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Hundreds crowded around television sets in the Convention Hall Wednesday to watch the often heated debate over the ordination of women. As fortunes turned, so did the moods of those watching the crucial proceedings.

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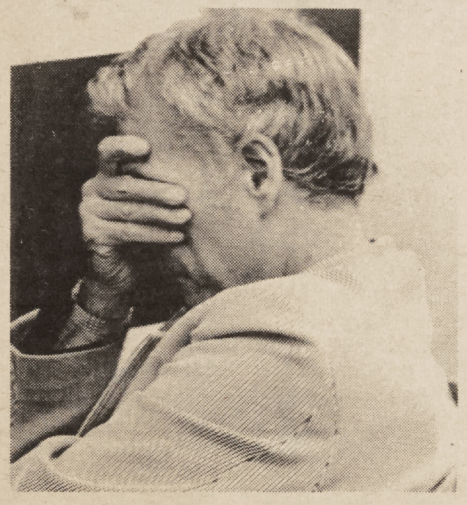

Bishops say yes, 96-60

The House of Bishops, as expected, approved by a vote of 96 to 60 a canonical change that would open the priesthood and episcopacy to women.

The resolution goes now to the House of Deputies, where a much stiffer test is anticipated, probably on Friday.

The roll-call vote in the House of Bishops came after two minutes of prayer, two hours of spirited debate and some last-minute parliamentary maneuvering by opponents of women's ordination. The vote sparked little apparent reaction in the packed gallery. Supporters and opponents alike had expected a yes vote of about this size in the House of Bishops.

The resolution approved did not contain the so-called "compromise" or "local-option" clause, which Bishop William J. Gordon of Michigan had submitted, in line with the presiding Bishop's call for compromise. The committee on ministry found little support on either side for such a clause, sources said.

The Coalition for Women's Ordination may still seek such a compromise clause when the resolution reaches the House of Deputies, according to the Rev. Patricia M. Park (deacon), vice chairman. Several deputies have indicated they won't support women's ordination without a clause reaffirming the final authority of each diocesan bishop in ordination decisions, Park said.

The route of canonical change, which would permit ordinations of women priests Jan. 1 or possibly sooner by special vote, was chosen in favor of a constitutional change, which would have required a second affirmative vote at the 1979 General Convention before taking effect. The vote on a substitute resolution seeking constitutional change was defeated by a vote of 96 to 59.

Bishops postponed action on a resolution that would have the canonical change, if approved by Deputies, go into effect immediately after convention, instead of the normal effective date of Jan. 1 following convention. Bishops seemed disposed to approve immediate effect. They initially approve the resolution, but agreed to reconsider after Bishop Ned Cole noted that over two dozen bishops were at that moment signing a statement pledging their loyalty to the church.

Women deacons said they were pleased with the Bishops' vote. "I was glad they went with the original resolution as presented," said the Rev. Margaret Muncie, of Long Island. "I'm very glad it's coming from the direction of bishops. The Bishops are exerting a leadership role."

"The bishops manifested some of the kind of gusto that I applaud," said the Rev. Carter Heyward, one of 11 women irregularly ordained priests in Philadelphia two years ago.

Bishop Stanley Atkins of Eau Claire, who introduced a statement pledging dissident bishops' loyalty to the church (see story below), said the vote will result in "a generation of great pain and sorrow" for the Church. "It would have been a generation of pain and sorrow if the vote had been in the negative also," he said. "It is a no-win situation."

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Dissenters pledge loyalty

Thirty-eight bishops who voted against the ordination of women signed a statement affirming their loyality to the Church, but stating their inability to accept the House of Bishop's vote Wednesday approving ordination.

"This is a statement that we will not bolt the Church," said Bishop Stanley Atkins of Eau Claire, who introduced the statement after the ordination vote.

It also seemed to be a statement of anger and, possibly, refusal to abide by the vote.

"We stand committed to the Episcopal Church," the statement said, "and we are determined to live and work within it. We cannot accept with a good conscience the action of this House. We believe that to do so would violate our ordination vows to be faithful to and to defend the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

"Furthermore, we cannot acknowledge the authority of this General Convention to decide unilaterally and in the face of the expressed disapproval of our Roman, Old Catholic and Orthodox brethren, a question which ought to be decided by an ecumenical consensus.

"The ordination and consecration of women priests and bishops will raise for us the gravest of questions — that is, how far this Church can accept such ministrations without fatally compromising its position as a Catholic and Apostolic Body. We ask our brothers in this House to take to heart our resolution. We ask the whole Church to take note of our unshaken loyalty to the Episcopal Church, its teachings, its spirituality, its priesthood and its sacraments."

Bishop Atkins rose immediately after the yes vote on ordination, read the previously prepared statement, which had been in the works for several days, and invited other bishops to co-sign. A total of 38 came forward to the podium to sign.

No UTO money for caucus

The participants in the Triennial meeting of the Women of the Church, who Tuesday voted more than two-to-one in support of ordination of women to the priesthood, refused Wednesday to approve two proposed grants to the Episcopal Women's Caucus Totalling $8,000.

Triennial president Pam Chinnis, who said she had been a member of the Caucus since its founding in 1971, speculated that some of the opposition that led to the recommendation's narrow defeat may simply have stemmed from the word "Caucus," an alarming term to some.

Opponents of the grants, which were among 83 backed by the United Thank Offering Committee, said the grants to the Caucus were potentially divisive and would hurt future support of the Offering. All other recommendations of the Committee were approved.

The Women's Caucus was an early supporter of women's ordination. Since the creation of the Coalition for Women's Ordination, however, it has devoted its attention principally to broader and less controversial questions of women's ministry, both lay and clerical, Chinnis said.

