

Religious Factors in Pending Legislation

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Winter scene in the New Hampshire countryside

Virgil Fox, Kent Hill

Concerts at Cathedral

Three concerts of organ music will be presented at Sacred Heart Cathedral this coming week.

Noted organist Virgil Fox will be heard Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 17 and 18 at 8:15 p.m. Rochester-organist Kent Hill of the Eastman School of Music and All Saints Episcopal Church will present his concert Wednesday, Jan. 19, also at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets at \$1.50 are now available for the Virgil Fox concerts at the Cathedral rectory, at Trant's store and at the three Music Lovers Shoppes. Tickets will also be available at the Cathedral the night of the concerts.

Admission to the Kent Hill concert will be free but a contribution will be welcomed.

The Virgil Fox recitals will be the same each evening and include Handel's Concerto in F, No. 4; Bach's Come Sweet Death, Prelude and Fugue in A Minor, Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor; Franz Liszt's Fantasy and Fugue on the Chorale "Ad Nos ad Salutarem Undam" as also compositions by Maleingreau, Bossi, Faure and Dupre.

Mr. Hill's recital will include Cesar Franck's Chorale in A Minor; Bach's Four Schubert Chorales and Fugue in E Flat; a Toccata by Durufle and works by Jean Langlais.

Clergy Listed For Dedication Of New Organ

Bishop Kearney will preside and preach at the Mass of dedication for the new organ at Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday, Jan. 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, Cathedral rector, will be celebrant of the Mass.

Other clergy participating will include:

Monsignor John E. McCafferty, assistant priest to Bishop Kearney; Very Rev. Msgr. George Cocuzzi and Rev. Peter Sheehan, C.S.B., deacons of honor; Rev. James Moynihan, master of ceremonies.

Monsignor Wilfred T. Craugh will be assistant priest to Bishop Casey; Rev. Benedict Ehmann will be deacon and Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, subdeacon. Rev. Gerald Appelby will be master of ceremonies.

St. Bernard's Seminary Choir directed by Rev. Robert Smith will sing the portions of the Mass proper to the second Sunday after Epiphany. Louis Uguin will be precentor for the singing by the congregation.

Students at St. Bernard's Seminary will serve the Mass.

Vice-President

New York — (NC) — Father Timothy S. Healy, S.J., has been named executive vice president of Fordham University here.

U.S. Churches Up 2 Per Cent

New York — (NC) — Membership in American churches and synagogues continues to run ahead of the annual population increase, according to the latest figures of the National Council of Churches.

The Council's 1966 Yearbook of American Churches, published here, says that membership in all religious bodies increased "slightly less than two per cent" during 1964, while the

Same Scripture Readings Recommended in England

London — (RNS) — Anglican, Roman Catholic and Methodist clergymen from nearby Ealing have called on Britain's churches to agree to "common usage of Holy Scripture" lessons throughout the Christian year.

"If we could secure that Sunday by Sunday ... the same passages were read in all our churches, we should surely be hastening the day when once again we possess 'one mind in Jesus Christ,'" the churchmen stated in their proposal.

One of the clergymen reported that the recommendation had won the approval of Archbishop Arthur Michael Ramsey of Canterbury, Primate of England, and Anglican Bishop Robert Stopford of London.

Advocating a "common table of Bible lessons" in all Christian churches were Father John Bernard Orchard, O.S.B., of Ealing Abbey, Catholic; the Rev. A. W. Curtis and the Rev. A. P. Corin, Anglicans; and the Rev. A. R. W. Boggis, Methodist.

Washington — (RNS) — Possibly one of the first major pieces of legislation which will be passed after Congress reconvenes is a bill coping with the mounting world food crisis. Indications are that the White House wants a drastic revamping of its food program and a new one will be presented to Congress before the end of January.

Any step in this direction is believed certain to have the endorsement of such religious organizations as Church World Service, the Catholic Relief Service, the Seventh-Day Adventists, Friends Relief Service and numerous other church agencies involved in cooperative efforts with the government in distributing food and other necessities of life to the unfortunate around the world.

