Senate Blocks Catholic School Aid

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Father Roche Terms Action 'Unfair'

Washington — The U.S. Senate has shut out Catholic and all private schools from its near two billion dollar aid to education bill.

A proposal by Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon to loan funds to privately run schools was turned down prior to passage of the $1,834,000,000 measure.

The 51 to 34 vote was seen as a victory for the public school teachers' National Education Association.

The funds voted by the Senate Thursday, Feb. 4, are earmarked for public school teacher salaries and new school construction.

Sponsoring the proposal to include Catholic and other private schools in the federal aid program, led by Senator Morse, were Senators Bartlett of Alaska, Chavez of New Mexico, Clark of Pennsylvania, Bush and Dodd of Connecticut, Mansfield and Murray of Montana and Martin of Iowa.

Rochester's Senator Kenneth B. Keating voted in favor of the loans-to-private-schools proposal.

New York State's other Senator, Jacob K. Javits, voted against it. Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts did not vote on the proposal but was on record as opposed to it.

He was the only Catholic Senator to oppose the provision for loans to private schools.

Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt, director of the Department of Education, National Catholic Welfare Conference here, said he is "deeply disappointed" in the Senate action.

"At this particular time, when all American education is confronted by major difficulties, it is unthinkable to disregard the contribution of the private school system, or its future," he said when asked for his reaction.

Father William M. Roche, Rochester diocesan superintendent of schools, termed the Senate action "unfair."

"It is increasingly more unfair to tax our Catholic people and then exclude them from any help in the education of their youngsters," he said.

"Our people willingly share the rising costs of public school education but the Senate action neglects all Catholic citizens who exercise their constitutional right to send their children to the school of their choice," Father Roche stated.

The bill to aid public education was sent on to the House, where its future is uncertain. President Eisenhower is thought likely to veto any measure proposing large-scale grants to education.

IN HIS COMMENT, Msgr. Hochwalt said he found it "disheartening" that the financial contribution made by private schools was overlooked in the Senate debate.

"In the long run," he added, "the loans would have increased substantially the schools' contribution and the loans would have been, moreover, returnable to the Federal government with interest."

He said loans would have increased the contribution of private schools because the federal funds would have encouraged construction of nonpublic schools, thus relieving taxpayers of the cost of education for many pupils.

Sen. Morse, chief sponsor of the amendment, spoke for the measure before an almost deserted chamber.

He said that Congressional efforts to bolster U.S. education should consider all education, that the right to attend private schools is protected by the Constitution, that parents of these children are facing increasing financial strain as taxes go up and that private schools save U.S. taxpayers about $1,185,000,000 a year.

Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn of Texas said he expected the House would rule out funds to bolster salaries but would approve aid for new school construction.

He did not indicate whether the House favored loans for privately run schools.