Lucy Roca, chairman of the UTO Committee, told the Triennial the 1976 offering already totals $1,566,893.27, the most ever collected in a single year.

THE VOTE

RESOLVED, The House of Deputies concurring, that a new Section 1 of Title III, Canon 9 be adopted, with renumbering of the present Section 1 and following, the said Section 1 to read as follows:

"Section 1. The provisions of these canons for the admission of Candidates, and for the Ordination to the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable to men and women."

YES

Alexander, Upper S. C.
Appleyard, Pittsburgh
Arnold, Mass.
Atkinson, W. Va.
Baden, Va.
Bailey, W. Tex.
Barton, E. Ore.
Belden, R.I.
Belshaw, N.J.
Bennison, W. Mich.
Blanchard, So. Ohio
Browning, Hawaii
Burgess, Mass.
Burrill, Chicago
Burt, Ohio
Butterfield, Vt.
Cabanban, Cen. Philippines
Cerveny, Fla.
Charles, Utah
Clark, Del.
Cochran, Alaska
Cole, Cen. N.Y.
Corrigan, Col.
Craine, Indianapolis
Creighton, Wash. D.C.
Davidson, W. Kan.
Davis, Erie
Dimmick, No. Mich.
Doll, Md.
Elebash, E. Car.
Fraser, No. Car.
Frensdorff, Nev.
Gibson, Va.
Gilliam, Mont.
Goddard, Texas
Gordon, Alaska
Gray, Miss.
Gressle, Bethlehem
Hall, Va.
Heistand, Ariz.
Isaac, Dom. Rep.
Jones, Mo.
Keller, Ark.
Kellogg, Dom. Rep.
Kerr, Vt.
Krumm, So. Ohio
Leighton, Md.
Marmion, Ky.
Marmion, So. W. Va.
Martin, Exec. for Ministries
Masuda, No. Dak.
McGehee, Mich.
McNairy, Minn.
Millard, Cal.
Moore, N.Y.
Moore, Easton
Mosley, Pa.
Murray, Cen. Gulf Coast
Myers, Cal.
Pong, Taiwan
Porteus, Ct.
Primo, Chi.
Putnam, Okla.
Ramos, Costa Rica
Rath, Newark
Reed, Ky.
Reus-Froylan, Puerto Rico
Richards, Past. Devel. Off.
Richardson, Texas
Righter, Iowa
Robinson, W. N.Y.
Rose, So. Va.
Rusack, Los Ang.
Sanders, Tenn.
Saucedo, Cent. & So. Mexico
Shirley, Panama & Canal Z.
Smith, N.H.
Spears, Rochester
Spofford, E. Oreg.
Spong, Newark
Stark, Newark
Stevenson, Cent. Pa.
Steward, W. Mass.
Stough, Ala.
Swift, Europe
Temple, So. Car.
Thornberry, Wy.
Trelease, Rio Grande
Van Duzer, N.J.
Walker, Wash.
Welles, W. Mo.
Wetmore, N.Y.
Wolf, Maine
Wood, Exec. for Admin.
Wyatt, Spokane

NO

Abellon, No. Phil.
Atkins, Eau Claire
Bigliardi, Ore.
Brady, Fond du Lac
Brown, Albany
Brown, La.
Browne, Liberia
Caceres, Ecuador
Carman, Ore.
Carral-Solar, Guat.
Chambers, Springfield
Cilley, Texas
Cochrane, Olympia
Cox, Md.
Davies, Dallas
Duncan, So. E. Fla.
Folwell, Cen. Fla.
Franklin, Colombia
Frey, Colo.
Garnier, Haiti
Gaskell, Milwaukee
Gates, Tenn.
Gesner, So. Dak.
Gooden, Pan. Can. Zone
Gosnell, W. Tex.
Gross, Ore.
Haden, No. Cal.
Harte, Ariz.
Haynes, S. W. Fla.
Haynsworth, Nicaragua-El Salvador
Henton, N. W. Tex.
Higgins, R.I.
Hillestad, Springfield
Hobgood, Armed Forces
Hogg, Albany
Hosea, Lex.
Hutchins, Conn.
Jones, S.D.
King, Idaho
Manguramas, S. Philippines
Montgomery, Chi.
Moody, Lex.
Parsons, Quincy
Persell, Albany
Powell, Okla.
Reeves, Ga.
Rivera, San Joaquin
Saucedo, W. Mex.
Sheridan, N. Indiana
Terwilliger, Dallas
Thayer, Colo.
Turner, Kan.
Turner, Vir. Is.
Vache, So. Va.
Vander Horst, Tenn.
Vogel, W. Missouri
Watson, Utah
Weinhauer, West N.C.
Witcher, L.I.
Wolterstorff, San Diego
Wright, N.Y.

ABSTAIN

Hobson, So. Ohio
Romero, No. Mexico

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Say, have you heard the latest rumor?

How is Chek-It-Out working? More than a thousand calls so far at this General Convention, says the director, L. W. (Scoot) Llewellyn.

"And more coming all the time."

Chek-It-Out is part of the dual service (the other part is called Talk-It-Out) provided "as a means of service and ministry." Observers roam the halls wearing identifying tags and keeping their ears open. And messages come to the hot line center by phone, by messenger and in person — the latter always wanting an instant answer to a question.

"Has the divided vote rule been changed?" "Was a priest murdered?" "Was there a newspaper article about the Presiding Bishop being against ordination of women?" "Has Bishop Vogel made a statement?" "Is there a resolution to accept the 15 women priests?" "Can I get a bus to St. Paul?"

