

Catholic ideas differ on nuclear weapons

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VATICAN CITY — Roman Catholic leaders, especially in the United States, are engaged in a dispute over whether it is morally wrong to stockpile nuclear weapons as a deterrent force.

Though Pope John Paul II has called repeatedly for global disarmament negotiations, he has not spelled out a clear policy on whether the policy of nuclear deterrence is immoral. The controversy resurfaced in December when Cardinal Terrence Cooke of New York drew harsh criticism for saying nuclear weapons can be "morally tolerated as long as our nation is sincerely trying to work with other nations to find a better way."

Cooke, in the letter to American military chaplains, said nations have a moral duty to find alternatives to nuclear weapons but argued that millions of people may be alive precisely because nations know a first strike will lead to a counterattack.

Several weeks after the letter was released, the pope seemed to lend support to the cardinal's argument by saying nations "have a right and even a duty to protect their existence and freedom by proportionate means against an unjust aggressor."

But the pope added that the difference between conventional and nuclear warfare "only underlines the urgency of world society to equip itself with effective means of negotiations."

The Church's traditional teaching on a "moral" war has not changed in centuries. It hinges on the stand that civilian lives be spared from the ravages of the battlefield.

The question, however, that has engaged church moralists for the past few years is: Can any kind of nuclear weapon be considered in conventional terms, even a tactical warhead aimed at a precise military target?

Some bishops in the United States, where the dispute is strongest, have argued that the weapons are part of a nation's right to legitimate self-defense.

In a letter written to his diocesan newspaper last month, Bishop Edward O'Rourke of Peoria, Ill., said: "The threat to

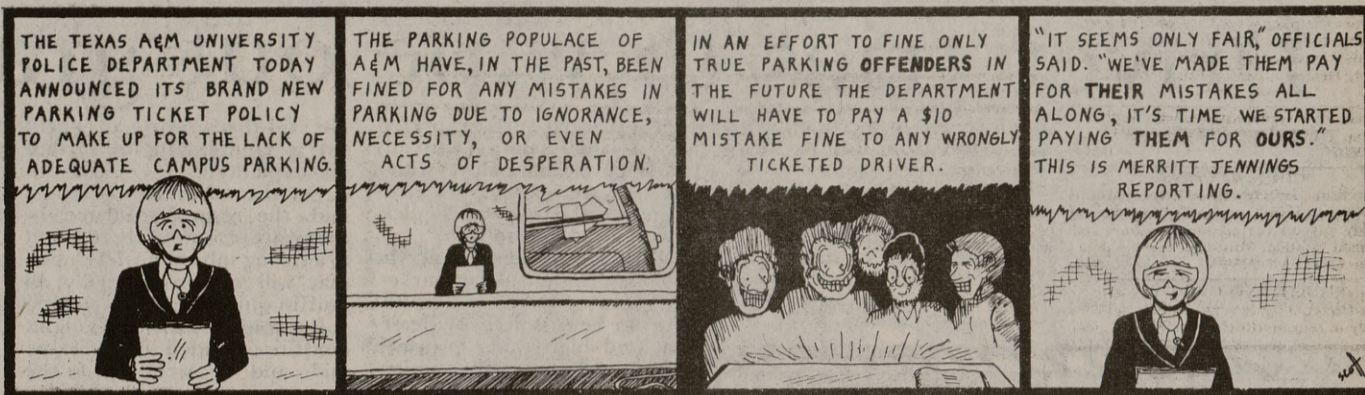
use nuclear weapons is significantly different from actually using them. The reason for threatening to use nuclear weapons is deterrence, and to prevent the use of nuclear arms against our people."

Bishop Raymond Lucker of New Ulm, Minn., offered the opposing view in a Christmas message.

"This is not peace," Lucker said of nuclear deterrent forces. "It is brokenness. It is sin. A world where the threat of nuclear destruction is kept at bay by nuclear blackmail is not a world of peace."

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Raiders of the Lost Ark, Fuji film to receive special Academy Awards

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HOLLYWOOD — The inventive sound effects in the motion picture "Raiders of the Lost Ark" have won a special Oscar that will be given next month during the Academy Awards presentations.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences also disclosed Tuesday that a special Oscar will be given the Fuji

Photo Film Co. of Japan for developing a new high-speed color film.

The two statuettes are among 14 scientific and technical awards selected by the academy's board of governors to be presented during a banquet March 21, eight days before the 1982 Oscars are nationally televised.

Benjamin Burt Jr. and Richard Anderson will receive a

Special Achievement Award for the editing "of a completely invented soundtrack that enhances the realism of the events and characters" of the adventure movie "Raiders of the Lost Ark," one of five nominees for the best-picture Oscar.

A spokesman said almost every sound in the film, except for some dialogue and a few footsteps, was separately concep-

tualized, recorded and edited into the soundtrack during post-production.

Fuji will be given an Award of Merit for research, development and introduction of an ultra-high-speed color negative

film that maintains high definition, natural color and wide exposure and is especially useful under low light levels.

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