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Welfare Bills Seen
Hurting Charities
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Washington — (NC) — Congress was told this week that two pending bills would change the basic pattern of charity work in the country and could drive many volunteer religious agencies out of the field.

Msgr. John J. O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities here, in



MONSIGNOR O'GRADY

formed the House Ways and Means Committee that the bills "would virtually wipe our institutions out of existence" in some states.

THE MONSIGNOR testified on two bills related to the social security program, the Child Health and Welfare Amendments of 1956, and the Public Assistance Amendments of 1956.

The two measures, he contended, would alter charity work

patterns by their provisions for allotment of federal funds to the States on a matching basis. States would qualify only after they had a state-wide program of public charity in operation.

Msgr. O'Grady said such a provision would inevitably see government taking a much larger role in charity work and result in a weakening of the work of volunteer, religious agencies.

This would injure the pattern built up over many years that private agencies carry on a community's basic social service program, he said.

MSGR. O'GRADY said that in regard to care of children in institutions, these youngsters are being taken care of fairly adequately by existing voluntary agencies and by contracts for service between these agencies and local governments.

Eighty-five per cent of the funds in the pending child welfare legislation would be allotted for carrying on programs that already exist, he asserted.

Msgr. O'Grady said that religious agencies in many states would be closed by the provision of the bills that the state would get funds to establish its own charity institutions.

In some states, he said there is great hesitancy to use state funds to purchase services of religious agencies. At present, local funds are used, he said. But when the state takes over in this area, many religious institutions would be ruled out. This would happen immediately in Pennsylvania, he said.

Msgr. O'Grady said that despite increasing programs of governmental child welfare, private agencies have continued to expand. He predicted this would continue, if the groups are given "a fair opportunity."

Private Charity Ex-Navy Doctor To Help Asia Poor
Groups Hailed As Pioneers

New York — (NC) — Private agencies are the pioneers in social welfare in the United States, but in recent years their leadership has been challenged and in some instances their existence imperiled.

This was said here by Bishop William A. Scully of Albany in a sermon at a Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral opening the annual appeal of the Catholic charities of the Archdiocese of New York.

HIS EMINENCE Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, celebrated the Mass which signaled the start of a house-to-house canvas of the archdiocese in behalf of the appeal which has a goal of \$2,816,000.

Bishop Scully said in his sermon that certain government agencies "with unlimited resources" would by-pass private and religious social service agencies "and minimize the importance of religion in the field of social need."

He warned that private agencies must be aware of this trend and resist "to the utmost" those who believe in "bureaucratic control."

Atlanta Catholics Plan Coed School

Atlanta, Ga. — (RNS) — Plans for the first co-educational Catholic high school in the history of Metropolitan Atlanta were announced here by Auxiliary Bishop Francis E. Hyland of Savannah-Atlanta.

The school, which will serve Atlanta, Marietta, Hapeville, Decatur and North Atlanta, will be part of a million-dollar program for educational and other expansion needs.

Other projects of the campaign, Bishop Hyland said, are the purchase of land for new missions, financial aid to existing facilities, an increase in youth camp activities, aid to students preparing for the priesthood, and a broadening of the Church's social services.

San Francisco, Calif. — (NC) — Inside a dark straw hut, a young Navy doctor pulled back a dirty blanket and looked at the body of blackened flesh.

"What was your crime?" the doctor asked. "My crime?" the Vietnamese answered. "My crime: I am a Catholic priest."

THE PRIEST who had been tortured by being hanged by his feet and beaten, had been brought down the river to the safety of a refugee camp.

He was one of 600,000 Vietnamese refugees from communism treated by Dr. Thomas A. Dooley, then a 27-year-old junior lieutenant in the U.S. Navy.

Dr. Dooley was here, two years later, now out of the Navy, lecturing and rounding up materials for a medical mission to combat misery among southeast Asians who are torn between basic human needs and a desire for freedom.

DR. DOOLEY'S interest in the plight of the Vietnamese began when he was working in the U.S. Navy evacuation of refugees fleeing the Reds. Most of these people were Catholics driven out by religious persecution.

He is going back to Southeast Asia — to Laos, where he will direct a medical unit of four ex-Navy men, two land-roving jeep ambulances and a portable storehouse of medical supplies.

His object is to help reduce conditions that breed communism and to tell the people the truth about the United States.

