Church Construction Tops Billion Mark

Washington — (RNS) — Church construction, which will exceed one billion dollars this year for the first time in history, will increase even more in 1961, the Department of Commerce said here in its official forecast of construction activity in the year ahead.

The government said that construction of religious edifices will total $1,041,000,000 by the end of 1960, well above the record of $947,000,000 established last year.

A further increase of three per cent in church construction will send total expenditures in this field of building activity to $1,075,000,000 in 1961, the department predicted.

Meanwhile, building activity by non-public schools and colleges, many of which are church-related, also will set a new mark next year, the department said, asserting it will reach $650,000,000 compared with $590,000,000 this year. In 1959, building activity by the non-public educational institutions totaled an estimated $528,000,000.

CONSTRUCTION by private hospitals and institutions, many of which are also church-related, will advance in 1961 and will reach $625,000,000, according to the government forecast. Their new construction work this year will total about $575,000,000 an increase of one per cent over 1959.

Social and recreational constructions by non-profit groups, which includes church parish halls, YMCA's, summer camps and other such facilities, will continue to boom in 1961 and will reach $700,000,000, according to the government forecast. It will set a new record of approximately $650,000,000 this year, compared with $500,000,000 in 1959.

The over-all construction forecast for the United States put 1961 private building activity at a little better than 40 billion dollars, a gain of three per cent from this year, which has seen a two per cent slump in building work. Construction work by religious and other non-profit groups, however, will continue to set a pace above the national average, if the forecast is borne out.

School Boards Hit Bus Riders

Albany — (RNS) — The State School Boards Association has called on the legislature to repeal a new law guaranteeing private and parochial school pupils the same free transportation provided for those attending public schools.

The law, enacted by the legislature this year, is scheduled to become effective for the 1961-62 school year.

A resolution adopted unanimously by delegates to the association's annual meeting charged that the bill was passed "without adequate discussion of its technical wording."

"The serious implications of the Speno transportation bill are now becoming apparent," the resolution stated, "and the financial and scheduling hardships will be considerable on school districts."

THE NEW law was sponsored by Sen. Edward J. Speno, Republican of East Meadow, L.I., and Assemblyman William C. Brennan, Queens Democrat.

Under present school law, local districts may reject requests for public transportation for private and parochial pupils.

Besides making transportation of parochial school pupils mandatory rather than optional, the new law increases from eight to ten miles the distance between home and school over which public transportation must be provided for both public and private school pupils.

In signing the measure last spring, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller said the Republican and Democratic legislative leaders had agreed to sponsor a bill in the 1961 session eliminating city school districts from the mandatory transportation program.

The Evangelist, official newspaper of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese, protested as "unreasonable and unfair" the action of the school board members.

Parents Protest Integration Plan

New Orleans — (RNS) — A group of parents with children in Catholic parochial schools here has protested plans put forth by the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

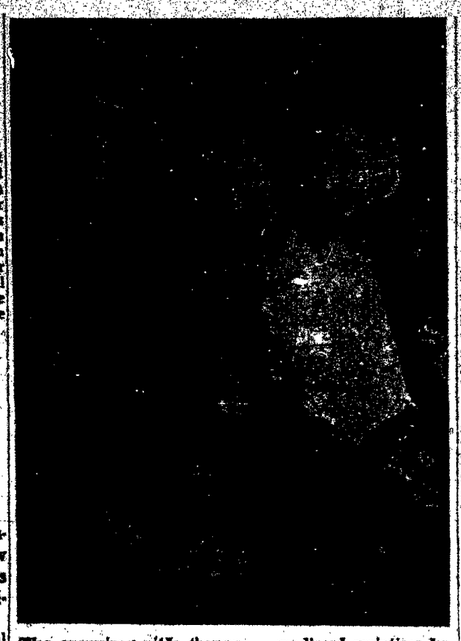
The parents met with Msgr. Henry C. Bezou, archdiocesan superintendent of education, after the prelate led the group in reciting the rosary at St. Patrick's church, where he is pastor.

A SPOKESMAN for the parents' group asserted that Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans had no plans to desegregate the Catholic schools prior to the federal court ruling which ordered integration in the Louisiana public school system, starting this term.

