

Private School Tuition Income Tax Relief Asked

Legislation to exempt from income tax, the tuition paid to private elementary and high schools, is being asked by the Knights of St. John through letters to state senators and assemblymen in New York State.

The appeal, initiated by the Legislative Committee of the New York State Grand Council, of which Norbert Abend of Syracuse is chairman, is based on the Resolution adopted at the Supreme Convention in Dayton, Ohio in July 1956.

THE RESOLUTION states: "Whereas, the maintenance and operation of private elementary and high schools by voluntary contributions and tuitions effects a substantial saving to the taxpayers in the cost of public education, and

"Whereas, in determining income tax payable, the several States and Federal Government exempt from taxation, taxes paid for support of public education; and

"Whereas, tuition paid for the maintenance of support of such private schools is in effect a tax for the support of education in that it relieves taxpayers pro tanto and should and by right ought to be treated as taxes paid for the support of public education.

"Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Knights of St. John do respectfully urge the Congress of the United States and the Legislatures of the several States to exempt from income tax, tuition paid to private elementary and high schools."

Red Youth Push Atheism In Science

MEMBERS OF Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John are urged to write their representatives by Colonel Emil G. Eckert and Lieut. Col. John G. Bittner. A letter signed by them said: "All members of the Knights

Berlin (C.N.C.) Communist youth organizations must do everything possible to increase the spread of atheistic scientific propaganda among youth. Moscow Radio has declared.



Fairport Cubs Hold First Dinner

(CARING FOR PETS is demonstrated for boys of the Cub Pack at Church of Assumption Hall, Fairport, following the first blue and gold dinner. In photo, back row, (from left) Thomas Messing, Victor Barolotta, Warren Towner, Eric Mibaud, Rev. Richard Hart, assistant pastor; Donald Walker; front row, Leonard Mibaud, Ronald Mibaud, Earl Woodard, guest speaker from Humane Society; Rocco Menegale, James Towner, Jerry Kenney and Jimmy Barolotta. (Herald-Mail Fairport Photo.)



Students Donate Blood

RED CROSS BLOOD BANK received 200 donations of a pint of blood from students at St. John Fisher College with Nazareth College students donating 41 pints when the Bloodmobile visited the Basilian College on Feb. 18. The donations represented 50 per cent of the student body, the highest percentage of any school in Monroe County giving blood. Miss Marie Hartigan, Red Cross recruitment representative, said they have been trying to interest younger people to donate blood since the people who are most interested are now over 30 years of age and can no longer contribute. In photo Miss Harriet McAvoy and Dr. Swan Ward look on as John Bonafede donates a pint of blood.

BOOK SHELF A Path Through Genesis

St. Margaret Teresa, Nazareth College
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FIRST THERE is a frank coming to grips with the inertia and reluctance of the Catholics who have "tried and tried" to read the Old Testament and has found the very simplicities of the style foreign to him (as did St. Augustine), has found himself bogged down in Abraham's wives' children's names, or has tried to discuss with his neighbors the extent of the Deluge or the meaning of the "six days" of Creation without daring (as St. Augustine did dare) to recognize the idiom as that of poetry.

Then comes the text, a few verses of it, always an organic few, one complete phase of a story. These few verses come amazingly to life under discussion of Father Vawter's sort; truth breeds a more loving reverence than piety can.

ONE TRAVELS with Abraham, out of Ur, feels his difficulties on the strange journey into a no-where where inhabited by strangers with strange gods, begins to

Israel needed the sacredness of its past, the God relations, not the dates; it must know where the altars were; it must see the deceitful Jacob grow up in God at last, must see why Joseph took root in Egypt and not how because after all, it is the "whence David," the "whence Christ," the "why Christ" that matter.

AND WE ourselves need to see the contrast between the liberty-loving, God-led Israelites, and the peoples all about them, pagans submerged in a materialist stinkier, more clinging than our own.

Dare we quote once again the old warning, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ"? May we suggest that doing Genesis with Father Vawter makes each day's reading of the New Testament richer — and makes one hunger to know the rest of the great story with a new intimacy?

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Recently, Father John Hynes dropped in on Father Michael Doolan and immediately asked him whether he could borrow a shirt.

"You may find one there that will fit you," said Father Doolan, pointing to his supply.

"Here's one," said Father Hynes, "I wonder whether I could keep it for a while!"

"Why do you want to keep it?" asked Father Doolan.

"Well, for one thing," replied Father Hynes, "it has my name on it!"

