Human rights draws no party line

Even in a summer heated by a wave of political differences there are some issues which, at least in principle, cross

party lines.
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Whether we be Democrat, Independent or Republican, "Human Rights" make up a plank on which we all claim to stand. Thus regardless of party afficiation we are equally indignant over the misery of villagers in Afganistan or the plight of hostages in Iran. The emotionalism is only a few decibles lower when we turn to such issues as the right so I American auto workers versus the foreign ear market. In fact the front pages of the nation's dalties are filled with stories of human rights infringements be it by thugs, or gangs or governments.

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or governments. However, the Irans, the Afghanistans, the Brazils, the muggings, the child snatchings and the economic shenanigans are as predictable and understandable as they are abhoring.

THE INFRINGEMENT of human rights at the upper echelons of society or at the hands of criminal elements is



moral perspectives

Rev. Robert Schaden

really no different than the human ma-nipulation which takes place, and which often goes unnoticed, in the of-fices, the factories and the families of everyday life at a seemingly insignifi-cant level.

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That we reap what we sow is no ress surprising than it is true.

The ability to use people in order to obtain things or to manipulate people in order to create a world which fits our designs is not learned in the university of powerful places.

Rather it is learned in the one-room

school houses of family units, the one-on- one relationships of life and in the any number of social, church and busi-ness groups where people rub shoulders

on a daily basis. The lessons learned simply have larger ramifications when the students of human manipulation reach positions of far reaching power. Human manipulation is not an expertise reserved to the Ayatollahs of the world of politics and business or the goldathers of crime, be it big or small. It is a process in which we are the teachers and the students.

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It is refined in such minor events as who gets the car on Saturday night or how one maneuvers an invitation to a party, or keeps another from receiving one.

IT IS PRACTICED in the petty poli-tics of who will be honorary chairper-

son to a particular vice of con-responding secretary of the local bowl-ing league. As way of seeing very closely what we want and then becoming quite blind to the fact that we step all over reopie to get the predetermined prize. Even our own little world becomes a cless board of sorts where we employ any number of people as pawns in or-der to save our King or kill off the other person's Queen.

The news events of human rights in-fringement which will appear in to-morrow's newspapers will be per-petrated by powerful people who are today's children. And the only major difference between them and ourselves will be the place of power they hold.

difference between them and ourselves will be the place of power they hold. The fact that they will be able to justify their actions should be no more surprising than the fact we so readily justify our own. And that some of them will not recognize their shenanigans as human manipulation will be no more than the basic dynamics of the petty conniving of everyday life let loose on a larger scale.

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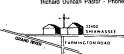
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