

Tax Relief Proposed For Tuitions

Parents will be allowed a \$300 tax deduction for school fees and tuition payments if a bill proposed this week by Senator Kenneth Keating is enacted into law.

The Rochester Senator's proposal marks the first time in the nation's history that Congress has heard a plea to aid taxpayers whose children attend parochial grade schools and private high schools as well as colleges.

The Keating bill was presented to the Senate Monday on the eve of President Kennedy's aid to education program scheduled to be announced Tuesday, Feb. 14.

The presidential proposals are expected to exclude parochial school pupils from tax benefits.

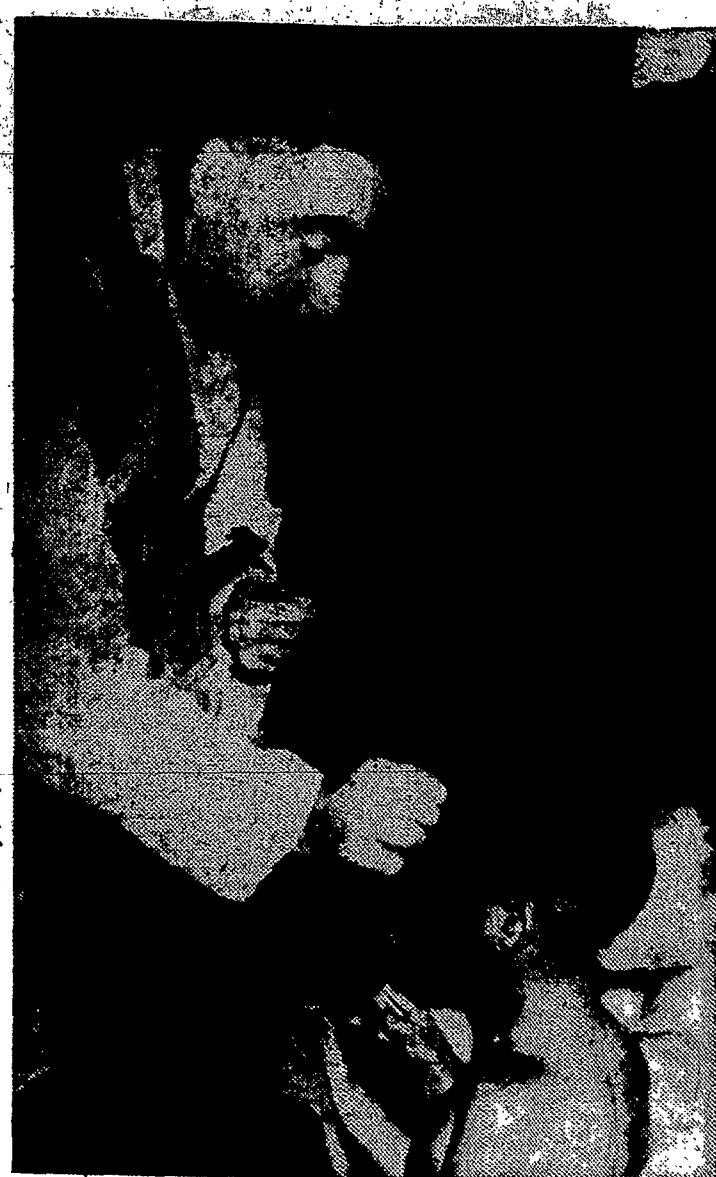
Spokesmen at Keating's Washington office admitted there is "little hope" for his proposal passing Congress this year but stated there is "strong sentiment in favor of some tax relief" for tuition costs.

Asked why he made his tax relief proposal, Senator Keating in a special statement to the Courier Journal said, "Parents who want a more religiously oriented education for their children than is constitutionally possible in public schools are still required to support educational institutions which they do not attend."

"While no one would suggest that they should be relieved of paying school taxes, I do feel they are entitled to some measure of tax relief."

"Because of the over-ridding importance of education today and above all of an education which will help our citizens to meet the moral as well as the intellectual challenges of the twentieth century, I think the federal government should allow at least a limited tax relief to those individuals and parents who face a double burden in taxation and expenses to pay for the education which they seek."

Full text of Senator Keating's statement is on page 4.



Sorong — (RNS) — In the jungles of New Guinea, Father Frank Pitka, O.S.C., superior of the Crosier Fathers missions in that corner of the world, blesses native children of the Asmat tribe with ashes. The tribe is among the most primitive in the world and lives along the southwest coast and rivers of New Guinea.

