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Bishop Dudley Urges Political Involvement

The following message from the Bishop of Sioux Falls appeared in the Pierre Daily Capital Journal.

Editor, Daily Capital Journal:

A recent AP news article has given rise to misunderstanding of my message on political involvement in the Right-to-Life issue. The article stated that I asked people "not to involve themselves with politics and personalities." That was misleading. I did state that I was writing to our priests and urging them to keep politics and personalities of politicians out of the pulpit. At the same time, I urged priests to motivate our people to fulfill their duties as citizens by getting involved in the political process. I believe every citizen should vote intelligently. I believe also that he should be actively involved in the political process wherein the issues that concern them (such as protecting the life of the unborn) are discussed. I hope and pray that we can all do this in a spirit of respect and love for each other.

Paul V. Dudley

Bishop of Sioux Falls

The article which misquoted Bishop Dudley originally appeared in the September 6 Mitchell Daily Republic under the by-line of managing editor David Kranz. It also mistakenly attributed to Life Amendment Political Action Committee (LAPAC) a letter referring to several Congressmen with anti-life voting records as "baby killers." The complete story, with its misinformation, was transmitted through the Associated Press to all media.

National LAPAC notified the AP that the letter in question had come from a Washington based organization entitled Americans for Life, which has no connection with South Dakota pro-life organizations.

After a telephone conversation with Bishop Dudley the morning of September 7, SDRLC Executive Secretary Ruth Karim issued a press release clarifying his position and noting that "name-calling is a practice which is consciously avoided and vigorously discouraged by SDRLC."

The erroneous article resulted from a meeting between Senator George McGovern and Bishop Dudley in Sioux Falls, to which Kranz had referred in an editorial published by the Republic on September 1. Kranz, referring to the meeting as

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HEW/Appropriations Bill without alteration and as originally adopted by the House.

Says William Cox of the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, Inc.: "There has never been an example of a Legislative effort losing due to too much of the right kind of pressure."

Sarah Weddington Promoted

Sarah Weddington, successful attorney in the January 22 Roe v. Wade case, has just been promoted by President Jimmy Carter to top political aid.

New HEW Head According to the Wagner RTL Newsletter, Patricia R. Harris, Carter's new Health, Education & Welfare

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 22	Day of Prayer in Defense of Human Life. Birthright Workshop, Bismarck, N.D.
October	Pro-Life Month in South Dakota.
October 13	SDRLC State Convention and Annual Meeting, Huron. All members urged to attend.

an amendment offered by Rep. Raymond Lederer (D-Pa.) to the Nurses Training Amendments of 1979 to outlaw discrimination against applicants to medical schools and residency programs on the basis of their personal views on abortion or sterilization.

Letters of thanks should be sent to Rep. Raymond Lederer (119 Cannon HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515) and Sen. Richard Schweiker (253 Russell SOB, Washington, D.C. 20510.) Pro-life organizations should pay special attention to alerting potential medical applicants to the existence of the anti-discriminatory language in this new legislation.

Department of Defense Appropriation

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense issued a press release on August 2 giving notice of completion of its markup of the FY 1980 Department of Defense (DOD) appropriations bill and noting that the bill was amended to include abortion language conforming with the

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"quiet and unpublicized," quoted McGovern as saying, "And he (Bishop Dudley) did say he does not want to get into the politics of the thing. He wants that of Catholics and he hopes that of Right to Life groups that support his views. I take him at his word for that. He wants to discuss life rather than the politics of the thing."

In his conversation with the SDRLC Newsletter, Bishop Dudley said he had spent an hour urging Senator McGovern to change his position.

LAPAC leaders Ellen Dempsey, White, and Paul Brown, Washington, DC, issued a joint statement, "We do not have to resort to name-calling. All we need is Senator George McGovern's voting record."

In a letter to the publisher of the Mitchell Daily Republic and all daily newspaper editors, Mrs. Dempsey, state LAPAC coordinator, said in reference to the Kranz article,

"This act of irresponsible journalism has had a devastating effect upon many people in the state of South Dakota. Attempts at correction have been spotty at best and unsatisfactory. Even the most concerted efforts at correction could never completely overcome the damaging effect of such careless reporting. One cannot be certain that the corrections reached everyone who heard or read the original report; and even if they could, there is the overriding influence of first impressions.

It is hoped that Mr. Kranz will be informed of the seriousness of his act and reprimanded for such careless journalism."

Senator McGovern has announced publicly several times that he will not support a Human Life Amendment and that he will not succumb to pro-life pressures to do so. Press reports of McGovern appearances indicate that he brings up the abortion issue at every turn and uses it as an opportunity to discredit the pro-life movement by criticizing the "radical" nature of its singlemindedness.

Pro-life people must grasp every opportunity to expose Senator McGovern's unfair and childish tactics by challenging him to discuss the issues, rather than the rhetoric. If he really believes that "abortion is an unacceptable concept," as he told union leaders in North Dakota, he should support the only orderly, democratic means of restoring protection to unborn life, a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Gynecology; Coalition Family Organization posed of the America Economics Association Family Service Association, the National Council of Family Relations, the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists and the Children's Fund.

Contact the senate your state to support Medicaid Eligibility

Curriculum

Lana Merrick, consultant from Batesland, is working for presentation of a curriculum unit on the first months of human development. The unit will cover stages of development capabilities and care pre-born.

Work on the unit

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