Prolife, New Right
Agendas Diverge

By Dexter Duggan
A Register News Analysis

WASHINGTON — Liberal
Democrat candidates may start
to notice that the “single issue” pro-
life groups actually aren’t so bad
after all, a prolife lobbyist in the
nation’s capital suggested in a re-
cent Register interview.

For years, “single issue” prolifers
have been derided in the national
groups as people who don’t care
about the “full range” of important
political issues. But, ironically, that may just
be the escape hatch that threatened liberal Democrat
candidates need—an influential prolife activist
group that cares only about their position on abortion
without demanding conservative conform-
ty on a whole range of other issues too.

In recent elections, a signifi-
cant number of liberal Democrats in the U.S. Congress have
died down. (Please turn to back page)

Xaverians Plant Gospel

By Frank M. Sheidy
A Register Special Report

WAYNE, N.J. — If the Xaver-
ians have their way, their next
pastor may come from Zaire.

Fr. Adolph Menendez, S.X., in-
formed the Register that his order
recently decided to open up a mis-
sion-seeding seminary in Zaire.

The seminary in Zaire is in anw-
swer to a call by Pope John Paul II to
mission countries to involve them-
sele in missionary work out-
side their own country. Xaverians
already have mission-sending schools in Brazil and Mexico.

Menendez believes that his order is exceptional in its zest for
the transcultural. For example, Xaver-
ians work in internationalized
teaching. That means that Religious
from different countries are as-
signed to the same post.

Xaverians also offer their stu-
dents a full year of supervised ex-
perience before ordination.

This gives the future mission-
ary early experience with new lan-
guages, peoples and cultures.

Xaverians are a four-vow reli-
gious order; the fourth vow is to
witness the Gospel in foreign lands.
They share in the office of those
who “shall be witnesses for me even
to the very ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

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CHICAGO — At a time when the ability to care for physical and mental handicaps is at its highest in history, some infants born with such defects are not being treated fairly. The implications of this decision are now beginning to sink in.

The wrong legal life decision also allows parents to sue doctors or medical laboratories in order to correct genetic defects. Los Angeles attorney George Cook told the Register that the “barbaric” decision would have the effect of encouraging more women into having abortions. Women might fear that damages suits can be brought against them if they gave birth to deformed children.

Cook represented parents of an infant who died of congenital defects. He noted one study that found 50 percent of a group of pediatric surgeons, when asked “Do you believe that the life of every newborn infant should be saved if it is within our capacity to do so?” answered no. That study found that 78 percent would acquiesce in a parental refusal to allow an infant to continue to live.

Infanticide: The problem of a small group of doctors, nurses, and pediatricians who have refused to treat the mentally handicapped infant.

Infant care: A generation moves on.

By R. Bruce McColm
A Register Cultural Analysis

“We felt it our duty to work for peace til something happened. In the tradition of Gandhi, but with a sense of humor.”

— John Lennon

I was the Walrus but now I am John/The dream is over.

John Lennon

NEW YORK — Big kids don’t end eras. Small ones do. Ages wind down in scattered historical coincidences. In the past year, the last strands of the ’60s were tied up into little bundles and delivered to us on the telegrams bearing dreadful news.

Muhammed Ali, once the pop star of black pride and rebellion, was humiliated in a makeshift boxing arena in Australia. Dr. King was killed in a Las Vegas parking lot. Anti-war activist Jerry Rubin sat comfortably behind the desk of a Wall Street brokerage house. Former U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson died of a heart attack. The “dumb LBJ” campaign — Allard Lowenstein — was gunned down by a man who received messages from outer space. Longtime fugitive Abbie Hoffman was apprehended at a New York City courthouse on a charge of cocaine. The “Bobby Seale” campaign — Stokely Carmichael — was put on trial in a Las Vegas parking lot. Anti-war activist Jerry Rubin sat comfortably behind the desk of a Wall Street brokerage house.

Bishops Praise

VATICAN CITY (NC) — In a direct challenge to the Soviet Government, the Catholic Church is publicly acknowledging the existence of a clandestine Catholic Church in the Soviet Union.

A summary of the letter was released last week in the Vatican City.

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Paralyzed Woman Refuses Abortion

MOROJE, Wash. (NC) — Lari Callae’s premature baby girl may be the first child ever born to a mother paralyzed by botulism during the first three months of pregnancy.

To date, pregnant women contracting botulism at that early stage had either died or had stillbirths and/or abortions. In this case, both mother and baby are well.

In the 25-year-old Lari, six weeks pregnant, contracted the nearly fatal case while eating a cephalopod — a type of headquipped, the dead animal’s nerve was eliminated by her paralysis. The baby was born healthy.

"I’m feeling healthy," she said. "All I can do is wait and see what happens."
Newsmakers

VATICAN CITY — The next step for Latin American countries after independence is to build “authentic freedom” Pope John Paul said Dec. 17 at a Mass honoring South America’s liberator, Simon Bolivar.

