

Bill Proposes Private Schools Disaster Aid

Washington — (RNS) — A bill providing for federal funds to assist private schools and colleges hit by major disasters was introduced in the House by Rep. Philip J. Philbin (D-Mass.).

Floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and the like in various parts of the country have not sidestepped private schools and colleges. But present law prohibits the use of federal funds for repairing or replacing such facilities.

H.R. 7943 would authorize the President to make permanent replacements of public facilities and public and private school buildings damaged or destroyed in a major disaster. Aid for private schools is the significant phase of the bill, inasmuch as the federal government already has power to aid in restoring public facilities.

Rep. Philbin said the almost total destruction of Assumption College at Worcester, Mass., last summer brought to his attention the plight of private schools hit by major disasters.

Since then, hurricanes, floods and other catastrophes have made the proposed revision of the federal law even more urgent and necessary, according to the Congressman.



Holy Family Sunday — Scenes showing the observance of the Feast of the Holy Family last Sunday in accordance with the appeal of His Excellency Bishop Kearney for family Communions are typical of those in all churches of the diocese. Left photo was taken at a breakfast sponsored and prepared by the Holy Name Society of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in the school hall. Mrs. John Nolan and her children, Nora, Molly and Beth are seated as Seth Norion, the Rev. Robert A.

Kelsh, pastor, and George Smith look on. Seven hundred attended the breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred W. Marston and their children, James, Virginia and Roslyn are shown in the center photo as they enter St. Andrew Church, typical of the many families who attended church and received Communion in a group. Third photo shows Mr. and Mrs. James L. McGowan and children Mary, James and Sara at the Blessed Sacrament Parish breakfast held at the Calver Ed. Armory. Three hundred attended the breakfast.

Vermont Tuition Dispute Faces Court Decision

Montpelier — (RNS) — Battle lines were drawn here for an expected court fight over the question of town tuition payments for students attending private and parochial schools.

The state's attorney general, Robert T. Stafford, has refused to reconsider an earlier ruling which held that public funds could not be used for tuition payments to private schools.

THE REQUEST for reconsideration came from the school board in South Burlington. The group had indicated that the issue would be taken to the courts if Mr. Stafford stood by his original ruling.

Under the terms of the attorney general's opinion, South Burlington stands to lose \$1500 in state aid funds used for grants to private school pupils.

The ruling, if upheld by the courts, would affect several other Vermont towns which, like South Burlington, do not maintain high schools.

Several Vermont communities pay tuition at parochial schools for their students of high school age when the town has no high school of its own.

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Movement To Aid Dying Marks Twenty-Five Years

Cincinnati — (RNS) — This year marks the 25th anniversary of the movement started here to help people "live and die in the state of grace."

Known as the Apostolate to Assist Dying Non-Catholics, the movement was founded by the late Msgr. Raphael J. Markham under the auspices of Archbishop John T. McNicholas of Cincinnati, also deceased.

It is now being carried on by the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis from headquarters in St. Claire Convent.

Sister M. Chrysiolaga, secretary of the apostolate, said the work is carried on through the distribution of prayer cards containing acts of faith, hope, love and perfect contrition.

These acts, she said, "are sufficient by themselves to place a person, baptized or unbaptized, in the state of grace, in which one enjoys the love and friendship of God."

The prayer cards are available in English and 25 other languages. Sister Chrysiolaga reported: "They have been instrumental," she added, "in leading many souls back or closer to God. They have helped particularly to bring about among dying persons a right and definite decision at the hour of death."

Jesuit Charges 'Printed Garbage' Ruins Youth

New York — (RNS) — A Roman Catholic priest charged here that some publishers and editors are "deliberately fostering sadism and masochism" among American youth.

The Rev. John Hoodack, S.J., of New York's Nativity Mission Center, testified before the State Joint Legislative Committee on Obscene Literature which has been conducting hearings on pornographic material. The Mission Center works with Puerto Rican youth on New York's Lower East Side.

FATHER HOODACK said he based his charge on a study he made in cooperation with the Rev. Walter M. Jager, S.J., another priest at the mission and Richard J. Narducci, a Catholic layman associated with it.

The priest presented the committee with exhibits from periodicals, pocketbooks and "girlie" magazines which he said fostered the pervasions of sadism and masochism. These publications, he told the committee, are "easily obtainable by kids."

"A masochistic and sadistic youth of today," he warned, "means a morally, intellectually and physically weak nation soon . . . a ripe field for totalitarianism."

"Anyone who knows Communism as we do," Father Hoodack continued, "knows, too, how important and how successful the Communist tactic of perverting young people to gain mastery over them has been and is."

"The people who publish and edit and distribute and sell this 'literary' garbage, whether their motive is to make a fast buck or whatever it may be, are certainly contributing to the downfall and destruction of our country."

Other witnesses appearing before the committee testified that New York City newspapers are flooded with salacious magazines that have a contaminating effect on young people.

News Staff Files

Musick — (NC) — The annual blessing of the salt mines at Berchtesgaden near here took place again this year on the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6). The blessing is believed to be the only one of its kind.

Police Head Asks Ban On Torture Books

New York — (NC) — A New York police commissioner called for a state law to ban magazines that exploit torture.

A New York State education department official charged that movie houses frequently use advertising trailers for forthcoming films showing scenes which state censors have eliminated from the films themselves.

Both men appeared as witnesses before New York State's Joint Legislative Committee on the Publication and Distribution of Obscene and Obscure Material.

Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy told the committee that printed matter selling with brutality is increasing. This, he held, is contributing to juvenile crime. He asked for a specific amendment to the state penal law which forbids obscenity to ban matter believed likely to incite violence.

Dr. Hugh M. Pines, executive secretary to the education commissioner and formerly for six years director of the department's motion picture division which is charged with "cleaning up" motion pictures being shown in New York City, was the other witness.

He said the use of objectionable trailers as "teasers" for future pictures was possible because the trailers were not censored. Also, he said, magazine advertising frequently is, objectionable and promotes scenes which the censors believe will not show in the theaters.

Pioneer Priest Dies In West

Santa Barbara — (NC) — A horse-and-buggy padre from the days of the frontier West died here (Jan. 2) at Mission Santa Barbara. He was Father Albus Schwarz, O.F.M., 88, who had been a priest 60 years.

As a missionary in the West, he helped establish the first parish in Phoenix-St. Mary's in 1894.

At the dawn of the century he came to Santa Barbara where he taught for two years at St. Anthony's Seminary. Then returned to missionary work in northern California and Arizona.

Since 1914 he had been assigned to Mission Santa Barbara where he served as various offices as pastor, assistant pastor, religious superior, professor of theology and West Coast commissary for the Holy Land.

Disaster Loans Offered Churches

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — A spokesman for the Small Business Administration said churches and synagogues damaged or destroyed in major catastrophes have not taken advantage of its disaster loan facilities.

Of the 3,224 disaster loans made to date by the agency only three definitely were listed as church loans, he said. These totaled \$219,150 out of the \$36,869,000 made available by SBA for disaster aid.

Largest church loan was to St. Paul's Roman Catholic church, Vicksburg, Miss., for \$150,000. The remaining \$73,000 needed by the church to repair tornado damage was provided by private financing.

The other two loans were \$65,800 to Trinity Lutheran church in Blackwell, Okla., and \$3,350 to First Church of the Nazarene in the same town. Both were damaged by a tornado last summer.

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