

Moral Perspectives

Principles become subjective

By FR. BERNARD HARRINGTON

It is a simple matter to apply moral principles to other people. When it comes to applying moral principles to ourselves, morality often becomes subjective and relative.

Two cases in point that reflect the moral values of our present community as relativistic and subjective are the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness and the morality of segregation.

In this initial celebration of the American Bi-Centennial, no American would deny the right of freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is fundamental to our American documents and has been etched into our memories from our childhood. "We pledge allegiance to the flag... with liberty and justice for all."

But it is different when we are talking about the 180,000 plus immigrants from South Vietnam, now that their country has been conquered by the Viet Cong. It was impossible for these people to have "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" in their conquered homeland, so they seek asylum in our country.

Immediately, a reaction is expressed by local Joe Citizen, U.S.A. He hears that a group of Vietnam refugees are to be settled in his state and reacts, "Our employment rate is already too high! We don't need another ghetto here! Don't they know there is a recession going on?"

WHAT THESE negative reactions are stating clearly and loudly are that the moral principle of "life, liberty and the pursuit of

happiness" is alright except at this time and in our present circumstances (subjective and relative). We believe in the principle but it should not be applied here and now.

The subjective and relative application concerning segregation is even more painful to apply to our present society of metropolitan Detroit. I have yet to hear a serious-minded person advocate or defend the policies of apartheid (separation of the races), as practiced in the Union of South Africa. Most northern communities of our country could see the immorality of the "equal but separate" dual school systems of southern cities in our land. It was obviously segregated — objectively and absolutely.

WHEN IT comes to equal opportunity in housing and education; morality once again becomes subjective and relative. The alleged practice of real estate dealers in Southfield who direct black inquirers to subdivisions south of Ten Mile Road and white inquirers north of the imaginary Mason-Dixon line is a good example. One wonders if these agents even reflected upon the morality of such conduct.

Now that busing is a "Detroit-problem" only, are we suburbanites exonerated from the obligation of the citizens of the state to provide quality education for all students?

It is a simple matter to apply moral principles to other people, but when moral principles are applied on a personal basis, they often become subjective and relative.

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Respectfully,

Edward J. Lynch

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