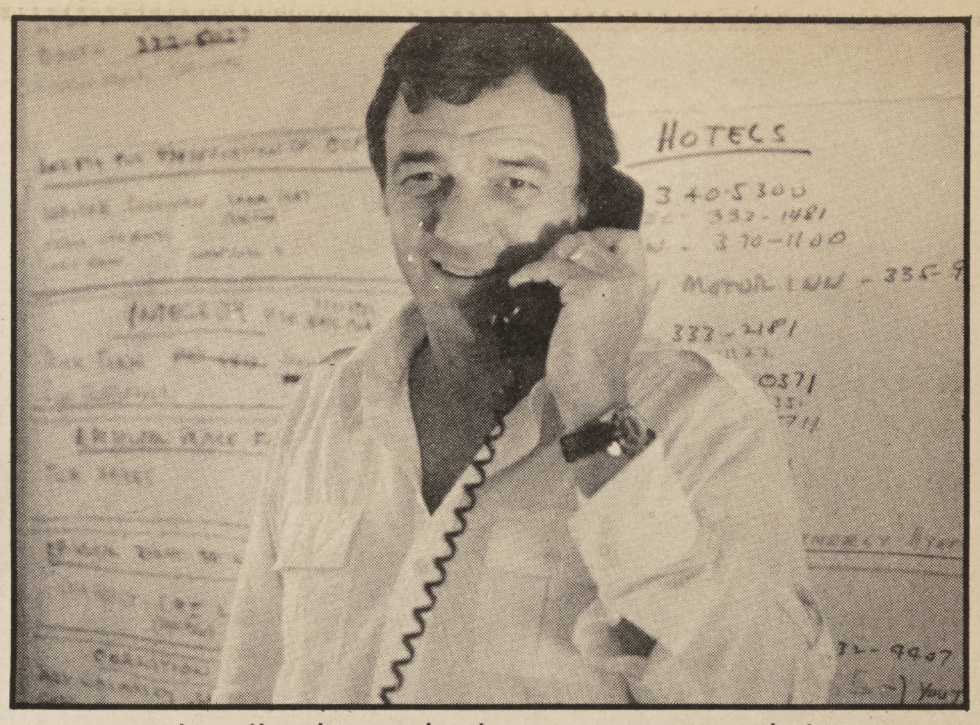
The answers, in case you're interested are No, Yes, No, No, No and Yes.

Most answers, as it turns out, are no because by their nature, rumors are inaccurate and sometimes deliberately so. "We were asked if the Order of the Holy Cross was running a full-page newspaper ad against the ordination of women," said Scoot. "Actually, the group they had in mind was the Society of the Holy Cross. And I didn't see any ad, anyhow.

"There was a story that Charles Lawrence was not well, and should not be elected vice president of the House of Deputies," he said. "This was false, and a low blow."

The calls keep coming and Llewellyn and his staff keep fielding them and scurrying for answers. The day the priest was slain brought an avalanche of calls but, as Scoot says, "We'd just as soon not have that kind of rumor to answer."

Heard a rumor? Call 338-1655.



Scoot Llewellyn hears the latest rumor. His Chek-It-Out staff handles hundreds of calls each day.

Unite to support schools, church told

By William Tully
Special to the Daily

Trustees reprsenting the 10 accredited Episcopal seminaries were told Tuesday night they must unite to engage the Church to support those seminaires or "risk great jeopardy to the whole ministry of the whole Church."

The Rev. Hays Rockwell, until recently dean of Bexley Hall at the Crozier Center for Theological Study in Rochester and now rector of St. James' Church, New York, called on the General Convention to set a "fair share figure of 3 per cent" of parish budgets for direct support of the Church's theological education enterprise. (A resolution on this question will be considered in both houses).

"If denominations where something like that level of support occurs, the people truly engage their seminaries and the quality of the seminaries is demonstrably high," Rockwell said.

He recalled that a study of deans of theological schools a few years ago yielded a list of the 10 best seminaries in the United States and that not a single Episcopal seminary was on that list. The United Methodist Church's Perkins School of Theology in Dallas and the Presbyterian Princeton Theological Seminary were highly rated and both denominations assess congregations for their support.

The Episcopal trustees met under the chairmanship of Robert Gains of Northern California, a trustee of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. Gaines noted that trustees of the seminaires have never even been acquainted personally and have been far from cooperating. Trusteees now expect to form a national association and to meet at least yearly to press for greater support of seminaries.

The only present national funding for seminaries comes from the voluntary Theological Education Offering each January. That giving has declined percipitously in recent years and last year was less than half the dollar amount of 10 years ago.

Rockwell referred to the recommendations of the Study Committee on Preparation for the Ordained Ministry (known as the Krumm Report after chairman Bishop John Krumm of Southern Ohio). In addition to the fair share giving from parish budgets, the report urges continuation of a strong, independent national Board for Theological Education to keep the church and its seminaries at the main issues in "this critical area of our life as a church."

The Krumm committee surveyed every diocese of the Church and found that lay people hold to a demanding set of criteria for ordained ministers, but that every seminary said that the single factor restricting better program and training was lack of funding.

Rockwell told the assembled trustees and deans that they, together with seminary faculties, are among the "soundest and ablest people in our church" and that if they could combine resources and influence there was great hope for the seminaries. Without their efforts, he said, "we face a great darkness" because the ministry will fail to live up to the demands of the Church in our culture.

Three deans — Frederick Borsch of C.D.S.P; O.C. Edwards of Seabury-Western; and Roland Foster of General — also addressed the trustees briefly.

