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# National Commission on Human Life

## Reproduction and Rhythm

The National Commission on Human Life Reproduction and Rhythm continues to meet periodically at O'Hare Inn, Chicago. Meetings are open to all interested parties. Members of the commission and guests customarily pay their own expenses. Sustaining membership is available for those not able to attend meetings on a regular basis, but who are interested in supporting the educational activities of the commission. Annual dues for sustaining membership is \$100.00.

### CHILD AND FAMILY

In the fall of 1967, the Commission became the publishers of CHILD AND FAMILY. It is a quarterly for professional people which reprints from the scientific literature those articles which illuminate traditional concepts of family, life and sex. Issues under its new editorship have contained articles against abortion by clergymen of different denominations; Rollo Mays on "Antidotes for the New Puritanism;" Bruno Bettelheim on "Infancy: Where Life Begins;" a series of articles on pitfalls in sex education; a round table on "Modern Baby and Child Care;" and surveys of the medical literature pertaining to the medical hazards of oral contraceptives. Articles on rhythm will appear on a continuing basis in future issues. Long editorial comments following major articles appear in each issue. Herbert Ratner, M.D., is Editor; Associate editors include Drs. John F. Hillabrand, Robert L. Jackson, William A. Lynch, Robert S. Mendelsohn, Grover C. Nabors and Gregory J. White. The Editorial Advisory Board consists of

distinguished representatives from medicine, education, sociology and nursing. Issues, including the above articles, (Vol. 7, 1968) are still available to new subscribers. (See subscription blank below).

### THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ABORTION, RHYTHM AND LIFE

The 4th International Symposium on Abortion, Rhythm and Life will be held April 10, 11 and 12, 1969, at Ramada Inn, for which courtesy limousine service is available from Chicago O'Hare airport.

Although the meeting format will resemble previous Washington (1964), Kansas City (1965) and New York (1967) symposia, the present symposium's emphasis will be pro-life.

Thursday, April 10, will consist of a pre-symposium progress report roundup of nation-wide anti-abortion and pro-rhythm activities. The keynote address on "Reverence for Life" will be delivered the same evening. The speaker will be Reverend Charles Carroll, Protestant Episcopal Chaplain at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center. Father Carroll will be remembered from previous meetings as inspiring, forceful and knowledgeable. He is an accredited observer at the Nürnberg trials who has been actively combating relaxation of the abortion laws in many states under the sponsorship of the Commission.

Friday and Saturday will be devoted to basic papers on human repro-

duction, rhythm, abortion, sexuality and threats to life values associated with modern social engineering and medical technology. Mrs. Jill Knight, member of the English House of Commons, will be one of the principal speakers. She will report on the aftermath of England's recently enacted abortion legislation and the need and method for combating existing and proposed relaxed abortion laws. Another featured speaker will be Dr. H. P. Dunn of Auckland, New Zealand, an expert on rhythm and an authority on the abortion issue. An internationally known psychiatrist will speak on problems associated with modern sexuality. Other prominent speakers will be talking on the various threats to human life and values confronting us.

State experiences with relaxed abortion laws and lessons to be learned in the fight against abortion in individual states will be reported on. Further steps in the organization of the National Association for the Protection of the Unborn and inter-cooperation of various Right To Life Committees are planned.

A letter of announcement has been sent to the Bishops of the United States and Canada urging them to send delegates to come from the fields of medicine, law, religion, nursing, sociology and other interested disciplines.

Ford Foundation's recent million dollar grant to Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, to perfect rhythm, and Rockefeller's recent two million dollar grant to the University of North Carolina to develop new methods of conception control because of the failure of present methods, emphasizes the timeliness and the importance of the 4th Symposium.

Registration and Guaranteed Reservation Rate Cards for Ramada Inn may be secured by writing to ISLAR (International Symposium on Life, Abortion and Rhythm), BOX 508, Oak Park, IL 60303. The registration fee is \$25.00.

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Secretary

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