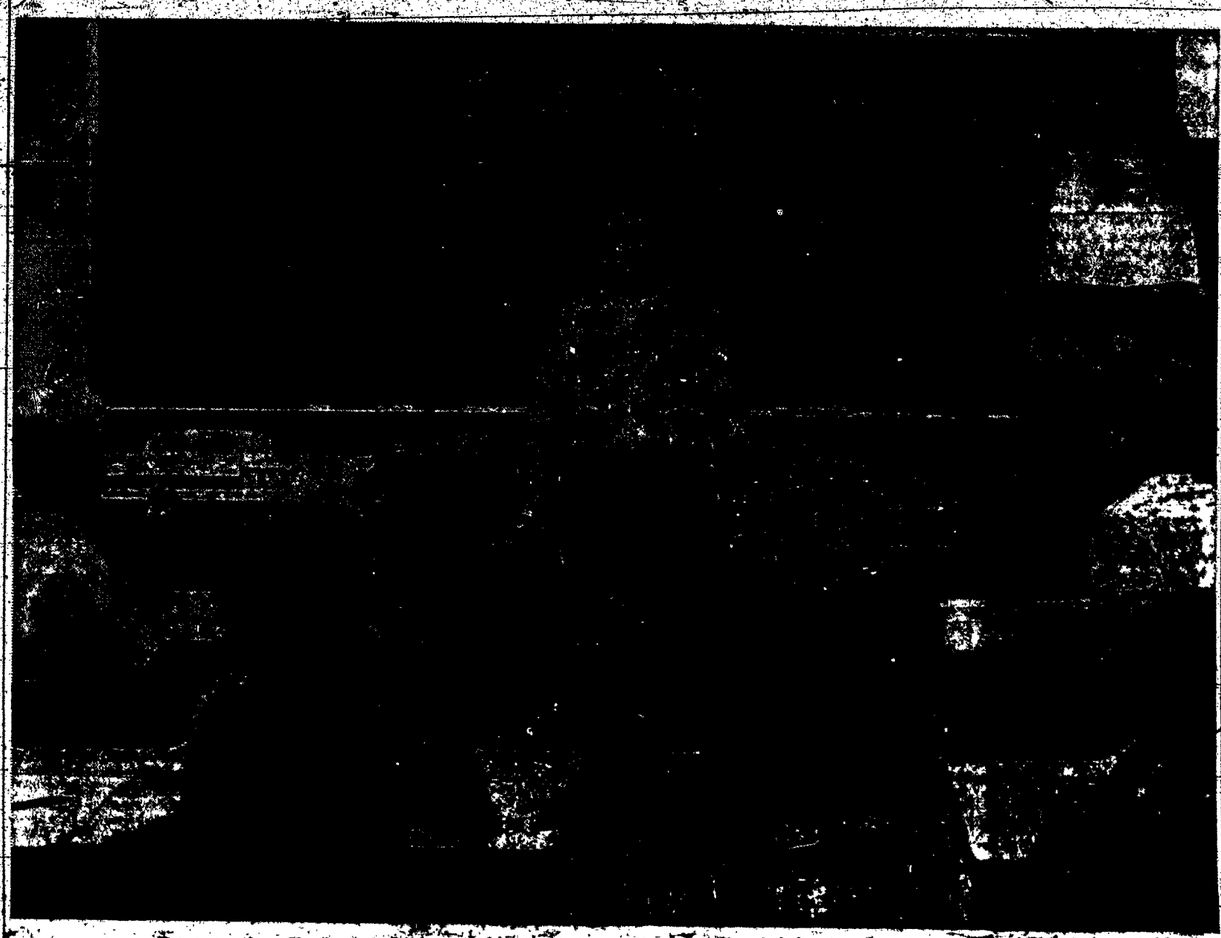
Press Blames Jesuit For Cuba Riot

Havana — Jesuit Father Amando Llorente of Villanueva University sparked the gun play during Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan's wreath laying rite, a daily newspaper has charged here.

Combate, staunch champion of Castro, accused the priest of stirring students to stage the demonstration.

The students, arrested by police and later released, said they wanted to protest the Communist leader's visit to Cuba. They charged the police were the ones who started the shooting.

Father Llorente heads a Catholic student group which former dictator Batista blacklisted. His police tortured and hanged four of its members.



Representing all crippled children, served by Easter Seal societies is Johnny Kemp, 10, of Bismarck, N.D., announced as 1960 Easter Seal Child of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Born a quadruple amputee, Johnny lives a normal, independent boyhood, using steel hooks for hands and walking on artificial legs.

I'll Try, His Motto

No Arms, No Legs Can't Daunt Him

Chicago — A 10-year-old boy from Bismark, N.D., who uses steel hooks instead of hands to pray the Rosary every evening and walks to Mass on artificial legs every day will take a spotlight during the Easter season as 1960 Easter Seal Child of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

He is Johnny Kemp, a daily Communicant and an altar-server at St. Anne School who lives a normal, independent boyhood even though he was born a quadruple amputee.

His arms ended above the elbows, his left leg ended above the knee, and his right leg ended just below the knee.

Fitted with artificial limbs when he was two, Johnny has made a remarkable adjustment to his handicap.

He was selected as National Easter Seal Child for personifying maximum rehabilitation in the face of a major handicap and as a result of total community services including those of the Easter Seal Society.

REPRESENTING all crippled children who are attaining independence through services provided by more than 1,700 Easter Seal societies nationwide, he will appear on network radio and television during the 1960 Easter Seal Campaign, March 17 to Easter Sunday, April 17.

His pictures will appear in magazines and newspapers.