The group paid tribute to to the Rev. Almus M. Thorp, first director of the Board for Theological Education, who recently announced his retirement.

Archbishop of Canterbury opens 4-day visit here

Archbishop Frederick Donald Coggan, spiritual leader of world-wide Anglicanism, will arrive in Minneapolis this afternoon for a four-day visit to the General Convention.

While in Minneapolis the archbishop will make his headquarters at the Leamington Hotel. He will begin his busy schedule with dinner Thursday evening with Presiding Bishop John M. Allin.

The archbishop will address the House of Deputies Friday morning and the House of Bishops in the afternoon. He will be the guest of Bishop Philip F. McNairy of Minnestoa at a Rotary Club luncheon during mid-day.

On Saturday he will meet with the presidents of the nine provinces of the Church to plan the forthcoming Lambeth Conference of 1978, when bishops representing the 47 million Anglicans throughout the world will meet in London. He will then have dinner with the Episcopal Church Foundation as guest of Allin.

Coggan will preach Sunday at the United Thank Offering Ingathering service in the auditorium where the Women of the Church have been meeting. After lunch with Allin he will return to New York.

Coggan's busy day on Friday will include: 9:30 a.m., a 30-minute television interview; 10:30 a.m., speak to the House of Deputies; noon, lunch with Rotary Club; 2 p.m., address the House of Bishops; 3:30 p.m., general press conference; 4 p.m., Gutenberg Award from the American Bible Society; dinner with McNairy.

While in the United States the archibishop also preached at the final dedication of the nave of Washington Cathedral Sept. 12.

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TODAY IN MINNESOTA

Coalition E Steering Committee: Room 1051, Leamington Hotel, 12:30 p.m. General meeting, Convention Hall, East Hall 4, 5:30 p.m.

Morning Workshop from 9:40 to 10:30 a.m. in visitor's section, House of Deputies: Mother Mary Grace, the Rt. Rev. Alexander Stewart, John Wall, and Miss Emma Lou Benignus.

Organ Recital, noon to 1 p.m., Gethsemane Church, 4th Ave. South. Layten Heckman, winner of the National Organ Playing competition in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and organiast at the Seventh Church of Christ, Scientist in Minneapolis, will play works by Krebs, Bach, Purcell, Franck and Corrette.

Pewsaction prayer booth 25 and 26 is open for prayer during exhibit hours. Stop by to pray with others aloud or silently about your concerns, for convention and the issues involved, for the unity of the Church, or leave your prayer requests in the prayer box.

The Presiding Bihsop's Fund for World Relief is sponsoring an "Unfair Share Meal" at 12:30 a.m. at the Leamington Hotel's Hall of States. See story elsewhere in paper.

Episcopal Women's Caucus workshop on music texts for a non-sexist church will be at 9:30 a.m. in Holiday Inn, room avenues 2. Clergy couples who are ordained or considering ordination will meet for lunch at 12:30; bring a sandwich. Jean Holdane will discuss "when the vote comes" at 1:30 p.m. and worship for the group is at 2:15 p.m.

Church Periodical Club representatives will pass out candy for an "energy break" each day near the meeting rooms of the House of Deputies, House of Bishops and Triennial.

Movies showing in the theatre next to the Bicentennial exhibit are 10:30 a.m., Discerning God's Creative Goodness; 11 a.m., Colonial Churches 1607-1776 — Maryland and the North; 11:30 a.m. We the Episcopal Church; 12:20 p.m., The Eucharist; 12:40 p.m. the Sound of Pipes Recreated by Saville; 1:10 p.m., Hunger — The Right to Eat; 1:30 p.m., The Healing Ministry of the Church; 1:57 p.m. Fisherfolk — For Our Life Together; 2:47 p.m., St. Michael's Farm for Boys; 3:03 p.m., For Thy Great Glory (Washington Cathedral); 3:31 p.m., In the Eyes of a Child 3:46 p.m., St. John's Military School Story; 4:10 p.m., Holy Cross West; 4:20 p.m., New Architect in Town.

Episcopal Rotarians at Convention are invited to attend the local Minneapolis Club meeting noon Friday to hear the Most Rev. and Rt. Honorable F. Donald Coggan, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury. Reservations are necessary and made by calling 335-5228. At the Holiday Inn.

General Theological Seminary dinner for alumni, trustees and friends will be Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Leamington. Tickets $8 and must be purchased today from the ticket windows in the lobby of the convention hall.

The Anglican Society has copies of recent and proposed liturgical revisions available for reference in its exhibit booth 163.

Morehouse-Barlow booth has Mrs. Robert S. Kerr, author of Church Needlepoint, autographing copies of her book at noon today.

Berkeley Divinity School alumni lunch today at 12:30 at the Holiday Inn.

Seabury Western dinner Sunday night at the Leamington at 7 p.m. Cash bar at 6 p.m. Tickets are $8 and can be bought by calling the Leamington, room 815.

Order of the Holy Cross is celebrating the Eucharist Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Church of the Messiah, 1631 Ford Parkway, St. Paul. Fr. Jean Tillard, O.P., a theologian from Canada, will preach.

National Association of Diocesan Altar Guilds will meet for lunch today to hear Presiding Bishop John M. Allin. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Cathedral. Holy Eucharist and installation of officers at 11 a.m. Tickets $3; reservations may be made by calling the Sheraton-Ritz room 1133 by tonight. Transportation will be provided.

The Gathering Place features Fr. Ian and Caroline Mitchell tonight at 10:30 and 12. Drinks and snacks are served from 9 to 1.