While this problem is, with an estimated 10,000 persons dying daily from starvation, most dramatically critical, several other pieces of legislation also are expected to arrest the attention of churchmen during the second session of the 89th Congress.

Repeal of Section 14 (b) clause of the Taft-Hartley Act, home rule for the District of Columbia, a possible "equal justice" provision aimed at fair trials for Negroes in the South, and a pornography materials and measures aimed at rehabilitating drug addicts will occupy the spotlight.

Also expected to command considerable attention again this year is Sen. Everett M. Dirksen's announced intention of permitting one house of bicameral legislatures to be apportioned on other than the "one-man-one vote" dictum of the U.S. Supreme Court. The Illinois Republican's bill is opposed by the National Council of Churches.

Revamping of current food distribution policies would appear to be forthcoming, despite what is expected to be considerable opposition from a key Senate committee and a bevy of Republicans wishing to present their own problems.

On Jan. 11, just a day after Congress reconvenes, the Senate and House Agriculture Committees will begin hearings on the food crisis. Increased aid to India, where the crisis is most poignant, is certain to be a pivotal area of discussion.

In the past, the Senate committee chairman, Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), buttressed largely by other Southern conservatives on the committee, has been cool to revision of the food program, particularly the Food for Peace project.

Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.), director of the Food for Peace program, and in 1965, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, recently said:

"There is no doubt in my mind that we can win the race of population and famine in the years ahead. We have the tools and the knowledge to drive hunger from the earth within the next decade."

It is notably under the Food for Peace program that voluntary church agencies and such organizations as CARE distribute millions of dollars worth of food to the world's famished areas each year.

Although Sen. McGovern may face opposition in his own committee, the Senate as a whole appears to agree in principle

with his pleas and those of Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) in revamping and accelerating the food program.

In October, the House Republican Task Force on Agriculture gave indications there might be resistance, at least as far as 1966 is concerned.

The group is pushing for establishment of a bi-partisan food study commission to determine the world's needs, America's part in supplying them, and recommendations for corrective legislation. This would not be submitted until Jan. 2, 1967.

Repeal of Section 14 (b) of the Taft-Hartley Act which, as it now stands, permits states to allow non-union workers the right to work in a shop that has been organized by the union, is expected to meet stiff opposition but eventual passage.

Besides the inherent question of states' rights in the issue, again this year much of the argumentation is expected to center around a provision to exempt "coerced" membership in a union on those who refuse on religious grounds.

Seventh-day Adventists, Mormons, and several small denominations represented by the National Association of Evangelicals object to this "coercion" on the basis of established religious creeds. Last year they were supported by the National Council of Churches and the National Catholic Welfare Conference, although the Catholic Church and those denominations represented by NCC have no religious prescriptions against union membership.

The bill passed last year in the House without the exemption clause, but was bogged down in the Senate. Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) served notice at the close of last year's session that he would fight for the exemption measure.

Home rule for the District of Columbia, generally conceded here to be a "church movement," will occupy much time. Two conflicting bills appear to be far from reconciliation. If reconciliation fails, attempts at new bills, heretofore nearly barren, would have to follow.

A Senate version, generally backed by the Administration, calls for an elected mayor and city council changed with governing the city. The House bill calls for referendum on

whether home rule is really wanted, and if wanted, provision is made for naming a charter writing commission. Congress would have veto power over a charter thus prepared.

Home rule for the city of approximately 815,000—at least half of whom are Negroes—has had the active support of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; the D.C. Coalition of Conscience, a group of about 40 church, civic and civil rights organizations in the city; and such outstanding local clergymen as Dean Francis Sayre of Washington Cathedral (Episcopal).

Dean Sayre deplored Congressional rule of Washington, saying the city's interests are subordinated to the interests of a small band of businessmen and their coterie of friends on Capitol Hill.

As usual, numerous bills dealing with pornography will appear on the record, but again, very little is expected to be done. Even church groups do not present a solid front on this issue, involving the question not only of morals, but constitutional questions of freedom of speech and press in relationship to the powers of censorship.

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