



Ethnic support for Heritage Ball

The Heritage Ball, planned for Sunday, May 15, to climax the 24th annual Michigan Week, will draw support from several ethnic groups in the metropolitan area. Getting together to work on plans for the event in the Detroit Plaza Hotel are (from left) Mrs. Aina Kuusisto of Southfield, representing the Finnish ethnic group; Mrs. Robert Vanderkloot of Bloomfield Hills, Danish; A. Vern Plumley of Rochester, general chairman for Michigan Week, and Rigmar Cuolahen of Livonia, Norwegian. Those who attend the 7-11 p.m. ball will be encouraged to wear ethnic dress. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be obtained by calling Rose Bennington, 223-7232.

Study reveals dilemma of divorce

Divorce doesn't come easy for anybody.

A Michigan State University study of more than 400 individuals involved in divorce proceedings in Wayne County Circuit Court showed that 75 per cent of the actions were begun by women, and then only after considering such action for three to four years.

Making the decision to separate,

said Dr. Prudence Brown, assistant professor of social work at MSU, created the greatest crisis, generally coupled with or followed by strong personal feelings of guilt and failure.

Dr. Brown found, through follow-up interviews with about half of those divorced, that the women were generally astonished and pleased that they had survived the divorce and had begun to grow in self-assurance and self-esteem.

Moral perspectives

How do we mark Law Day?

In Soviet Russia and other Communist countries, May 1 will be celebrated as a holiday dedicated to the world proletariat, to the international socialist movement.

In the United States, it will be dedicated to the celebration of "Law Day." Which of these two contrasting ideals will prevail?

The vision of a militant proletariat has raised Communism to tyrannical power over nearly a billion people. Against its strident call, the idea of law seems weak and vague. Even the more tangible weapons of the west—our technological resources, nuclear arsenals, and artful diplomacy, have failed to provide us with the kind of world in which free men feel safe.

But the idea of law is more venerable than any of these weapons, and perhaps stronger. It was a force in human affairs long before the "proletariat" was invented. It has guided mankind since the time of Moses.

It was, according to the Romans, "the bond of civil society" and the basis of all honest government. It is (or should be) the instrument of justice; and justice is the foundation of peace.

THERE ARE ONLY two alternatives to law. They are terror on the one hand and chaos on the other.

In a society without rules, there would be no safeguards of liberty, no property rights, no protection for the weak, no basis for commerce or business or industry.

Conversely, a tyranny which recognizes as rules only the dictates of authoritarian government imposes compliance by ruthless power.

We live in an age in which dictators have supplanted law with force in nation after nation. The number of democracies in the family of nations has sharply decreased in the last 30 years.



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Preservation of the ideals of individual human rights and equal justice under law require much of us, who are fortunate to enjoy these privileges.

The observance of Law Day is a reminder to us that we shall have to love liberty as passionately, cling to our ideals as stubbornly, and place our faith in spiritual values just as firmly as did our pioneer forefathers who founded this nation in freedom.

OUR COMMUNITIES should unite to develop a collective respect for

Learn gamesmanship

The 35th annual program planning and leadership training institute, "Gamesmanship for Vital Groups," will be held May 4 at the Rackham Educational Memorial Building, 80 Farnsworth, Detroit.

The registration fee is \$2.50 per person. Mail check and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Miss Inez Morrow, representing the Detroit Public Library, 4820 Nottingham Rd., Detroit.

The adult education project is geared to the leadership needs of organization officers, chairmen and members, and is cosponsored by 26 organizations of metropolitan Detroit.

The program committee, headed by Dorothy Moor of the Camp Fire Girls, Detroit Area Council, has planned a series of sessions to help people gain confidence in their organizational abilities.

Specialists in publicity, program resources, parliamentary procedure, fund-raising and other subjects will lead the workshops.

"In addition to telling about program methods and resources, we've treated the entire program as an opportunity to demonstrate a variety of par-

participation techniques which could be used in all groups," Miss Moor said.

Mixers with prizes will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a welcome by the general chairman, Mrs. Elmer Bame of the Council of Lutheran Women, and six leadership workshops.

Each of the seven afternoon workshops on program planning will be offered twice.

The last 15 minutes of the day will be a physical fitness session so that all participants leave feeling mentally and physically refreshed.

Others assisting Mrs. Bame and Miss Moor are Mrs. Vincent Hillebrand, Council of Catholic Women, Archdiocese of Detroit; Mrs. T. W. Hue-

women. Archdiocese of Detroit; Mrs. I. W. Huebenthal, American Red Cross, Southeast Michigan chapter; Miss Rita Hoban, Wayne State University; Mrs. Clarence McInerney, Federation of Women's Club of Metropolitan Detroit; and Mrs. Harold E. Miste, auxiliary to the Salvation Army.

Life span offers prize for designs

Lifespan, Inc. is sponsoring a competition this year to select two designs for their 1977 Christmas cards. The competition, open to all non-professional artists and art students, seeks original designs in keeping with the pro-life philosophy of the organization.

A \$50 prize or scholarship will be awarded.

Two designs are needed: one of a religious theme and one of a non-religious design. The design idea must reflect reverence and respect for life, the key-issues of the pro-life philosophy. Due to printing

restrictions, the designs should be simple and uncluttered.

Entires need not be in color, since the finished card will be printed in varying shades of one color. Samples of cards used in past years are available for inspection in the Lifespan office.

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