"The federal government didn't ask the Catholic schools to integrate, so why should they want to do it now?" he asked.

At their meeting with Msgr. Bezou, each parent was granted an opportunity to speak. Several members of the group stayed afterwards for a second prayer session.

Another parents' group at St. Mary of the Angels church met with their pastor and a group of adult parishioners, and later by themselves at an American Legion hall to discuss the school desegregation problem as it applied to Catholic schools.



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Court Upholds Birth Control Law

Hartford — (RNS) — In a unanimous decision, the Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors upheld the constitutionality of the state's 81-year-old law which bans the dissemination of birth control information.

The five-member court backed a New Haven Superior Court decision that rejected a complaint brought by Mr. and Mrs. David M. Trubek, students at the Yale University Law School, who argued, in essense, that they had the right to determine when they were ready to have children.

The Trubeks sought a declaratory judgment in 1959 to determine the constitutionality of the ban. Similar appeals in other cases are now pending before the United States Supreme Court.

TWO STATE statutes were involved in the complaint. One prohibits the use of drugs or instruments to prevent conception. The other prohibits anyone from prescribing or recommending the use of such drugs or instruments.

The Yale couple said they had consulted Dr. C. Lee Buxton, chairman of the Yale School of Medicine Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, who told them state laws barred him from giving birth-control guidance.

The couple asserted they felt a strong social and moral responsibility as well as a strong personal desire to raise a family but that pregnancy now would interrupt Mrs. Trubek's professional education.

Among the other actions testing the law's validity are those by three Protestant ministers who contend the measure deprives them of their freedom of speech and religion.

Violations of the birth control curb are punishable by fines totaling not less than $50, imprisonment for not less than six days, or both.

Layman Trains Missioners

Paterson — (NC) — Jim Lamb is the new training director of a lay missionary group here, and when he tells his adult "pupils" about mission life, he knows what he's talking about.

The words, "Sell what thou hast, and give to the poor . . . and come follow Me" may once have been just a quotable quote to Jim. But that was before he went on vacation to Mexico in 1957.

After graduating from Manhattan College, Jim did a stint in the Navy and then earned his master's degree at Columbia University. He taught at Catholic schools in Paterson and in Long Island and also coached sports.

But the thought that his life wasn't sufficiently meaningful kept gnawing at him. He said he felt that he was simply plodding through life.

When he got to Mexico, he decided to bypass the usual tourist mecca. He went instead to the Yucatan area, where he met Father Donald Hessler, M.M., and a band of lay missionaries struggling to help Mayan Indians suffering from poverty, sickness and misery.

It was there that Jim Lamb, at the age of 30, made his decision. He returned home and sunk most of his life's savings into a two-ton truck and supplies to fill it. Some 3,500 miles later he began his new life in the Yucatan by dispensing the supplies, which included clothing and other material.

During his stay in the Yucatan, Jim founded several small schools, taught, helped construct buildings for the poor and founded a "community" where Mayan youths can be educated in a Christian atmosphere.

While Jim was in the Yucatan, the Association for International Development (AID) was organized in May, 1957, under the patronage of Bishop James A. McNulty of Paterson. AID trains lay specialists for technical and social service with the Church in mission areas.

Through his friendship with AID's director, Gerald Mische, Jim Lamb joined the association a year later. Now he has consented to a request to become its training director.

He supervises the training of 13 prospective missioners. They are undergoing a year-long program of spiritual formation, leadership training, studies of conditions in underdeveloped areas, and grounding in the principles and techniques of the lay apostolate.

90 Per Cent Dialog Mass

St. Paul — (RNS) — Nearly two years of effort to promote vocal responses to prayers at Masses in the St. Paul archdiocese and the New Ulm diocese have met with considerable success, according to a survey conducted by the Catholic Bulletin, St. Paul archdiocesan weekly.

Approximately 90 per cent of all parishes responding to the survey regularly celebrate Masses in dialogue at least to some degree. The goal of having all responses prayed aloud has met with varying success — mainly according to geographic area.

In the suburban areas of Minneapolis and St. Paul, pastors reported that at least seven out of every 10 Masses were being celebrated entirely in dialogue.

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