Johnny has grown under the love, devotion and guidance of his father, who assumed full responsibility for Johnny and his two sisters, Kathryn Jo Ann, 14, and Mary Elizabeth, 9, when their mother died in 1951. Kathy is a freshman at St. Mary's High School in Bismark; Mary attends St. Anne's.

Johnny is a devout Catholic youngster who says the Rosary with his family every evening. Despite the travels of Mr. Kemp, a civil engineer in charge of the federal road building program in North Dakota, the family is a closely knit group. Sundays are family days beginning with attendance together at Mass.

Popular and well-liked, Johnny shares the interests of all 10-year-olds. Sister Mary Bertha, principal at St. Anne's and Johnny's third grade teacher, says:

"Johnny wants to be treated the same as any other student and expects no special favors. He has a quick mind and is a much better student than the average pupil in his class. He knows what he can and can't do and readily admits it. He is a well-adjusted pupil, and I am amazed how a child with his handicaps accepts his lot so cheerfully and whole-heartedly.

"If he continues to make the efforts he has made thus far, I feel that he will be able to fight his own battles through life. He can be educated along lines that will allow him to use his head rather than his hands. He should be able to accept some executive position."

His chief out-of-school activities are Scouting and sports, including baseball, football, marbles, checkers and even hula hoops. He has been a member for two years of the Cub Scout pack sponsored by St. Anne's School PTA and has become adept at crafts, utilizing the hook hands for the same projects in which the other boys utilize ten fingers.

His Sea mother says his personal creed is "I'll try."

A Palm For The Martyr

The great Dry Martyr of our era has received his palm of victory.

Cardinal Stepinac, imprisoned in 1946 by the Communist government of Yugoslavia, died this week Wednesday—a victim of the "regime of restraint" in which he lived.

He has been confined to his native village of Krasic since his release from prison in 1951.

He was reported earlier this week to be suffering a slight cold. For years the Cardinal suffered a rare blood disease, polycythemia, an excess of red corpuscles. Adequate treatment was hampered by the restrictions which hemmed him in.

He was 61 at the time of his death.

His 1946 trial brought world wide attention to the Zagreb courtroom and gave clear evidence of the perversion of justice under Communist tyranny. He was sentenced to 16 years of hard labor.

Five years later he was given the choice of leaving the country or going to Krasic. He said his duty was to stay with the people he was appointed to serve. He was allowed to act as a priest in the village but was prohibited from acting as head of Yugoslavia's Catholic bishops.

Pope Pius XII named him a Cardinal in 1953 but he did not attend the Rome ceremony fearing he would be refused entry when he returned home.

When he became seriously ill that same year, two U.S. physicians flew to Yugoslavia to examine him. They reported his illness had fatal consequences due to the conditions in which he was forced to live.

Reds Arrest Eight Clergy

Belgrade — (RNS) — A Communist court at Osijek, in the predominantly Catholic region of Croatia, sentenced six priests and two seminarians to prison terms ranging from two and a half to seven years on charges of anti-state activities. All were connected with the diocesan seminary at Djakovo.

Obscenity On Records

Washington — (RNS) — An obscenity order against a distributor of popular recordings has been issued by the Post Office Department. It was the first action of its kind in the department's stepped-up program of enforcement of obscenity in the mails.

The order was issued against the Fairfax Record Sales Company and the Fax Record Company of Los Angeles on the ground that a recording entitled "Erotica" was advertised in a way to appeal to prurient interests.

Postal inspectors have said they are receiving an increasing number of complaints concerning the activities of certain "Record Clubs." The department is investigating these complaints.

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Sunday Sermons To Stress Reading Catholic Press

Priests throughout the Rochester Diocese will preach this Sunday on the need to read Catholic publications.

This will be part of a nationwide observance of February as Catholic Press Month.

A LETTER from Bishop Kearney will urge the faithful to read the Courier Journal, diocesan newspaper, described by the Bishop as "a treasury of Catholic thought on marriage, education, labor — on all matters that pertain to Catholic life and right living."

Catholics will also be asked to renew their subscription to the diocesan paper.

Elmer Grapensteter, circulation manager, said the subscription rate remains at $4.50 a year — an amount payable according to collection schedules arranged by pastors.

Parish subscription totals will be announced in subsequent issue of this paper.

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Workshops On Publicity

Two Courier Journal workshops for publicity agents are scheduled for Feb. 18 and 25.

