Scorecard on Catholic Liberals

It behooves us all to be ever on our guard against the mealy-mouthed promoters of the subleties of Liberalism. But, how, you may ask, can one know who is or who is not a Liberal? Well, here is a fairly accurate yardstick by which to measure a Liberal:

- He is usually a pseudo-intellectual.
- He is critical of the disciplinary and doctrinal decrees of the Roman Congregations—especially that of the Holy Office and of the Biblical Commission.
- He is critical of the actions and the ordinances of the bishops.
- Devotion to the Infant of Prague is particularly odious to him.
- He is fearful that there is too much devotion to the Blessed Virgin today and looks for a sharp curtailment in this regard.
- He will have special ridicule for such venerable beliefs as the translation of the Holy House of Loretto.
- He will harp on the glories of the Church in the centuries past and gone, but he will hold that the Church is not progressive enough in this modern day and age.
- He resents having to apply for permission to read, or have read, books on the Index.

Msgr. Charles Hugo Doyle
ONE EVENING about the middle of last November, a small group of students gathered in a room on the first floor of St. Ed's Hall to talk with a young medic who had just dropped in to look over his old living quarters. He told of experiences in Laos, fighting Communists and disease. His name was Dooley. He is better known as Dr. Tom Dooley. A pre-med student here just a few years ago, Tom Dooley, since his November visit, has completed a tour of 44 cities and raised about 400 Gs in behalf of MEDICO, an organization he helped found to provide medical aid to underdeveloped countries.

ON DECEMBER 16, with forty pounds of luggage and a Christmas tree for the kids in his "high valley", Tom Dooley boarded a plane at Idlewild and headed back to Laos. "Dooley is Coming Back--Tell the Communists." These were his parting words, aimed at refuting the Reds who declared when he left,"Dooley is a paper tiger who runs away when the war breaks out." "Tiger" Dooley, who has become well-known both here in the U.S. and in the Land of a Million Elephants had absented himself from Laos only long enough to recuperate from an operation for cancer.

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON, Dr. Dooley was back attending to the sick-call line at Muong Sing. And you? Where were you?

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