

Non-Public School Subsidies Sought

Chicago—(RNS)—Religious schools in the United States face extinction unless federal subsidies are forthcoming in the near future, Dr. Jerome G. Kerwin, political science professor at the University of Chicago, declared here.

In an address prepared for delivery before a meeting of the Institute of Religious and Social Studies, Dr. Kerwin called upon religious leaders and educators of all faiths to unite in supporting measures to secure public funds for religious educational institutions.

Comparing such institutions to public utilities, the Chicago professor pointed out that when public utilities are bankrupt or threaten to discontinue their services, the government either takes them over and operates them, or subsidizes them.

"The existence of religious schools, if it would seem, is a compelling necessity," he continued. "No one would advocate, however, that the government, state or national, take them over."

If they are not taken over, he said, the only other alternative is that they be subsidized. Dr. Kerwin took issue with those who believe the constitution prohibits granting of subsidies to religious groups from public funds.

"The constitutional doctrine prohibits the establishing and if

nancing of a state church or the direct official preference for one group over another," he said. "It does not prevent a general recognition of religion, as in secular states such as Russia."

"Simply as a legal fact, the general disbursement of public funds to religious schools would not violate the separation doctrine, no more than does tax exemption for religious properties, which is in effect a subsidy."

"The main question is whether religious schools are wanted or whether they are not. I take it that generally they are wanted. I take it that they are increasingly in danger of extinction."

Calling for an end to "strife and recriminations" among religious groups which he asserted are a contributing factor to undermining belief and religion, Dr. Kerwin said:

"A crusading, intolerant and determined paganism confronts the churches today; and once on the warpath it will padlock or empty every church in America."

Hobby Priest



A unique way of financing his hobby, nature photography, has been worked out by the Rev. John Hensch, C.P.S., (above) assistant professor of biology at St. Joseph's College, Kenosha, Wis. The priest-scientist, while tramping about with his camera, collects biological specimens to sell to biological supply houses. He has 200 chicken lice as 15 worth of film. To him, 300 saw bugs mean \$3.75 in black bulbs. English sparrows, which Father Hensch thinks of as "pinner demitisse" and European starlings, which are listed in his book as "sternus vulgaris," are worth \$10 a hundred (ward) a new lens. (NC Photos)

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The consecration will take place on Sunday, February 19, in the cathedral at Douala. The new bishop is 43 years old and was ordained in 1928. He has been in the Cameroons since 1930.

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