

Senate OKs Auburn Area Ready For United Fund Campaign

Food For Peace Plan

Washington—(AP)—The Senate today voted to extend for two years the Food for Peace program begun 10 years ago during President Eisenhower's administration and continued by the Kennedy and Johnson administrations.

Much of the program, particularly in distributing of food to the poor in 112 recipient nations, is carried out by church organizations and other non-profit, accredited institutions.

The approval clears the Senate by a wide margin, but first had to fight off attempts by Sen. J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.) and Sen. George S. McGovern (D-S.D.) to send the measure back to the Foreign Relations Committee, of which Sen. Fulbright is chairman.

The two legislators protested new restrictions imposed on Communist Poland and Yugoslavia. While these nations may not be eligible for food through the program, they may receive it through special arrangements to pay in U.S. dollars.

The program, aside from its humanitarian aspect, also aids the U.S. in stemming the flow of dollars from this country. By paying for the food in local currency, the U.S. in turn pays for many of its expenses within the countries with the national currency.

Among those participating in the donation program are such groups as Church World Service, Overseas Aid of the National Council of Churches, Catholic Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Lutheran World Relief, AREE, and such intergovernmental organizations as UNICEF.

The Catholic Family Center of Auburn and Cayuga County is a private social agency, part of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester, offering counseling and aid to Catholic families and individuals faced with problems requiring professional understanding and guidance.

The responsibility for administration of the agency is vested in a local board of directors, comprised of an elected lay representative from each parish in Auburn and Cayuga County, several lay members at large, and each pastor in Auburn and Cayuga County who is an ex-officio member of the board.

Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities is also ex-officio a member of the board of directors.

As part of Catholic Charities the Catholic Family Center of Auburn and Cayuga County is subject to the overall administration of Diocesan Catholic Charities.

Samuel D'Antonio of Weedsport is the current president of the board; Marion Corrigan, Auburn, is vice-president; John Niemcewicz, Auburn, is treasurer and Robert G. McAvoy is secretary. The agency staff consists of McAvoy, executive secretary; Alberto Camuciari, caseworker and Miss Catherine Burns, office manager.

CATHOLIC FAMILY Center offers qualified services in marriage counseling, personal counseling, parent-child counseling, adolescent counseling, financial problems, problems of alcoholism, the aged, and child care.

Planning and services with unwed mothers are available, and it is the only private agency in Cayuga County offering adoption services.

In 1963, 210 families received services; in some instances only one person in the family was seen; in many others two or more were helped. Many of these people request the agency's services on their own, and many more are referred by their parish priests, physicians, attorneys, courts, schools, or by other public and private agencies and clinics.

Difficulties are discussed privately and confidentially with a qualified and experienced social worker. Sometimes a series of interviews is needed, sometimes only one or two.

For counseling services, small fees are charged, well within the ability of most people to pay. Adoption fees, based on the husband's income, are set in accordance with Diocesan regulations. However, at no time would service ever be denied because of inability to pay. The agency's operating budget for 1963 was \$21,593; of this amount, \$15,797.54 was received from the United Fund of Cayuga County, Inc.

Some of the problems with which Catholic Family Center deals include: marriages under severe strain, sometimes at the point of separation or divorce; misunderstandings and tensions between husband and wives, and parents and children; an unmarried girl who is pregnant and needs help with planning and a place to go, a teenager with problems at home or at school.

AS AN EXAMPLE of a specific situation, Harry, a 20-year-old young man released from a state institution returned to Auburn and his drinking father to look for work. It was hard to find work, and he couldn't keep jobs due to temper outbursts and friction with co-workers and supervisors. At home his father was sober and unduly strict and controlling. When his father was drinking Harry was alone, brooding and lonely.

He had been advised to come to the agency and initially he felt the only thing to do would be to return to the institution. For over a year and a half the agency worked with Harry, his father and his employers — helping Harry gain more confidence in himself. This enabled him to show more self-control, helping his father and employers to understand Harry's needs and limitations. Now Harry has been able to hold a job almost a year, lives apart from his father, but close to him, visiting regularly, and is enjoying an expanded social life with fellows and girls his own age.

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Mrs. Howard Miner with her daughter Teresa and Josephine from Hong Kong. Miners have seven children but found room for the little child from China who came to the United States through arrangements made by Auburn's Catholic Family Center.

