

Moral Issue of Viet War Clear

DETROIT — There may be divergences of political opinions concerning the Vietnam war, but there is little room for debate on the war's moral issues, Atlanta's Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan said here.

Speaking at a banquet closing a two-day conference on "Response to Vatican II," Archbishop Hallinan said the wide divergence of opinion among Christians, Jews, Moslems and others over the Vietnam war is not surprising—questions about armaments, bombings, negotiations and withdrawals.

"On these we can and must debate," said Archbishop Hallinan. "But other issues are fundamentally moral; the indiscriminate destruction and/or methodical extermination of cities and peoples; the acknowledgement of the courage and honesty of the honest soldier and the honest pacifist; escalation and overkill; full access to all necessary facts from civil and military leaders; the use of international bodies working for peace like the United Nations.

He said his concern for the Vietnam war, especially its moral implications, is being deepened.

Chaplain's Role

"The chaplain's role in war is not to sing, 'Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition,'" continued Archbishop Hallinan. "If he is to be a good chaplain, realistic and reverent of human life, he cannot go beyond the teaching of war as a duty—and a sordid, ugly and inhuman duty at that."

He said if churches are to magnify the moral voice of the nation they must teach, better that they do now, the idea of man loving his neighbor.

"The hawk has no right to

hate the Vietnamese, north or south. The dove has no right to speak of presidents or generals with ridicule and insult," he declared.

While stating that there are no alternatives to war, the archbishop reiterated the position taken by the bishops at the Second Vatican Council that nations have the right to defend themselves and other peoples who are the victims of aggression.

Conscience Appeal

"Demonstrations and petitions have their place. Sometimes they can add decibels to the squeaky voice of the national conscience. But full-page ads and mobilizations often perform only the limited task of reassuring those who already agree, or almost agree," he said.

Navy Chaplain's Visit Sparks School Aid

GREENSBORO — This project has been stressed as a "Children to Children" effort.

The program came about as a result of the visit by the Rev. Richard T. McCue, formerly at Our Lady of Grace Church here, to the school in March. The priest served with the Marines as a Naval Chaplain in South Vietnam for one year. The boys and girls conducted a successful clothing drive; contributions came from St. Pius X, Notre Dame High School, Kiser Jr. High, and Temple Emanuel for the children orphaned by the Vietnamese war.

Under the direction of Sister M. Emeline and the teachers, the students have already sent a sizable check as a personal contribution to Quang Ngai Province, South Vietnam, to aid the Binh Son Orphanage.

In addition to the clothing, individuals have contributed toward the purchase of over 500 pounds of dried milk. Toys and

'Children to Children' Across the Sea



THE BOYS AND GIRLS at Our Lady of Grace School in Greensboro are shown packing toys, clothes, food, soap and other items recently that was sent to needy children in South Vietnam who have been orphaned by the war. They had heard a former assistant pastor of their parish now a chaplain with the Marines tell of their needs, during a recent visit here. The project has been stressed as a "Children to Children" effort. The students also sent a gift check to an orphanage recommended for their charity by the priest, Father Richard T. McCue. Left to Right are Edward Dillingham, Michael Hamilton, Edward Hamilton, two unidentified girls and Katherine Harman and Maureen Holly. (Photo Courtesy Greensboro Record)

school supplies will also be sent along with the shipment.

Mrs. Edmond Chandler, coordinator of the girl scouts here, arranged a day for the girls to mend, press and generally help put the clothing in good order.

The Youth Director, as well as Boy Scout Institutional Representative, Patrick McDaid, will supervise the boy scouts with sealing and addressing the packages.

Mrs. Ray Dillingham and Mrs. Edward Hamilton initiated the program.

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