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FOREIGN STUDENTS attending area colleges will be entertained at a tea Sunday, Feb. 24 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Nazareth College gym. Shown reading letters of acceptance from foreign students are from left, seated, Mary Jo Gleason and Joan Burk; standing, Elaine McAvoy and Patricia Gobel, hostesses.

Foreign Student Tea Set Sunday At College

Eight local Catholic groups will join with the Frermin Mission Unit of Nazareth College at an open house in honor of the 380 international students attending colleges and institutions of higher learning in the Rochester area.

Invitations have been issued for Sunday, Feb. 24, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the college gym on East Ave.

THE VISITORS will be welcomed by Sister Rose Angela, dean of Nazareth, and a professional group will give a musical program. Refreshments will be served.

Cooperating groups and their representatives include: Catholic Women's Club, Mrs. John Foley; International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, Mrs. Howard Stauffer; Knights of Columbus, Frank Reidman; National Council of Catholic Women, Mrs. Theodore Strohmayer; Nazareth College Frermin Mission Unit, Miss Patricia Wurtz and Miss Margaret Gallavotti; Nazareth College

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Christmas and the holidays came and went and the children returned to school. Mary came in quite joyously with a beautiful new doll and showed it to Sister. "How lovely," said Sister, "and do you love her as you did Kathleen?" "No," replied Mary. "No, I could never love any doll as I loved Kathleen but you know Sister, Jesus liked my doing that because last Thursday my Daddy was baptized."

What money is to some people that Kathleen was to little Mary. And yet the sacrifice of her pet doll hastened the conversion of her father. Some favors are purchased by prayer, but others require a surrender of what we hold dear. If your prayers have not been answered, cut into your capital to make converts in Mission lands. Everything you send us is given to the Holy Father who in his superabundant wisdom distributes it where it is most needed.

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Polish Youth Resist Red Pressures

The following dispatch was written by Father O'Connor, veteran N.C.W.C. News Service correspondent, who recently completed a two-week reporting assignment in communist Poland.

By FATHER PATRICK O'CONNOR (N.C.W.C. News Service)

Poland's youth may have been wounded but it has not been won by communism.

Like the Church as a whole in Poland, youth had gains as well as losses while under spiritual siege.

THE COMMUNIST attack followed the usual pattern. Religious education was practically killed, except in the home and the Sunday semper. Public school teachers used the old communist and Nazi stratagem of excursions and "educational trips" for their pupils at Mass-time on Sundays. They invented pretexts to keep children from catechism class.

Parents who sought religious instruction for their children were penalized. Nearly all Catholic schools were forced to close. I heard of only three surviving: two primary schools for girls and one school for boys. The Jesuits, for instance, no longer have any schools in Poland.

In public schools, indifferent or Marxist teachers fed materialism to their pupils. The most that Catholic teachers could do was to disagree by silence.

Thus boys and girls found themselves between two conflicting worlds. At home there was the world of intense Catholic faith. At school there was the state-backed cult of materialistic evolution.

MARXIST PRESSURE mounted as the student approached the university stage. He had to materialize in Marxist doctrine. He just learned it off and repeated it as if in quotation marks.

On the practical side, a university student seen going to Mass was likely to be warned that religion was out of fashion. I have heard of a student being admonished because his mother went to church frequently.

"This is a socialist state now," he was told. "Religion belongs to the old capitalist society."

If such warnings were not heeded, the student might find his marks lower than those of class fellows who conformed to the Marxist line.

The Marxist pressure naturally strengthened the indifferentist trend that already existed among some university pupils in Poland. One student told me that not more than 50 per cent of his fellow students went to Mass regularly.

Still, strong currents ran in favor of religion. One was the unpopularity of the Soviet-sponsored communist regime. Materialism could hardly have less acceptable salesmen than the Communist party of the time. The multiplication table would have been doubted by the Polish people.

Protection Urged For School Buses

Dubuque, Iowa.—(NO)—Legislation which would provide added protection for parochial school children on the highways has been introduced in the Iowa State Legislature at Des Moines by Rep. Hillyard Sorensen of Wineshiek County.

The proposed legislation, known as House File 269, would give parochial school buses the same legal protection now accorded public school buses.

As the laws now stand, it is a serious offense to pass a public school bus while it is loading or unloading children. Stop signs and flashing lights on the bus indicate that motorists must stop until they are given permission by the bus driver to proceed. Parochial school buses now enjoy no such protection.

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