

Protestant Schools Ask Tax Exemption For Tuition Costs

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — A representative of Protestant Christian day schools asked Congress to allow parents income tax exemption on contributions which they make for the support of private elementary and secondary schools which their children attend.

John Vander Ark of Grand Rapids, Mich., made the appeal to the House Ways and Means Committee on behalf of the National Union of Christian Schools, an organization of Calvinist-Reformed schools, and the National Association of Christian Schools, a group of schools maintained by evangelical and conservative Protestant denominations.

He said the two organizations represent a total of 350 elementary and secondary schools in 45 states with an enrollment of 53,000 students.

The schools are owned and operated by school societies rather than by individual churches or denominational agencies, he told the committee, and this has led to tax discrimination against them. Contributions made to churches are tax deductible, he pointed out, but the Internal Revenue Service has ruled that contributions made to private school societies by parents whose children attend such schools must be considered "tuition" rather than charitable gifts.

"CONTRIBUTIONS by Catholic and Lutheran parents, for instance, for the operation of parochial schools which are owned, operated and controlled by the church are made to one integrated church organization," Mr. Vander Ark explained. "Any attempt to segregate or determine the amount of such contributions which should be deemed to constitute 'tuition' would be extremely difficult, if not impossible."

"Non-parochial Christian schools should not be placed at a disadvantage merely because of their independent corporate structure and their pattern of financial operation," he asserted.

Mr. Vander Ark said that state

Jesuit School Rebate Tax Plan In 'Record'

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — An appeal by the Rev. Virgil G. Blum, S.J., of Marquette University for a "tax certificate" plan to rebate to parents of parochial school children that portion of taxes that they pay for the upkeep of public schools has been placed in the Congressional Record by Rep. Clement J. Zablocki (D.-Wis.).

The Wisconsin Congressman said that Father Blum's plan "merits our close attention" and commended it to his colleagues in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Zablocki cautioned that "there is all too often a tendency on the part of our people, when confronted with a serious problem to appeal to the federal government in the hope that generous federal appropriations will promptly and painlessly remedy the difficulties with which we are confronted."

"I do not think we can always find the best solution in that manner," Mr. Zablocki said.

Our constituency is relieving taxpayers of a burden that runs into millions of dollars a year," he said. "At the same time they are rendering a public service, as well as discharging their own religious obligations. Christian schools are raising the level of citizenship and making a significant contribution by furnishing high quality education at a time when it is particularly needed for national welfare."

Air Base Gives Truck To Nuns

Burlington, Vt. — (NC) — The Ethan Allen Air Force Base has presented a large flatbed, stake-railing motor truck to the nuns of Fanny Allen Hospital here.

The presentation was made by the base here as part of its program to donate to worthy causes any Air Force equipment that still is serviceable but has outlived its military usefulness.

Maj. James B. Davis, base adjutant, and Martin Carly, salvage disposal officer, acting for Col. William J. Horde, base commander, made the presentation.



Patsy Li meets lost uncle

'Patsy Li'

'Miracle Girl' Finds Long-Lost Uncle

New York — (NC) — Patsy Li, who is known as "the miracle girl of World War II" and now is a nursing student at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., received a pleasant surprise during the Christmas season here.

SHE WAS reunited with her uncle, Dr. William Li, who had not seen her since she was two years old in far-off Shanghai. Dr. Li was a medical officer for U.S. troops in Formosa.

Back in the early days of World War II, Patsy Li with her mother and two-year-old sister was fleeing from Shanghai aboard a ship. The vessel

'Better To Light Candle Than Curse Darkness' Ex-Navy Doctor Battles Reds In Far East With Penicillin

Cincinnati — (NC) — In the worldwide battle for men's minds, a wily ex-Navy doctor is winning some major skirmishes — not with the sword, but with penicillin.

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley, beloved by Asian rulers and peasants, won a standing ovation from a Cincinnati audience with a firsthand report of his medical mission to Laos, Indo-Chinese kingdom lying on the Red frontier in Asia.

HE DISCLOSED that he will return to Asia with six complete medical teams — each with a doctor, several nurses and a social worker, all male — and that nine Asian nations are seeking the services of his unique program of medical aid.



DR. THOMAS A. DOOLEY
'Some ain't got it so good'

In fact there seems to be an unlimited demand for the nonsense, down-to-earth public health measures first introduced into Indochina by Dr. Dooley in 1954 as leader of a Navy medical unit.

The members of his unit fed, clothed, and gave medical treatment to hundreds of thousands of refugees from communist North Vietnam as they fled to the South. With four medical corpsmen, he gave inoculations to nearly half a million natives, victims of smallpox, leprosy, and other ailments. He also performed many operations on victims of communist brutality.

