miracles of healing. He did not wait for a more opportune time when there would be less a tumult and he could be better heard. Instead he acted at once began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on

me!" People tried to silence him, but he only shouted louder until Our Lord heard him (Gospel).

Make this a good Lent. Don't wait for a more opportune time. Let your Lenten prayers and good works be like the shouts of the blind man that will reach the ears of Christ and bring you many blessings.

Monday, Feb. 21

**MASS AS ON SUNDAY.** For a Christian, love must inspire and motivate all that he does. An ascetic sleeping on a cold, hard floor might sacrifice a night's sleep, but if it is the cause of his being unkind and impatient with others the next day he is not practicing Christian virtue. A Christian who is difficult to live with because of his self-inflicted mortifications is in the same category. This is what St. Paul says in the epistle (1st Lesson).

Tuesday, Feb. 22

**CHAIR OF ST. PETER.** We are reminded by this feast that we have ever in our midst a man who speaks with the authority of Christ. We have recently witnessed for four years the Pope surrounded by the bishops of the world making use of this authority to teach, judge, and govern, "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build My Church" (Gospel).

Wednesday, Feb. 23

**ASH WEDNESDAY.** As people grow older they realize that even a long life is a short one. Ash Wednesday should help convey this truth to all, "Remember, man, that you are dust and into dust you shall return" (Rite of Conferring Ashes). However, this short mortal life is a preparation for one that will never end and Lent is a very definite reminder that we must work out our salvation according to God's laws and designs, "Store up treasures for yourselves in Heaven" (Gospel).

Thursday, Feb. 24

**ST. MATTHIAS.** There were about 120 electors for the election of an apostle to replace Judas the traitor. These nominated two men who then drew lots (1st Lesson). This was the first election in the Church. Today the successors of the apostles are chosen by various means and the nominations presented to the Pope who makes the final choice. The Pope, too, is elected by a select group. St. Matthias, as were all the apostles, was a man who confirmed himself to the teachings of Christ, and therefore one for us to imitate.

Friday, Feb. 25

**FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY.** Christ added a special dimension to Christianity that the pagans did not have in their code of human relations, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Gospel). The pursuance of this tenet during Lent would aid in making one conform oneself more closely to Christ.

Saturday, Feb. 26

**SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY.** It takes courage to begin, and to persevere in, special Lenten observances and good works. Christ's followers had to learn that this courage is obtained by faith in Christ Himself, "Courage! It is I. Do not be afraid" (Gospel). It is Christ Who asks you to make a good Lent.

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