

Letters to the Editor

Tribute to Dr. King

Dr. King will weep no more in his garden of Gethsemane, but his dream hovers over all waiting for us to make it a reality. The great tragedy is that even his death will not soften the misguided hearts of those steeped in bigotry and ignorance, those who need the Negro as a whipping boy for their own failures and inadequacies.

The world is once more waiting to see how we overcome this latest challenge to our democratic principles which we are presently defending ten thousand miles away. Our legislators can do no less for Americans.

EILEEN O'BRIEN.

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On Civic Pride

A recent writer to your Letters column complained of the lack of Sanitation Dept. waste baskets in his community. He further blames the lack of these baskets as the cause of the community being dirty and unsightly. The writer overlooks a most important point. It is up to the citizens to have pride in their city and do their utmost in not dirtying up the streets. Streets do not dirty themselves, people do.

SIDNEY SAMPSON.

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Abortion Reform Defeat

In your editorial "Abortion Reform Scandal" I resent the insinuations you made against the Catholic Church hierarchy. It is for sure, as last year, that there were lobbyists who represented many other religious groups. They too campaigned

strenuously to defeat the bill. Certainly to the exclusion of others, the Catholic Church hierarchy was not wholly instrumental in this so-called "scandal."

Let's give the credit to my fellow American legislators in Albany—and I do emphasize Americans. We voters select them as our instruments to accept or defeat laws. It is obvious they were conscious of keeping our status and standards on the rise rather than lowering them, by defeating this bill two years consecutively.

MONICA M. FINNERTY.

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Glue-Sniffing Perils

In light of the deaths of two school boys who sniffed airplane glue fumes in a plastic bag, an educational drive to warn teenagers of the dangers involved in glue-sniffing should be conducted in the public schools.

The Board of Education has been making a great effort to prevent students from becoming drug users. Now glue-sniffing, with the use of plastic bags, is a new and dangerous practice among teenagers, and requires a renewed educational effort.

SEBASTAN LEONE.

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Dark Whispers

I wish to congratulate James Wechsler for writing a beautiful column on the Fire Commissioner Robert O. Lowery and putting some truth into the air which was needed in the whisper campaign against the Commissioner.

RONALD N. GREENE.

(Letters must be signed. Names withheld on request.—Ed.)