DR. DOOLEY, a Catholic and native of St. Louis, and the same four Navy corpsmen returned as civilians to Laos in 1956, equipped with half a million dollars worth of drugs contributed by U.S. pharmaceutical firms.

Acting as a mobile medical unit, they traveled from village to village, pitching their tents nearby and setting up their calling cards — Disney film classics given them by the Disney studios. The team then proceeded to offer inoculations against the Oriental scourges of malaria, blinding trachoma, an eye disease, and other crippling infections.

They also built a clinic at Nam Tha, a village five miles south of this country through the efforts of Father Gehring and has been studying nursing.

which is named in honor of St. Patrick.

AVERAGE FEE for an operation at St. Patrick's, Dr. Dooley said, is a young pig, while the fee for delivery of a baby is a chicken. A few eggs suffice for the routine administration of wonder drugs for infectious diseases.

"These people don't want something for nothing," he said. "If they remain in the hospital for a week or two, they'll stay another week or two to work in return for the care given them."

Last June Dr. Dooley turned the clinic over to the government of Laos, after training a young man to take his place.

"In the whole kingdom, which has about two-and-a-half million people, there was only one physician," he said, "and that was the king's son, the minister of health."

Dr. Dooley, a 31-year-old bachelor who attended the University of Notre Dame and the Sorbonne in Paris before taking his M.D. degree at St. Louis (dePaul) University, doesn't try to convert Asians either to Catholicism or to U.S. policies.

Instead, he and the members of his group simply let the people of Asia see what some Americans are like, and offer them the friendly gesture of medical aid without any strings and without any selfish motives.

"It looked like a good place to light some candles," he says. In 1956 he received the Christopher Award from Father James Keller, who has given new meaning to the old Oriental saying that "it's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

Dr. Dooley has been honored by the U.S. Navy with the Legion of Merit, and by the Vietnamese government with its highest decoration.

HIS LATEST project is the Medico Foundation, a clearinghouse for funds obtained from his books (including the best-selling "Deliver Us From Evil," an account of his experiences in Vietnam) and from lectures, and from donations. It is affiliated with the International Rescue Commission in New York.

"The purpose of the Medico Foundation," he said, "will be to take a medical team into a country, build a hospital or clinic or whatever is needed, train the necessary personnel and then get out. It's simply to supply help to people who ain't got it so good."

ANOTHER TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ???

A few miles outside the city of Damascus a rider was thrown from his horse. At first it was thought he was not injured, but his companions noticed that although "his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. But they leading him by the hands, brought him to Damascus." Another careless rider — another traffic accident???? No, this was the birth in Christ of St. Paul, the greatest missionary ever (Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25.) It was not an accident, but the working out of God's plan for Paul and for His Church.

ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART IN GOD'S PLAN FOR THE MISSIONS TODAY???

After St. Paul reached Damascus he spent three days in prayer and fasting to prepare himself for the great missionary work to which God had called him. God in His mercy also sent Ananias to help him in his need. Today God has called other young men to be missionaries. They also must prepare themselves for this great work. In the Chaldean Patriarchal Seminary, Iraq, Sabah Kallabat, begins his seminary training, and in St. Joseph's Seminary, Always, India, Joseph Pulka starts in on the long road which leads to the altar. They are preparing by prayer and fasting for the great work to which God has called them. Each needs a \$100 a year for six years to make this seminary training possible—does God wish you to help these poor boys, as once He sent Ananias to help St. Paul???

WORK WITH GOD AND GOD WILL WORK WITH YOU.

But, priests alone cannot care for the poor, the afflicted, the young and the old of the mission fields. They must have the help and the assistance of the dedicated Sisters who do so much to spread the Gospel and to care for the wounded members of the Mystical Body. The Christ Sisters, Bharanganam, India, have two young girls who wish to follow Christ as St. Paul did. Sister Elias and Sister Sibilla each needs \$150 for two years to make her training possible. Does God wish you to come to the help of these girls as Ananias came to the help of St. Paul????

YOUR GOOD WORKS WILL LIVE AFTER YOU WHEN GOD AND HIS MISSIONS ARE MENTIONED IN YOUR WILL.

Speaking of St. Paul, God said to Ananias, "I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." Paul suffered for Christ, and the missionaries are suffering today to spread the name of God in mission lands. Those who enter the Church must also suffer. Hear the Bishop of the diocese of Kothamangalam as he tells us of ONE problem God has sent him: "Vathalhope is seventeen miles from the nearest Catholic Church. There is no access to this mountainous place except by a foot-path and it takes six hours continuous walking to reach this place." Does God wish you to come to the help of these poor people and build them a Church?? \$5,000 is needed—will you help???

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