WASHINGTON — Msgr. John J. Murphy, director of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph’s Church in Washington, according to an announcement Dec. 18.

WASHINGTON — Msgr. Geno Baroni, who along with lots of other political appointees will lose his job in the Carter Administration Jan. 20, has been named a special assistant for community affairs in the Washington Archdiocese.

WASHINGTON — Prolife groups seeking to influence the make-up of the incoming Reagan Administration are lobbying to have Dr. C. Everett Koop appointed Surgeon General, a top post in the Department of Health and Human Services. Surgeon-in-chief at Children’s Hospital, Philadelphia, he has become a leading medical figure in the prolife movement.

U.S. foreign policy has had little to say about the nomination of retired General Alexander M. Haig as Secretary of State, mainly because so little is known about Haig’s foreign policy views in areas of concern to church groups.

“We don’t know a great deal of specifics about what positions he will take,” remarked the U.S. bishops’ primary adviser on foreign policy issues, Fr. J. Bryan Hehir, echoing several reactions to Haig’s nomination.

“It’s not like a (Henry) Kissinger or a (Zbigniew) Brzezinski who had written a great deal,” said Fr. Hehir, U.S. Catholic Conference associate secretary for international justice and peace.

“And we don’t know much of where he (Haig) stands on Central or Latin America — he hasn’t been very visible on that,” added Fr. Hehir about the nominee, whose greatest experience in foreign affairs has been as Supreme Commander of NATO.

One person disappointed with the appointment of Haig was Gordon Zahn, a sociology professor at the University of Massachusetts and a member of the executive council of Pax Christi, the Catholic peace movement.

“There certainly are enough highly qualified professional diplomats to fill the post,” said Zahn, who was highly critical of the choice of a military man for the State Department post.

Zahn said the only possible benefit of the Haig nomination might be that more will be revealed during the Senate confirmation hearings about President Nixon’s handling of the Watergate affair.

AJC Honors Drinan

NEW YORK (NC) — Jesuit Fr. Robert F. Drinan, a Democratic Congressman from Massachusetts for 10 years, was honored at a Dec. 16 reception in New York by the American Jewish Committee (AJC) and the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry.

He was described as a stalwart champion and advocate of Soviet Jewry and the Jewish people throughout the world.” His support of Israel was called “truly magnificent.”

Fr. Drinan concluded his Congressional career this year, yielding to the Pope’s decision that clergy should not participate in partisan political campaigns. Fr. Drinan did not seek re-election.

The 10-day program, titled “The Ministry of the Bishop — Leadership and Mutuality,” focuses on the new emphasis in the Church on planning and decision-making. It will be held June 21-July 2.

The sponsor of the consultation, the university’s Center for Pastoral and Social Ministry, anticipates the participation of about 30 bishops, all of whom were ordained within the past 10 years.

Participants in the last consultation were enthusiastic about the experience, feeling that it was a worthwhile opportunity not only to learn specific skills but to meet one another and share information in an informal setting, according to Msgr. John J. Egan, director of the center.
Pontiff Urges Peace with Science

VATICAN CITY (NC) — During a meeting Dec. 22 with 12 Nobel Prize Winners, Pope John Paul II said the period of conflicts between nations is coming to an end. The issue today is no longer that of opposition between science and faith, he said. "There is no longer a need for a confrontation between science and religion; the era of religious confrontation has ended." The period of confrontation has ended because the science of today is not only more advanced but is also being developed in a constructive dialogue.

Pope John Paul II met with the Nobel Prize winners in the Vatican. The Nobel Prize winners included 12 scientists, including five from the United States, who were presented with their awards by the pope himself.

Nuns Leave Malta

VALETTA, Malta (NC) — Six Irish nuns have left Malta under protest Dec. 20 after refusing to leave their convent after the Malta government voted to close half of a hospital in Valletta. The nun's protest lasted for six months.

The Irish nuns, who are members of the Little Company of Mary, have refused to leave their convent since the Maltese government decided to close half of the hospital in Valletta due to financial difficulties.

The nuns, who have been protesting the closure of the hospital, have been supported by the Irish government and other Catholic organizations.

Autopsies Planned

WASHINGTON (NC) — The bodies of two American missionaries murdered in El Salvador will be exhumed and autopsies will be performed, according to the U.S. State Department.

The two American missionaries, John Doonan and Umulwee Sr. Dorothy Johnson, were killed by a rebel group in El Salvador in March 1980. The State Department has been working with the Salvadoran government to exhume the bodies and perform autopsies.

The autopsies will be conducted by a team of forensic experts and will be held in the United States.

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TOKYO (NC) — The Catholic Church in Japan has decided to contribute the equivalent of $500,000 each to help Pope John Paul II's visit to Japan. The funds will be used to finance the pope's trip to Japan.

The decision was announced by the Vatican's Holy Office for the Promotion of the Church Abroad.

The funds will be used to support the pope's visit to Japan and to help finance the construction of new churches and schools in the country.

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