

Moral perspectives

No peace with injustice

By FR. BERNARD HARRINGTON

In the absence of justice, no enduring peace is possible. However, recently our president, on his trip to Michigan, and our vice president, in his visit supporting two Oakland County congressmen, laid claim to a period of peace now existent in America.

All Americans are thankful the Vietnam War involving American fighting men has ceased. All Americans are thankful to our politicians who worked so diligently to cease the killing and shooting.

But now some Americans are beginning to believe the political propa-

ganda that there is an enduring existent peace because there is no war. This kind of narrow thinking is devastating toward a moral attitude of creating a just and lasting peace.

REAL PEACE cannot be found if we are only working for an end of war or merely to cease combat. If our goal in Vietnam was only to cease the fighting and shooting, we are destined to the same fate that has shattered "the peace" of Northern Ireland and the Mid-East. Real peace seekers must work toward alleviating injustices because if justice is absent, no enduring peace is possible.

Millions of Americans were quite vocal in the late 60s and early 70s in calling for peace. With the cessation

of combat and the return of the Prisoners of War from Vietnam, many of these voices have become silent. Their personal or national interest has waned.

When our president signed the Paris Peace Agreements in January 1973 and challenged the American public with the exhortation, "let us now begin to build the peace," many of the peace voices seem to have interpreted that plea only to the release of American P.O.W.s.

There is still need for Americans to build a peace movement with our country.

It must be a peace movement that is concerned with justice, especially social justice.

People concerned about an enduring peace will show concern not only for the return of American prisoners of war and reports on those missing in action (MIA), but the voices of peace will raise their cry of protest about the 45,000 plus prisoners of war detained by the South Vietnamese government and the 50,000 American prisoners of war exiled in foreign countries or imprisoned in American jails, awaiting the lethargy of the American public to be awakened to address itself about the question of amnesty.

The voices of peace must be aware that in the absence of justice, there can be no enduring peace.

The struggle for peace must be rooted in a broad commitment to all "life issues." Peace is just one aspect of the basic principle of "right-to-life." Peace is part of the "right-to-life" jigsaw puzzle which includes rights of the unborn, the mentally retarded, youth, the aged, the family as well as the civil rights of ethnic and racial groups and developing nations.

A neglect of any of these facets of "right-to-life" weakens the chances of establishing a morally enduring lasting peace.

There is need to awaken those voices of peace to continue the struggle against existing injustices. The contentment of noncombat and noninvolvement in this protection of right-to-life principle is a faulty foundation of a present policy of peace with which many Americans seem to be satisfied.

Juvenile Diabetes Week is May 11-18

During National Juvenile Diabetes week May 11-May 18, the Michigan Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (J.D.F.) will be sponsoring several activities in which the general public is invited to participate.

Dr. Arnold Lazarow, professor and head of the Department of Anatomy, University of Minnesota, will be the featured speaker at a general meeting of the J.D.F. Wednesday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Mercy College, 8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit.

Dr. Lazarow is deeply involved in diabetic research and has been interviewed frequently on national tele-

vision. He will speak on the latest breakthroughs in diabetes research both nationally and internationally.

Dr. Lazarow will also appear on the A.M. Detroit-Dennis Whole show, channel 7 on May 15.

THE J.D.F. will conduct a half-hour program that same evening, May 15, on Channel 56's, "It's Your Turn." Airing time is 11 p.m.

Dr. Piero For of the Department of Research at Sinai Hospital of Detroit, will join Henry Guttentag, president of the Michigan chapter of the J.D.F., Dr. Leonard Wayne, chairman, Arlene Feller of Livonia, and Ron Winchester, in a panel discussion of the problems of living with diabetes and what is being done in the field of research.

Booths will be set up to distribute literature and information relating to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in Livonia and Oakland Mall from May 11-15; in Tel-12 Mall from May 12-15; in Harvard Row from May 13-15; and in Macomb Mall from May 14-15.

Membership information and inquiries on the foundation will be taken by Marsha Gordon, at 352-6931.

Red Buttons stars at ball

Performer Red Buttons is the scheduled star attraction at the 1974 Inspiration Ball to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital May 10 at the Latin Quarter, Detroit.

Buttons, comedian, actor, and Academy-award winner, most recently appeared in the "Poseidon Adventure."

The benefit ball will also star singer Jodi Kellman.

Chaired by Mrs. Joseph F. Slavik, the benefit will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 8.

Co-chairmen are Mrs. Walter Baughman and Mrs. Raymond Herro. The Warren Covington Orchestra will provide music for dancing with tunes made famous by Tommy Dorsey.

For ticket information contact the ALSAC office at 562-3894.

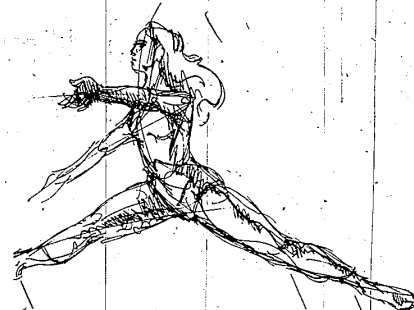
Hospitality program set

As part of the community's celebration of Michigan Week, the Birmingham Newcomers Club will again host Hospitality Day in Birmingham.

Club members will be at the Hospitality Mall, Henrietta and Maple Streets, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 24 dispensing free refreshments, gifts and entertainment to all visitors to the area.

Offered this year will be music, a "good fortune" teller, drama group clowns and charcoal sketches of the children by Patricia Weir.

Gifts for the day are donated by club members and area merchants. Dozens of cookies are baked by the Newcomers and merchants donate, souveniers, ice cream, sandwiches, soda pop and coffee.



Star at age 15 dances at JCC

By SHIRLEE IDEN

One of the special dancers in the forthcoming 14th Spring Concert of

the young Dancers Guild at the Jewish Community Center is 15-year-old Karen Freedland.

"She's already a star at age 15," said Harriet Berg, dance director at JCC.

"Karen is a beautiful person and a beautiful dancer."

A student at Southfield High School, Karen loves modern ethnic dancing. She studied at the National Music Camp at Interlochen and studies privately with Denise Szykula and Ms. Berg at the Jewish Center.

"Karen has been to Israel and has a feeling for her Judaism which is evident when she does Israeli dancing."

This summer, Karen will study at Connecticut College as a special student because of her age.

In the JCC Young Dancers' Guild Concert, she will appear in six numbers including: "The Creator's," "Jericho," "Flight," and "Morning Morgontown."

Michigan council names officers

Officers were named for the Michigan State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International at a recent three-day convention at the Troy Hilton.

Among those elected to office were Mrs. Edmund Smith of Orchard Lake, president, and Mrs. Betty L. Brown of Rochester, vice-president.

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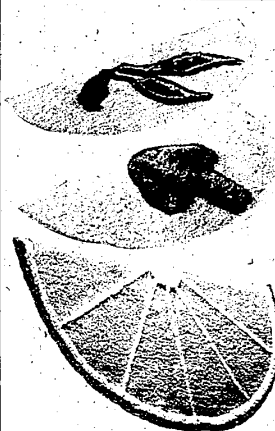
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