Two such programs already held have drawn nearly 50 publicity agents from parish and diocesan groups.

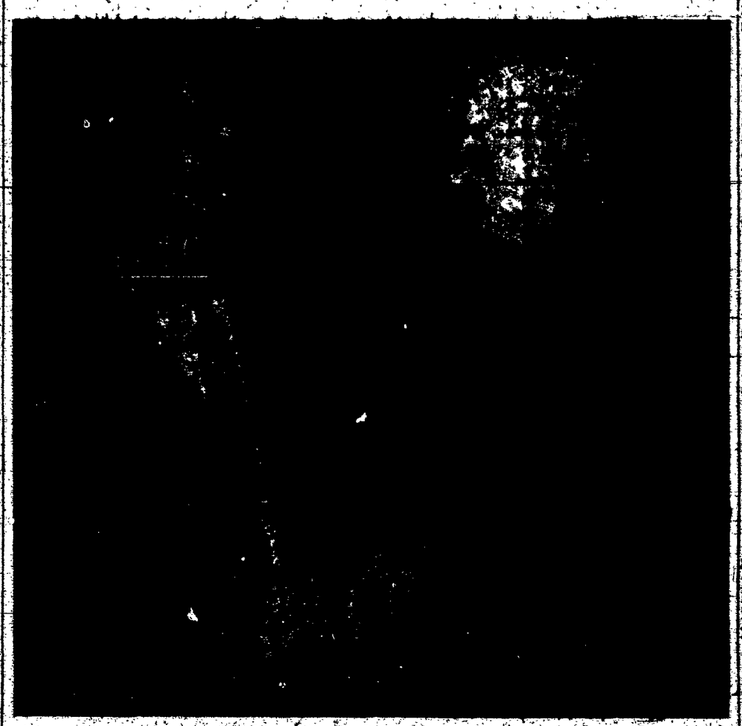
The remaining sessions will be held Feb. 18 at St. Peter and Paul school hall and Feb. 25 at Blessed Sacrament parish hall, Rochester, at 8 p.m.

Courier staff members will show pictures of this diocesan paper "going to press" and give instructions on how to prepare items for publication.

Cuba Said Red Wedge

New York—(NC)—"Cuba is the opening wedge that Soviet Russia and Red China have shaped and sharpened to drive into the free Americas," said Rochester's Senator Kenneth B. Keating.

He spoke at the annual dinner of the Manhattan College Society.



A $500 check from the Knights of Columbus presented Bishop Kearney by Grand Knight Vincent L. Hannan will "dig the foundation" for a church on St. John Fisher College campus.

Starts With Bishop's Gift

College Church Planned

A church will be built on the St. John Fisher College campus with a fund started by Bishop Kearney.

He turned over a check for $500 given him by the Rochester Knights of Columbus to be the initial donation for the proposed edifice.

THE BISHOP said the college will build a student dormitory and gymnasium prior to the church's construction.

He said the nation's K of C members make possible the soaring tower of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

"Now the Rochester Knights can 'dig the foundation' for the college church," he stated.

He received the check at a ceremony in the clubrooms of the Rochester Council making him a life member, Thursday, Feb. 4.

Fourth Degree Master Raymond L. Nary and Grand Knight Vincent L. Hannan conducted the rite. Knights and auxiliary members filled the meeting room in the Columbus Building in downtown Rochester.

Bishop Kearney has been a K of C member since 1924 when he became chaplain of a New York City Council. He later developed councils in Utah and founded the order's fourth degree program there. He has been a member of the Rochester Council since his coming here in 1937. He served as state Chaplain of the organization and has been active in fourth degree events here.

Nuns Plan Novitiate

New York — (NC) — The School Sisters of Notre Dame plan to build a two-million-dollar motherhouse and novitiate in Wilton, Conn., for their three-year-old northeastern province.

The sisterhood has about 6,500 members (85 in the Rochester Diocese) in five U.S. provinces staffing two colleges, 143 high schools and 553 grade schools, as well as other institutions. The community was founded in Germany in 1833.

NBC Promises Less Violence

New York — (NC) — The National Broadcasting Company has issued a directive to TV program producing organizations banning excessive sex and violence.

The directive was drawn up by James A. Stabile, NBC vice president in charge of standards and practices.

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