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**State Revises Birth Control Welfare Aid**

New York—(RNS)—New York State's Board of Social Welfare has authorized the provision of birth control information and materials to unwed mothers on relief who seek such assistance.

In a series of sweeping policy changes the board said it would permit all "heads of families" and all married persons, whether living with spouse or not, who receive Aid to Dependent Children or Home Relief to be referred to physicians or clinics for contraceptive assistance.

Under the new ruling, unmarried mothers—or fathers—can qualify as heads of a family. So can a single person responsible for the care of younger children. Single individuals living alone, however, do not qualify.

Hugh R. Jones, an attorney from Utica and chairman of the board, said the main opposition to the new ruling came from the New York State Catholic Welfare Committee. The Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies were among organizations supporting the measure.

A Catholic lay official condemned the action of the board. Charles J. Tobin, Jr., secretary of the state's Catholic Welfare Committee said: "It is a grave concern that a majority of the Board of Social Welfare has promulgated a rule which will use government action and tax funds to condone promiscuous conduct."



**U.S. Stamp Fights Cancer**

Cancer Control Month began yesterday with issuance of a five cent U.S. postage stamp to battle the dread disease. Rochester Postmaster John L. Bittner shows a sheet of the stamps to David L. Albaugh and Mrs. Charles H. Taylor, Jr., who organized a door-to-door crusade in Monroe County April 1, 2 and 3 to provide information on cancer signs and cures.

**Holy Week Changes**

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orders when they make their vows; to lay brothers at Masses celebrated by priests and to all members of religious orders on the anniversary of making their vows.

Five cases are listed for celebration of Mass:

On Holy Thursday morning when the bishop blesses the holy oils at his cathedral. The recently restored (1955) Christ Mass is to be revised to stress the memorial of Christ's instituting the priesthood. The evening Last Supper Mass will remain as the memorial of our Lord's instituting the Eucharist.

Concelebrated Masses are also authorized in parish churches where the people don't need separately scheduled Masses; in monasteries where there are several priests; at meetings of bishops or priests and at the Mass when an abbot is solemnly blessed.

A separate Vatican decree also allows blind or feeble priests to concelebrate Mass with another priest—even if they have to sit during the Mass and say only the prayers at the consecration.

Experimenting in development of the new rite for celebration were monks at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, long a center for liturgical progress in the United States.

Prayers said on Good Friday will also be revised.

References to people who are not Catholics as "heretics and schismatics" ... all infidels ... pagans" have all been eliminated.

In the prayer for Christian unity, Catholics will ask God's help for "all brothers who believe in Christ" or for those "who do not yet believe in Christ."

The prayer "for the conversion of the Jews" is titled now simply "for the Jews" and calls previous references to the "veil over their hearts."

Catholics in England will have added liturgy changes. They will take a deeper plunge into Church rites in English beginning Palm Sunday. The British bishops have authorized all Holy Week rites to be in English and all portions of the Mass spoken aloud will also henceforth be in English, thus eliminating the present background of Latin, English arrangement.

**Stabat Mater Dolorosa**

"Christ, when You shall call me hence,  
Be Your Mother my defense,  
Be Your Cross my victory."

The fact that Christ Our Lord knew that He would arise from the grave on the third day after His death did not in any way lessen the reality of His suffering on Good Friday.

We know this from the anguished statement that passed His clenched lips in the garden of Gethsemani just before His enemies came to capture Him: "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from Me." (Matthew 26:39)

What steeled Our Lord to give a full-hearted " Fiat " to the

shall return thither. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: "It pleased the LORD, so is it done. Blessed be the name of the LORD." (Job 1:21)

Even lacking the clarity of revelation which would come with Christ, Job could look beyond the grave and look forward to future happiness:

"For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and in the last day I shall rise out of the earth." (Job 19:25)

Christ Our Lord added so much more to man's vision of the future life, with His teaching and assurance that those who believed in Him would attain that life:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has life everlasting, and does not come to judgment, but has passed from death to life." (John 5:24)

MARY, the Mother of Sorrows, who had pondered such words so deeply, needed their strength as she stood by the cross of Her dying son.

"Woman, behold your son!"—that the young apostle stood for the whole Church. And if John stood for us all, then we have a special claim to the loving care of her whom Pope Paul VI has addressed as Indeed, "The Mother of the Church."

—Father Robert Kavka

**Fair Textbook Bill Advances**

Albany—(NC)—Citizens for Educational Freedom said the organization now looks for "speedy enactment" of a proposed "fair textbook" law for New York State.

The Assembly's Education Committee has approved the measure and sent it to the Ways and Means Committee which must consider the funds called for in the proposal.