The Red Lizard, a musical by Fr. Mitchell based on C. S. Lewis' book The Great Divorce and Harry Blamire's Blessing Unbounded, will be performed.

The Fisherfolk present "Ah! There's the Celebration" at 8 p.m. tonight at Gethsemane Episcopal Church.

The National Coalition for the Ordination of Women to the Preisthood and the Episcopacy is holding a daily sharing time each day at 7:30 in the East Room of the Curtis Hotel. Daily briefings are held at 5:30. Clarification of positions and the legislative process will be explained and questions answered.

Order of the Holy Family daily worship services: Monday through Friday: Matins, 7 a.m. at St. Mary's chapel; Mass, 6 p.m. at St. Olaf's chapel, and Compline, 10 p.m. at St. Paul's-on-the-Hill.

Associated Parishes Eucharist, 10 minutes after evening adjournement, Convention Hall Plaza. In case of rain, Lobby A. Tonight, a sermon drama.

Holy Cross Fathers are hearing confessions daily in the Prayer Tent from 1 to 2 p.m. Other religious are available for counsel. Spanish-speaking confessors also are available.

Free Viewing of The Hidding Place, a film about a family's resistance to the Nazis in World War II, will be Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. at the World Wide Pictures theatre, 1201 Hennepin Ave. Lists are available in the lobby to sign if you wish to attend.

Notices for this calendar must be brought to the reception desk in the press room by 10 a.m. for inclusion in Friday's paper. The press room is in the northeast corner of the convention hall.

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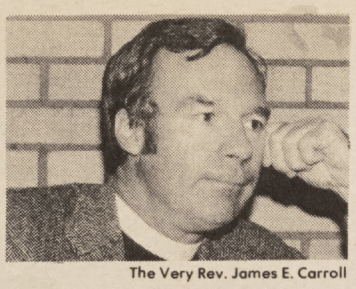

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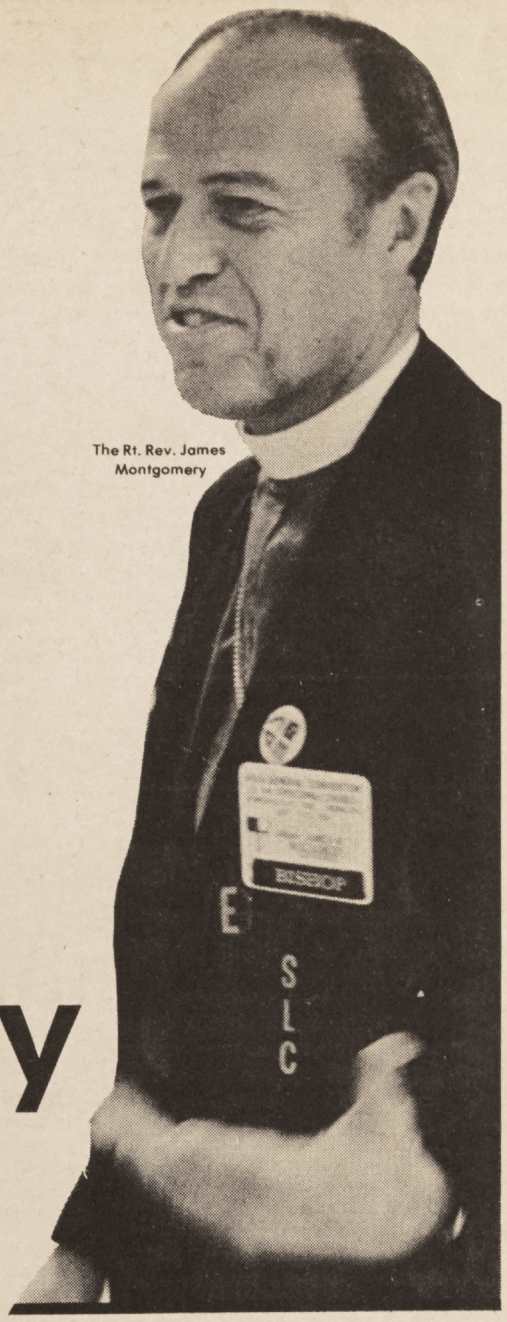

The Rt. Rev. James Montgomery

The agonizing of James Montgomery

By Thomas L. Ehrich
of the Daily staff

"It has been an agonizing thing. This issue tears people from people, and parishes from parishes."

Bishop James W. Montgomery of Chicago is one of those torn by the issue of women's ordination. Respected by both sides for his personal concern and carefully-considered views, the 55-year-old native of Chicago is caught in the middle.

In a way, he embodies the tensions the Church itself is experiencing.

Leader of a diocese that is bitterly divided over the ordination issue, Montgomery has sought to be a reconciler. Opposed himself to women as priests, he believes fervently in the ministries of his 18 women deacons and, some of them confirm, has gone to great lengths to support them personally, if not professionally.

And as chairman of the committee on ministry that considered the ordination resolution here, he sought to steer a calm course in the widely divergent House of Bishops.

It hasn't been a comfortable time for James Winchester Montgomery, an Anglo-Catholic who was elected Suffragan of Chicago in 1962, Coadjutor in 1965 and Diocesan in 1971, the year after the first canonical change at Houston thrust women into a new Church role.

"I have wrestled for several years over whether I could personally feel that the Holy Spirit acting through the Church could make me ordain a woman," Montgomery says. "I do not say that if God the Holy Spirit willed this for the Church that it could not be." But for now, he says, "I am opposed to the ordination of women.

"I have tried to lead the diocese, which is split," he says. "Our clergy are over 65 per cent against it. I have tried very hard to reconcile the groups in the diocese, and in preparation for Convention I have asked people to pray for the guidance of the Spirit.