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Tide Of Mail Sways Albany Against Equal Aid Proposal

Educators Ask Support Of Governor's Plan

Citizens who believe in equality in state aid to education must let their representatives at Albany know it now.

The legislators are reported "inundated" by a flood of mail protesting Governor Rockefeller's proposed financial help to college students.

Unless those who agree with him pour in a comparable tide of mail, his plan is headed for defeat.

These warnings were voiced by scores of educators across the state as opposition mounted against the Governor.

Bishop To Keynote Music Drive

Rochester's Civic Music Association's fund drive for \$237,000 will be launched at the Eastman Theater tonight (Friday) with Bishop Kearney as keynote speaker.

The Association's program includes concerts at the Eastman by Rochester's Philharmonic Orchestra, Children's Theatre, educational concerts in schools, pop concerts and travelogues.

Dr. Paul White will take the Civic Orchestra to St. Agnes High School as part of the Civic Music Association's education program Wednesday, Feb. 22. Schools already visited include Mercy High School, Nazareth Academy and Aquinas Institute.



Scouts To Honor Bishop

Boy Scouts of the Diocese will present Bishop Kearney a spiritual bouquet representing prayers for him offered by 3000 Scouts and their families on Scout Sunday, Feb. 12. Father Eugene McFarland, diocesan Scout chaplain, views document with St. Boniface Troop 200 Scout Gregory Sloan, Cub Robert Newman and Cub Mark Kaseman. See also additional pictures on page 5.

Bishop To Lead Radio Rosary

The Family Rosary for Peace broadcast will be led by Bishop Kearney on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, tomorrow, Saturday, Feb. 11.

The program is broadcast from station WSAY each evening at 7 p.m.

Poor Nuns Evicted

PARIS — (RNS) — The Little Sisters of the Poor, a French Roman Catholic sisterhood, has been ordered to get out of Tunisia by Feb. 15, the Paris Radio reported.

It said the authorities of the large Moslem republic mean while have announced they are taking over premises which the nuns have used as a shelter for nearly 200 old people, and plan to convert them into a girls' school.

U.S. Funds By-Pass Pupils

Los Angeles — (NC) — The United States is discriminatory in distribution of federal aid funds for Cuban refugees in Miami, Fla., James Francis Cardinal McIntyre charged here.

Specifically, the Los Angeles Archbishop said, the discrimination is against Cuban children who attend parochial schools.

At the same time, Cardinal McIntyre lined up with other Catholic prelates who have charged that President Kennedy's task force on education discriminated against the 15 percent of the American school children who are in private schools by failing to include these schools in its Federal aid recommendations.

Regarding the Cuban refugee situation, Cardinal McIntyre said:



Priest-Pilot Tests Missions 'Tool'

Munich — (RNS) — Father Ivo Rulter, S.V.D., a 37-year-old American missionary pilot in New Guinea, acquaints himself with plane bought by German Branch of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith for German-born Bishop Bernhard Schilling. The prelate is the first Vicar Apostolic of Goroka, the Australian part of New Guinea. The plane, which was made at the Dornier plant near Munich, will help Bishop Schilling carry on his pastoral duties in the Goroka region. There is only one road in this area and even that is unusable nine months of the year.

To Clear Things Up

Two massive aid-to-education programs are currently under consideration:

One, a federal government plan, would give a near \$10,000,000 to expand public schools across the nation. Parochial school pupils stand to get nothing.

The other proposed aid plan was announced by Governor Rockefeller for college students in New York State. According to his plan, financial help would be given to students regardless of the college they attend, whether the college is church-related or not.

In a Jan. 31 special message to the legislature at Albany, Governor Rockefeller proposed an annual \$200 allotment to help students meet rising costs of college education.

According to the Governor's plan, students in both public and private colleges would be aided financially to pay their college costs. His plan also calls for extensive development of tax-paid, low-cost public college education to meet increased demands for this type of schooling.

HIS PROPOSALS follow a recommendation of the New York State Board of Regents, the state's own agency for supervising education throughout the state. The Rockefeller program has been unanimously endorsed by the Association of Colleges and Universities of the State of New York, an organization which includes officials of both public and private schools of higher education.

Colgate President Everett Case said, "These grants of public money follow the student to the college of his choice—be it Cornell or Sarah Lawrence, Hamur or Fordham—and thus help to keep the rising cost of higher education within reach of our talented youth of limited means."

New York University President Carroll Newsum warned that defeat for the Governor's plan would mean a costly tax-paid expansion of public college education leaving "only the rich or well-to-do student with any freedom of selection."