The bill would require local public school districts to purchase and lease textbooks in secular subjects to all school children, including those in private school, in grades 7 to 12.

Books would be selected from a recommended list established by the State Commissioner of Education.

The commissioner also would apportion to school districts money equal to 90% of the cost, but not to exceed \$20 for each eligible child.

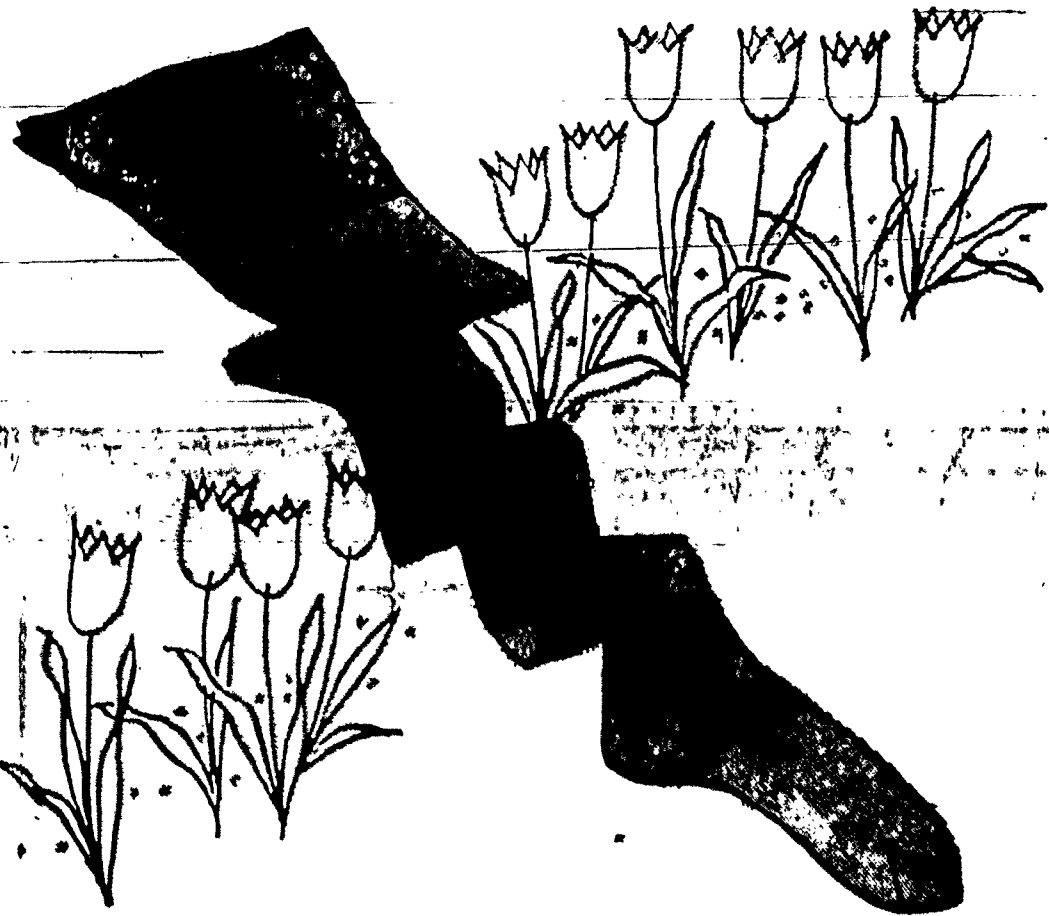
Paul W. Brayer of Rochester, state president of CEF, said that the education committee's approval "will now equalize the educational opportunity of New York state students, whether they live in sparsely populated areas, poorer areas or attend public or non-profit schools."

**New Features Highlight Vatican Fair Exhibit**

New York—(NC)—The visit of Pope Paul VI and a Gutenberg Bible will be major additions at the Vatican Pavilion of the World's Fair when its second season begins April 21.

Mgr. John J. Gorman, pavilion director also announced that the Good Shepherd statue, on loan from the Lateran Museum in Rome, will be repositioned for better viewing.

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**Meetings Set With WCC Unit**

Geneva—(RNS)—Plans for a pair of informal private consultations with Roman Catholic experts on church and society and world missions were announced here by the World Council of Churches.

Arranged jointly by WCC departments and the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, a study of theological issues involved in defining Christian responsibility for society and a review of current WCC and Catholic thinking on the subject was scheduled here from March 28-31.

The second session, near Lausanne on April 5-10, was planned to provide opportunity to exchange views concerning theological and political issues facing the Churches in their worldwide mission.