"It's hard to say what I would do after the Convention. If (ordination) fails, I will feel that I have no mandate from anyone to ordain women to the priesthood. If it passes with local option, it's something we'd have to consider."

The Diocese of Chicago has 18 women deacons, perhaps the largest number of any diocese. Twelve were deaconesses who took on the title of deacon after the Houston Convention of 1970 made that possible. The other six have all been ordained by Montgomery.

One of the deacons was considering participation in the irregular ordinations of four women priests in 1975 at Washington, D.C. After a long session, with tears on both sides, the woman agreed to remain a deacon pending action in Minneapolis.

"I tried to have a pastoral relationship with her," Montgomery says. "I told her there would always be a cloud on her ministry. I begged her to wait until the Church makes a decision."

At this convention, Montgomery has had the ticklish task of producing a resolution on women's ordination. Sentiment in his committee and in the whole House ravored ordination of women, but feelings on the issue ran high and bitter. Montgomery has appeared in open sessions to be a quiet, even-handed moderator who tries now and then to interject a light note.

"We have to work together when this is over," he says.

A woman's words

Montgomery has done little to help Bliss Williams find parish work in the Diocese of Chicago, she says, although he once intervened personally and convinced Bishop Joseph Hutchens of Connecticut to license her there while she studied theology at Yale. There hadn't been women deacons in Connecticut previously, she says.

"Bishop Montgomery perceives himself as a reconciler and unifier within the diocese," Williams says. "I may not agree with that role. I'd like to see him take a stronger leadership role on some issues.

"When he says in the same breath that he supports my ministry and that he'll vote against the ordination of women, those are irreconcilable positions. I don't feel supported in my ministry by someone who votes to restrict my opportunities for ministry.

"In order to maintain equilibrium in the diocese, he keeps the conservatives happy by voting against the ordination of women, and he keeps the women happy by his own personal pastoral presence. I appreciate that pastoral presence but don't feel it has any cash value, so to speak. I'd prefer his support to be more tangible."

"He told me he feels a responsibility to place the men before the women. He warned me (at the start of seminary) that my ordination would not presuppose my job security. I told him not to worry about that."

As it has happened, Williams has found her way to what she finds an exciting ministry within the First National Bank of Chicago, where she is in the management training program.

"I have stayed resident in the diocese because I want him to have a personal stake in the issue," she says. "I want him to come to see ordination of women as something to rejoice about. I respect his decisions and feel that he makes them carefully. Other people believe the same thing. If he changes his mind it could convince other people."

. . . and a dean's

Bishop James Montgomery is very much "in agony," says a friend and ideological comrade, the Very Rev. James Carroll, dean of the Cathedral of St. James in Chicago.

Carroll describes Montgomery as a man of prayer who is confronted with a large, diverse but generally Anglo-Catholic diocese where opinions are strong.

"If it were a more monochromatic diocese, it would be easier for him to go back home" after Convention decides the ordination issue, the 47-year-old Carroll says. As it is, "all of his talents will be demanded on this, whichever way it goes.

"He's the man for the job at this time. I'm thankful he's the Bishop of Chicago. I've worked in several dioceses now, in 22 years in the ministry, and he is the most effective pastor and reconciler that one of his priests could hope for. He is a real pastor to the clergy, which is what a bishop is supposed to be.

"He believes in what he is doing. He is not conforming to institutional expectations of what a bishop should be. He has deep personal convictions. And he is a man of prayer.

"If he has any enemies, I don't know who they are."

Carroll recognizes the tightrope Bishop Montgomery must walk with his women deacons. "He is willing to spend time with them and weed with them and yet maintain the doctrinal assumption that restrict the sacramental functions of priesthood to males," Carroll says.

Deputies urge amnesty for evaders

Special to the Daily

The House of Deputies passed a resolution Wednesday urging a general amnesty for men who refused to fight in Vietnam or support that war at home.

The vote by orders in the clergy order was 82 for, 12 against and 11 divided. The laity voting 63 for, 29 against and 17 divided.

Those favoring the resolution said the wounds from the Vietnam War should be closed and that amnesty would do that. Amnesty means forgetting, with no judgment implied.

Speaking in favor, Archdeacon C. Julian Bartlett, dean emeritus of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, said: "This is one of the most painful issues to come before us." Both justice and mercy, he said, involved a distribution of love.

The Rev. Thomas F. Pike of New York echoed Bartlett's statement, saying that the nation and the church needed leadership in mercy.

Opponents of the resolution argued that it would set a dangerous precedent and would not do justice to those who had fought and died in the war. One deputy pleaded that the house avoid issues that would split the Church. Another, Richard Anderson of South Carolina, said deputies should be aware of the political implications.

Youth unhappy

A number of young people visiting this convention are frustrated and disappointed at not being given "more important work" to do.

While the youth have been performing auxiliary functions, such as working on the hotline rumor control and manning exhibition booths, many had hoped to become more directly involved in the convention process, according to the Rev. Michael Mohn, youth adviser.

Ordination of women

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In other developments the Rev. John B. Coburn told a CBS interviewer he has always been in favor in principle of women's ordination.

Coburn said his record on women's ordination was well known — that he has written papers, spoken on this issue and been in the forefront for a long time.

He said the vote Wednesday in the House of Bishops was simple and direct, and that the deputies would have a clear cut issue to decide, either yes or no.

Coburn said the Church is almost obsessed with the internal matters of women and the prayer book and that until they are resolved it is almost impossible to get on with its primary mission.

He said there is no question about the basic unity of the Church and that church people who hold strong opinions here have not been vituperative.

