Government trial balloons falling flat

Press releases by government offi-cials, trial balloons to see how the pub-lic reacts, seem to have a way of escalating. A few weeks ago they said they wanted to register lak-pear-old males in case we might need to know how many are available for defense needs.

I reacted negatively because the Bu-reau of the Census should know within reau of the Census should know within a fraction of a percent accuracy how many such people there are. We have already paid for that information. Births and deaths are registered, so if all they really want is statistics they can get them with less expense than a complex nationwide registration process.

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Then releases suggested redefining patriotism by including females and planning for social service as well as military service. My mind went back to

all sorts of theorizing after World War

EMOTIONAL OPINIONS among veterans in 1946 often distorted memory. We were saying the young should experience the discipline and authority which seemed to have straigtened out our lives. Somehow we forgot that 12 years of public school had provided those experiences with limited success.

I also remember pain as bullies and braggarts in uniform taunted civilians because they didn't fit the system. "Unfit" became a commonly used word to destroy a sense of self-worth in people who had to live with a disability or limitation.

Social service in the style of the Peace Corps seems a way to broaden

ing unusual people so crucial to society. Most artists develop skill early in life and even a few short years away from it destroys precious talent. We also need creativity from many who are non-conformists of one sort or another.

THEN PRESS releases moved an-other notch to speak of a standby sys-tem so we can mobilize a fighting force in a short time. Fury mounts as we feel we have been led along a path we didn't expect. It probably was clear between the lines all the time. But one wonders if the military is really inding the vol-unteer system a failure or if it is only failing to lock everybody into tracks set by authoritarians.

those slogans and it is time to ask our-selves that we think he meant. We are compassionate people need. We are compassionate people need to the state of the st

LOVE OF PEACE is part of our patriotism. Our young people should develop useful skills while contributing to peace. Some need discipline in a mil-itary service opportunity. Some need to cross lines in America and between naitary service opportunity.

cross lines in America and between nations in people-to-people cultural interchanges. Some need to be helpful by
sharing skills with less advantaged
people. In keeping with the best in us,
our systems should be peace-making
and not merely peace-keeping. CHARLES ERICKSON



uals.

Trial balloons may help us if we get into heavy discussions to sort out our thinking. Emotions may move us to political work and voluntary groups so the young inherit a country as good as our people.

"What I Was, What I Am, and What I Can Be" is the topic of an upcoming program sponsored by the Greater Detroit Section of the National Council of Jewish, Women at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8 in the council office, 16400 W. 12 Mile in Southfield.
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Paula Plofchan, adult education workshop leader, will direct the discussion, which includes a presentation on values clarification.
The evening has been arranged by the Widowed-to-Widowed program committee of SPACE, and NCIW service for the widowed, divorced and separated. The event also would be of interest to any single parent or widowed person, male or fernale, who is facing a major change in life.

Admission is \$1 and rereshments will be served following the discussion.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH of Rochester will present at 8 p.m. Mon-day, March 5, a program on the natural family planning method developed by Drs. Evelyn and John Billings of Aus-

Drs. Deepin and John Billings of Australia.

The program will take place in the library of Sacred Heart Academy, Adams Road south of Auburn Road. A registered nurse will speak on the ovulation method of birth control.

For more information on the program, which will hold a second session a month from now, call Dorothy Lyuns at the Archiocese, 237-5892, or Maryann Keilat St. Andrew, 652-3374.

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 620 Romeo, Avon Township, will serve a youth banquet for junior and senior highs at 6:30 pm. Saturday, March 3. "Wish Upon a Star" is the banquet theme, and tickets may be re-served by calling the church, 651-9361.

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH, Woodward and Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills, will conclude a five-part series on power in religion with its services at 930 and 11:15 am. Sunday, March 4. The Rev. Robert Marshall will preach on "Unitarian Universalism, Hesitating about Power.3

FARMINCTON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, 29831 Ten Mile, is welcoming a new pastor. Clyde Thomas, who also will pastor the denomination's Livonia church. A native of Hope Township and a gradate of Union College at Lincoln, Neb., he has recently been pastor of the Edmore and Cedar Lake Seventh-Day Adventist Churches.

He and his wife, Myrtle, and two children are making their home in Livonia.

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 20300 Middle-belt, Livonia, will present Dr. William Coker of Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.. in a series of talks March 2-4 to highlight the beginning of the Lenten season

Dr. Coker will speak at 7:30 p.m. Find day and Saturday and at 9 and 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. He is chairman of the division of philosophy and relig-ion at Asbury and has had pastorates in Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky and Indiana.

Professor speaks for ecumenical day

Dr. Michael Novak professor and writer, will be the guest speaker at the forth annual Jewish-Catholic Day on Thursday, March 8, at Madonna College in Livonia.

Sponsored by the League of Catholic Women of Detroit and the League of Zwish Women of Detroit, the event will feature a 'petite luncheon' at noon followed by an address by the noted columnist, philosopher, theologian and educator.

ucator. Auxiliary Bishop John Imesch of the Catholic Archidocese of Detroit will de-liver the invocation; Rabbi Ephry Spec-tre of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington will offer the benediction. The Merciaires, the 19-member cho-

ral group from Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington, will per-form during luncheon. Miles Jaffe of the Jewish Federation will introduce the guest speaker. Dr. Novak, who speaks to the impor-tance of the human spirit and the fami-ly in man's relation to accument and

tance of the human spirit and the fami-ji m man's relation to government and other forces, will discuss "The Family— Out of Favor?"

The current adjunct professor at the American Enterprise Institue in Wash-ington, he formerly taught at Harvard, Stanford, Old Westbury and Syracuse universities and seved as associate di-rector for humanities at the Rockele-ler Foundation.

He is the author of 10 philosophical

Mrs. Sander Klein of Southfield and
The purpose of Jewish-Catholic Day,
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according to League of Catholic Wome
en president Marilyn Lunday, is "to foster camaraderie among Jewish and
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There is no charge for the luncheon
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works and two novels, and serves as an associate editor and contibutor to several religious and secular journals. Dr. Novak has worked as a journalist and teacher in Mexico and Italy, and so covered political campaigns as well as human interest concerns across well as human interest concerns across the county.

His column appears locally in the Detroit News.

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Homosexuality, healing viewed in workshops

The Center for Pastoral Studies at Orchard Lake is holding two workships, "The Homosexual Catholic — Is She e Really Gay," on Saturday, March 3, and "Healing Ministry," on Wednesday, March 7, Both run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and cost \$10.

The first workshop will include an examination of historical attitudes toward homosexuality and contemporary trends regarding ministry to the homosexual.

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