Poorer students who want a college training would be forced to enter public-run colleges.

Newsum complained, "Even before it has been possible to present some of the facts behind the Governor's proposal, some criticisms of it have appeared."

CHIEF CRITICS include the State Council of (Protestant) Churches, the American Jewish Congress, the New York Civil Liberties Union, the New York Society for Ethical Culture and

the Public Education Association.

In a more than an hour grilling of the Governor, 200 members of the State Council of Churches branded his plan "unconstitutional." They charged he was out to "circumvent" the state constitution which prohibits state aid to religious organizations.

They claimed funds given students who attend church related colleges (there are 34 in the state) violate this constitutional ban.

"I would not recommend a program that was not constitutional," the Governor replied. "I took an oath to defend the constitution. I am not here to circumvent it or to tear it down."

College officials pointed out schools are educational institutions not religious organizations.

They also stated besides the 34 church related (29 Catholic, 4 Protestant, 1 Jewish) colleges there are 47 other private colleges in the state — including Cornell, Columbia, University of Rochester.

The state's private colleges are the backbone of college education in New York, these educators emphasized and cited these statistics—in 1958 (latest available tabulation) better than 10 percent of all college graduates in the entire nation received their diplomas from private colleges in New York State; better than 10 percent of the nation's doctorate degrees in physics, chemistry and mathematics were gained in this state's private colleges.

Total college enrollment in the state is divided 60 percent in private colleges and 40 percent in public colleges.

IN PRESENTING his proposal (Continued on Page 5)

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Bus Law Attacked

Albany—Bus rides for pupils attending parochial schools are threatened by proposed legislation to repeal the newly enacted Spene law.

Sen. DuPont S. Peterson of Odessa and Assemblyman Russell Selkirk are sponsoring the legislation which has the backing of the New York State School Boards' Association.

The 1960 law, which goes into effect in September, ends a situation in which parents of children attending private schools had to attend a yearly special meeting of local school boards and petition for transportation for their children.

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Lent's Penance Begins Wednesday

Lent's 40 days of prayer and penance will be ushered in with traditional Ash Wednesday rites in parish churches throughout the Diocese this coming week.

Catholics will kneel to receive the smudge of blessed ashes on their foreheads and hear the solemn counsel, "Remember, man, that you are dust and to dust you will return."

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 15, will be a day of strict fast and abstinence — a day like every Friday with the added restriction that adults between 21 and 59 are further limited to one full meal and no eating between meals.

Complete Lenten regulations will be announced in parish churches this Sunday along with a pastoral letter of Bishop Kearney urging the faithful to observe a devout Lent. They will be printed in full in next week's Courier Journal.

Archbishop Karl Altier, head of the American bishops' coordinating agency, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, will give a talk to the country's Catholics to be broadcast by radio station WVET Ash Wednesday at 1:12 p.m. (The recorded talk will be broadcast in other areas according to local schedules.)

Most parish churches will have late afternoon or evening Masses. Downtown city churches will have noon-hour Masses. The Litany of the Precious Blood, to be said following these Masses, is on page four of this week's Courier Journal.

Sudan Steps Up Anti-Church Drive

Vatican City — (RNS) — A Vatican Radio broadcast charged that Catholics in the Sudan are "experiencing every kind of discrimination."

It said Catholic associations have been disbanded, most Catholic schools confiscated and Catholic religious radio broadcasts forbidden.

The Sudan, formerly under joint British-Egyptian rule, became an independent republic on Jan. 1, 1956. In November, 1958, a military government headed by Gen. Ibrahim Abboud as Prime Minister took over control.

A recent Fides report said a Sudanese Catholic priest, Father Paulino Doggale, and a number of students of Rumbek, in the province of Bahr el Ghazal, were sentenced to prison terms by a court at Wau for circulating a letter calling for "peaceful protests" against a government decree making Sunday a working day.

The priest, the mission agency reported, was given a 12-year sentence and the students ten years each.

Clergy Named To Parishes

Illness of two pastors has necessitated the following transfer of clergy to new duties, Bishop Kearney announced today.

Rev. Gerald Amann and Rev. Leo Hastings are the two who are ill.

Rev. Dominic Moeckevicius is named temporary administrator of St. Patrick's Church, Cato, and St. Thomas Church, Red Creek.

Rev. Richard O'Connell is named temporary administrator of St. Dominic's Church, Shortzville.

Rev. Thomas Watts is transferred from St. Mary's Church, Corning, to be curate at St. Rita's Church, West Webster.

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