

Tonight They'll Kill a Catholic

by R. Douglas Wead

(Creation House [Carol Stream, Ill.]; 115 pp.; \$4.95)

The story of Roman Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland who have discovered unity in Christian worship and the experience of the Spirit. Douglas Wead is an American "charismatic" who has visited Northern Ireland several times and demonstrates a fine feel for the human and tragic in Ulster's present plight.

The Life and Times of Eamon de Valera by Constantine Fitzgibbon and George Morrison

(Macmillan; 151 pp.; \$8.95)

In marvelous photographs and fast-paced narrative the book fulfills its title. Eamon de Valera, a fighter for Irish independence since the turn of the century, retired at ninety years of age as the President of the Republic of Ireland. The book is a great introduction to the bloody, tortuous and yet somehow grand history of modern Ireland.

Correspondence

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To the Editors: Peter Berger's little essay, as one has come to expect from Peter Berger, is provocative. The chief problem with his "The Berrigan-Nixon Connection," however, is that he never makes the connection.

As I understand him, he condemns Daniel Berrigan chiefly because he operated with a double standard in terms of the atrocities of "our side" and "their side." Surely he is not suggesting, however, that there is a similar double standard in the sleazy politics of Richard Nixon. To put it another way, is it not obvious that while, for the sake of the argument, one might allow that Berrigan was a "dupe" and not consciously dishonest, there is every reason to believe that Richard Nixon has been fully conscious of the discrepancy between what he has said (in most conservative tones) about public integrity and what he knew was going on in his own campaigns and Administration?

A further difficulty with the Berger argument is that he seems to deny any legitimacy to the thesis that indeed the character of the cause may have some bearing on the justification of the means that are used. I seem to recall that a few years ago Berger wrote with Richard Neuhaus a book entitled *Movement and Revolution* in which he said that he agreed with Neuhaus on the criteria for a justified war. Yet in "The Berrigan-Nixon Connection" he has nothing but disdain for those who justify Viet Cong cruelties by reference to the "necessities of the liberation struggle." Would it not be more honest to say that Professor Berger simply does not believe in that or other liberation struggles and therefore can, from the luxury of his noncommitment, pronounce a pox on both houses?

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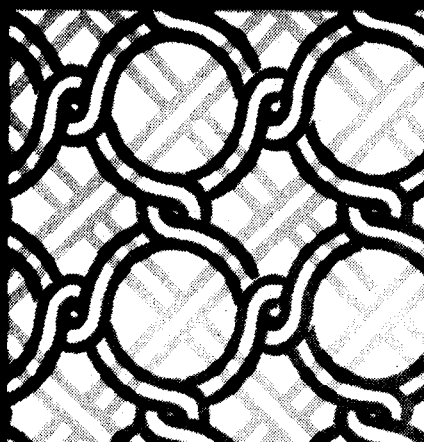
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