"The best weapon America has is medicine," said the doctor who attended the University of Notre Dame, the Sorbonne and completed his training at St. Louis University. There is one doctor for every two million people in Laos, he said.

"THEY THINK we roast their children over there," he said, "that's what communist propaganda has done. They fear Americans. Yet when we sewed up their wounds and cured their children of disease and gave the rice, they began to see how wrong they were."

Dr. Dooley's story is told in his book to be released this month. It is entitled "Deliver Us from Evil" and is published by Farrar, Straus and Cudahy.



'Angelus' in Deep South

Bringing the faith to priestless areas of the United States is the missionary goal of Glenmary Sisters one of whom is shown above. Rural apostolate requires individual instruction in homes or out in fields. In picture, a Glenmary sister teaches a child to say "The Angelus," traditional Catholic prayer recalling the incarnation and birth of Christ.

Food Chain Opens Stores On Sunday

Toledo, O. — (NC) — The keep the stores open Sundays Kroger Company, one of the largest food chains operating in this city, has opened 10 of its stores on a 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Sunday schedule.

The policy was announced in newspaper advertising. It said 120 Catholic families shop at the company was "forced" to area food stores.

'Bridey' Tale Hit By Church Law, Says CU Professor

Washington — (NC) — The book, "The Search for Bridey Murphy," comes under the general law of the Church that forbids Catholics to read books, opposed to the doctrines of the Catholic faith, said Father Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R.

The Catholic University of America theologian said this in a discussion of the book over NBC's program, Weekday.

FATHER CONNELL said the Church has not put "The Search for Bridey Murphy" explicitly on the list of condemned books known as the Index.

"However," he added, "the general law of the Church forbids Catholics to read books that are opposed to the doctrines of the Catholic faith. This book would come under this general condemnation because it is opposed to the fundamental Christian doctrine according to which every individual has only one existence in this world, after which he will be rewarded or punished in accordance with the manner of life he has led."

"The best explanation of Bridey Murphy," said Father Connell, "is that the young woman is merely using images from her subconscious memory of what she has read and heard in the past. A hypnotized person can display uncanny inventiveness — bringing back impressions received many years previously and putting them together again to form a startling tale, especially if this procedure is aided by suggestions from the hypnotist."

"I believe," the priest added, "that this explanation will account for all that seems astounding in Bridey Murphy."

FATHER CONNELL said he found no indication that either the author or the subject of the experiments "had any intention to deceive the public."

The theologian commented on the possibility that the devil may have made use of the young woman's faculties, while



FATHER CONNELL 'Don't Blame Devil'

she was in a trance. While the Catholic Church believes that there are evil spirits who can exercise some power over the faculties of human beings, he said, "I do not believe this is true in the present case."

He added that he did not believe the devil "would make the mistakes that are found in this book."

Father Connell told the Weekday radio audience that the great interest that has been manifested in this book "is a clear indication that people are very anxious to know more about the life beyond the grave."

Asked if he thought the book would have a "lasting effect" on its readers, Father Connell said "No."



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 - Briggs and Company, 350 Washington Ave.
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Every flower lover, every person who enjoys beauty in bloom should see this floral extravaganza. It is being created by members of the Associated Florists of Greater Rochester, Inc. who are contributing their time, flowers and materials to show just how greatly flowers add to the joy of your daily living . . . indoors and out! The whole store will be a mass of thousands of blooms on every floor! There'll be exotic gardens, rare floral varieties, specially created settings!

TUESDAY, APRIL 24 through SATURDAY, APRIL 28

What you'll see next week at Sibley's

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Daily lectures and demonstrations by floral experts

TUESDAY, April 24 at	2:30	Don Phelps, "More Lasting Pleasure from Your Flowers."
	7:30	Hugo Teute, "Caring For Your House Plants."
WEDNESDAY, April 25 at	2:30	George Yerger, "A Dozen Roses and Four Ideas."
THURSDAY, April 26 at	2:30	Mel Mack, "A Few Flowers For Your Table."
	7:30	Dorothy Hallauer, "Dramatizing Your Flowers."
FRIDAY, April 27 at	2:30	Charles Westfall, "Cut Flowers and Their Care."
SATURDAY, April 28 at	2:30	Norman Newman, "Sowing, Growing and Transplanting Your Garden Annuals."

You are cordially invited to attend these talks. Tickets available at the Street Floor Information Booth near escalator, or at the door. No admission charge. Upstate Center, Sixth Floor.