Ken and Karen K. with five children were beset with marital, financial and parent-child problems. Mr. K. beat his wife; his wife was near emotional collapse; a teenage daughter was cutting school classes and running with a group of friends several years older than she.

Then Mr. K's union called a prolonged strike, with the family subsisting on union benefits which dwindled as the strike went on. Financial strain aggravated the already explosive domestic scene, and Mr. K. severely beat his oldest daughter.

During subsequent court appearances there ensued a number of weeks of continuing interviews, at their home and at the agency office, alone and together with Mr. and Mrs. K. and their daughter. Some limited financial help and credit was arranged. Mr. K. was encouraged to spend time with the younger children (he was on picket duty once a week) and both parents reluctantly at first allowed their older daughter to develop her school friends.

Mr. K's efforts with the children relieved his wife. He began to understand that his jealousy of his wife was related to his own insecurity and lack of self-esteem. In a larger sense they began to think and act more as a family and when Mr. K. returned to work agency services were able to be terminated.

ALTHOUGH THE greater part of Catholic Family Center services consist of interviews in the office, this agency is also a part of total community services in health, education and welfare.

A person's emotional or mental difficulties may be such that a psychiatric evaluation, at the Mental Health Clinic for example, may be recommended by the agency.

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Prelate Dies In Rome Served Exiles from Poland

Rome—(AP)—The sudden death here of 71-year-old Archbishop Josef Ruliczka, guardian of the Catholic Church in Communist Poland, of one of its most vigorous and widely known champions.

In a tribune speech during one of his many visits to the United States he had urged the West not to forget its "captive ally," Poland, and other European countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Archbishop Ruliczka, named Protector and Guardian of all Poles in exile by Pope Pius XII in 1949, died shortly after delivering a notable speech at the Second Vatican Council, in which he commended the Pope to the Blessed Virgin as an encouragement, not an obstacle, to Christian unity.

Once a soldier in active combat and later a newspaper editor, his career was marked not only by a strenuous political ministry to Polish soldiers and efforts on behalf of Polish exiles in many countries, but by frequent denunciations of the Communist regime in Poland and elsewhere.

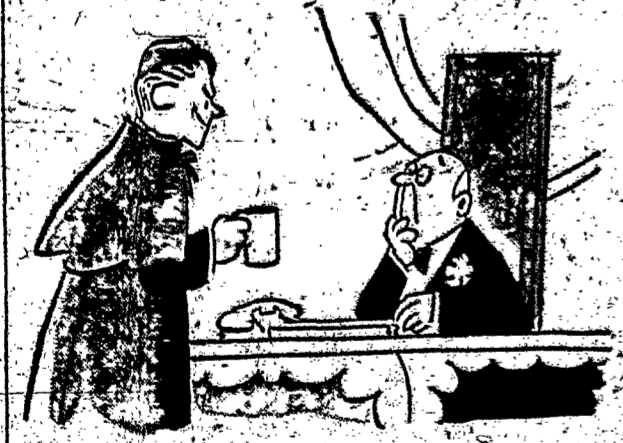
In 1961, on the occasion of a popular uprising in Poznan, he declared that if free elections were held in Poland there is no doubt 97 percent of the people would vote against the Communists. Only last April, the Council of the Polish Catholic

Alexis Institute in London sent him a message urging that he designate a Sunday this year as a Day of Prayer for the Church in Poland.

His later years saw Archbishop Ruliczka serve in Rome as pastor of the Polish St. Stanislaus College, international director of the World Federation of Societies, consultant of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments, and a member of the Superior Council on Emigration of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation. He was also a member of the Vatican Council's Commission on Bishops and the Government of Dioceses.

An exile from his Red-ruled homeland since early in World War II, Archbishop Ruliczka had served as Military Bishop of the Polish armed forces from 1933 to 1939. When Germany attacked Poland he was wounded by a bomb dropped by a Nazi plane. He went first to France and then to England, where he resumed his duties as military bishop of the Polish army in which he held the rank of lieutenant general. He had more than 30 military decorations.

Study Week Slated Washington—(AP)—The first annual Latin American Cooperatives Week will be observed Oct. 24 to 30, 1965, the Latin American Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference announced.



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