Coburn said he had a good feeling about the sense of renewal and commitment to the church regardless of how these two issues are decided. Whatever the convention decides, it will be God's will, he said. "And God's will will be done."

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Lawrence elected again; takes Deputies five minutes

Special to the Daily

It took the House of Deputies only five minutes Wednesday to elect Dr. Charles Lawrence president for the 1979 general convention.

Lawrence was unopposed and elected unanimously.

His elevation to the president's chair was a virtual certainty after his two-ballot election as vice-president of the house Sunday. One of those who opposed Lawrence Sunday, Walker Taylor of Wilmington, N.C., offered the unanimous motion. Lawrence was nominated by Charles M. Crump of Memphis, Tenn.

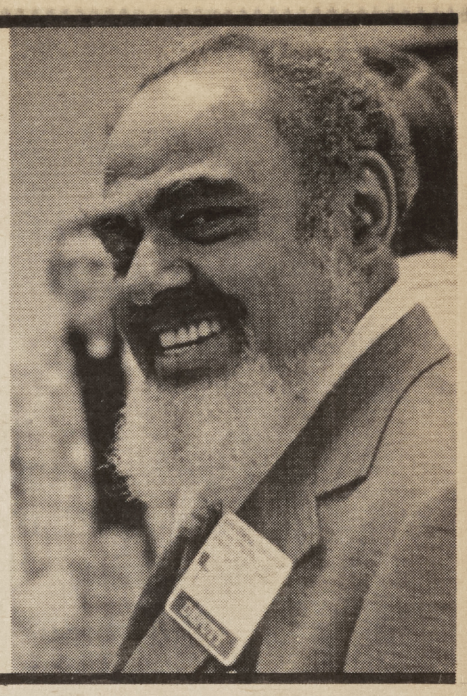
The widely-known educator and sociologist is only the third lay person in the Church's history to become presiding officer. He will succeed the Rev. John B. Coburn, Bishop-elect of Massachusetts, president since 1967.

Lawrence asked that his wife, Margaret Morgan Lawrence, M.D., be brought to the rostrum to share the applause.

Lawrence is senior warden of Trinity Church, New York, and professor of sociology at Brooklyn College. He has held a variety of positions in his diocese and the national church. His interests have been theological education, civil rights, urban programs and ecumenical relations.

As chairman of the 1973 House of Deputies special committee on ordination of women, Lawrence declared himself in favor of women's ordination. He also advocates the proposed prayer book.

Yet to be elected for 1979 is a vice-president, who by canon, now must be a priest. The president and vice-president of the house cannot be of the same order.



Dr. Charles Lawrence, the newly elected president of the House of Deputies

Daily photo

Hunger requires changed attitude

A dramatic change in our attitudes, a "liberation" from Western conceptual thinking, is a necessity if we are to make an impact on the problem of hunger. This was the message of the Rev. Gutierrez, one of the world's best known Roman Catholic theologians, a Peruvian Indian and author.

He spoke at the hunger forum, third and last in a series sponsored by the Church and Society and The Witness magazine at Gethsemane Church Wednesday. Once again, a packed house was on hand.

"The Church must eliminate its great historical alliance with the dominant social classes," he said.

Relating to his topic, "A Theology of Hunger," Fr. Gutierrez outlined a theology of liberation under categories of creation, sociology and history.

"Justice and love can never be separated," Gutierrez said. "History has traditionally been written by the dominant rich bourgeoise male hand. A subversive history must be written, a history which comes from below, where the people are, not from above."

Attacking on the economic front was William Wipfler, an Episcopalian who directs the Latin American and Caribbean office of the National Council of Churches. America's aid to needy countries is often pegged to our conception of national defense, not human need, he said.

"We are still measuring culture by the gross national product," Wipfler told his audience. "We must break our myths. We are subsidizing the maintenance of poverty elsewhere in order to guarantee ourselves the materials we depend upon."

The three forums, on sexism, racism and hunger, were not arranged "to lay a guilt trip" on the church, said the Rev. Charles A. Cesaretti of the Executive Council staff. "We wanted to raise the church's awareness, to make people realize the pervasiveness of these issues."

Unfair share meal tickets available

"The Church needs to eat what the world eats" and will get a chance to do that at an "Unfair Share Meal," according to the Rev. Charles Cesaretti, Hunger Committee staff officer.

The 12:30 p.m. Friday meal will be served at the Leamington Hotel's Hall of States room. People will draw color-keyed cards that will be coded according to the world's food distribution. Six per cent of the diners will eat fried chicken, 35 per cent will get only vegetables and 59 per cent will receive only rice and water. The meal, which will cost $3.50 is being sponsored by the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and the National Committee on Hunger.

Cesaretti says the meal is a low key effort to raise the level of awareness of Church people.

Frank Tedeschi of the Communication Staff of Executive Council, added that the meal is part of an entire day of fasting and mediation that convention goers are asked to take part in.

"We hope," Tedeschi said, "that this will be a positive experience that people will share with others when they return to their homes and churches."

Tickets are on sale at the central ticket office in the main lobby of the Convention Hall.

Navajo mission area hearing today

By William Ferguson
of the Daily staff

Formation of a new Episcopal area mission, one embracing the vast Navajo reservation in Arizona, Utah and New Mexico, is under consideration at this General Convention. Approval seems likely, and it would be a first in this country.

Adoption of the legislation could include an agreement to incorporate Indian religious ceremonies within the services of the church. The Navajo's Book of Common Prayer is still written in Elizabethan English.

This morning, a joint meeting of committees from both houses is being held, beginning at 8 a.m., at the Curtis hotel. If the legislation is reported out, as observers expect, the two houses will receive it for action later this week or early next.

Some questions and doubts have surfaced as hearings and informal meetings have been held this week, but the overall plan seems to be well received.

The area involved is some 25,000 square miles, or about the size of New England with Maine lopped off. Navajo people number 150,000, of whom about 12,000 are Episcopalians.

It is a huge, rugged and spectacular area, one steeped in Indian history. There, on July 28, at the Canyon de Chelly, the first priest in the Navajo mission was ordained in the Episcopal Church. He is the Rev. Steven Tsosie Plummer, now at the Good Shepherd mission, and rotating among other missions as well. The service took place at the spot where, at the end of the Indian War, Kit Carson rounded up the Navajos and marched them to Texas, about half of them dying enroute.

The Navajos through the Navajo Episcopal Council, now are part of Coalition 14. They are, in fact, the 15th member of that group, which originally had all mission dioceses. According to the Rev. William Powell of Oklahoma, a member of the Executive Council, this will not change.

If the new area mission becomes a reality, parts of three dioceses would have to be ceded. A full or part-time bishop would be assigned.

Prominently suggested as possibilities for this post are two men, the Rt. Rev. Edgar Otis Charles, Bishop of Utah, and the Rt. Rev. C. Kilmer Myers, Bishop of California. Myers has been quoted as heartily endorsing the idea of creating the Navajo mission. He sees parallels between Indian spirituality and Christian spirituality, but he suggests that Indian religious ceremonies be incorporated within the services of the church. It is important to them to have control over their churches, he noted.

Some maneuvering appears to be going on at this convention as to whether the Navajo area mission will come under the Executive Council or a joint commission of the council and the convention. Powell prefers council control because of the unwieldiness of the joint control.

Indians themselves, at a meeting of the National Council on Indian Work Wednesday, were concerned about loss of financial support, as well as control of the "regional network" that serves the area now.

Powell told them that their financial position would be even stronger, and that he saw no reason why there should be a change in elections.

Edna Goodhouse of North Dakota said many Indians, especially in the Navajo reservations, were unaware of the proposals. Her husband, the Rev. Innocent Goodhouse, an ordained priest in the Sioux nation, said he felt Indains did not get the same attention as others in the fight for funds.

Deaf get a chance to 'hear' convention

By Helen Ferguson
Special to the Daily

At every service and every session you've seen them — the interpreters whose hands move in rapid rhythm as they translate for the benefit of the deaf.

It is a skilled and demanding task, says the Rev. Roger A. Pickering, vicar of the Deaf. Not only must the interpreters be accurate and able to use the American Sign Language, but they also need a familiarity with the Church and its issues. Pickering remembers an interpreter who wasn't conversant in Church talk. He thought a canon was a piece of heavy artillery.

Finger spelling represents letters of the alphabet. Sign language is somewhat like Chinese characters in that each sign represents a concept. Bishop is a sign by making a mitre, priest by pointing to the collar and deacon by making the letter D drawn diagonally across the chest.

The Rev. Ven. Camille L. Desmarais of Talladega, Ala., is another priest you can find at the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf booth.

Both men lost their hearing early, and have limited ability to speak. Their hands communicate for them, however, so quickly that a hearing person may be left behind.

Another person found at the ECD booth may be the Rev. Jay L. Croft of Akron, Ohio. Croft is editor of The Deaf Churchman, the official publication of the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf.

Forming the words carefully with his lips and a the same time, signing to an interpreter, Pickering answered questions about his organization.

"The Episcopal Church was the first to minister to the deaf," he said. In 1820, the first Presiding Bishop, William White, was founding chairman of the board of trustees of what is now the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

"Recognition on the national level did not come until the 1950s. In 1970, the Executive Council formally recognized us as a responsible national agency. Funds in 1973 made possible the first Executive Secretary.

"Funding was cut after Louisville across the board, but this year that cut has been partly replaced for us through the Development Office Program for Special Giving. We are being budgeted at the same reduced level this year, much less than our request," said Pickering.

A United Thank Offering grant in 1970 made it possible for the conference to have training sessions and provided seed money for work in dioceses. There are now 34 dioceses who have programs for the deaf, 11 with a full-time missioner.

One of these here is the Rev. William Shattuck of S.W. Virginia. He represents the hearing clergy who share the ministry with the clergy who are deaf. A distinction not always understood is that a "signed" service is conducted simultaneously in speech and signs. An "interpreted" service is translated by an interpreter who has normal hearing.

Bicentennial exhibit vacation into past

The Church was speaking out on racism, bishops were arguing over the Prayer Book and the President was called the "chief magnificancy" in America.

These are some of the facts members and visitors to this convention will learn from the Church's Bicentennial exhibit here.

The exhibit is a series of panels displaying documents, photographs and sketches from the early history of the church.

Included for example, is a pithy sermon by America's first black priest, Absolom Jones, decrying the slave trade and calling attention to God's judgment against America.

There also is a panel on Prayer Book debate and the Scottish compromise to get Samuel Seabury consecrated as Bishop of Connecticut. The big Prayer Book issue was whether to use the Nicene or Athanasian creed. The first convention settled on the Nicene, while deleting the phrase, "He descended into hell."

The exhibit also includes an exchange of letters between the first General Convention and George Washington, praising him on his election as president.

The materials for the exhibit were selected by Dr. Nelle Bellamy, archivist of the Church, in consultation with Dr. J. Carleton Haden, the Very Rev. Quinland Gordan and Page Bigelow. John Fehr of Austin, Tex., did the design.

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