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Workshop on Human Relations

A Workshop providing opportunity for the study of human conflict and its resolution, particularly in the field of inter-group relations, will be presented on July 8 and 9 at Nazareth College.

The Workshop, sponsored by the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Rochester, is designed to afford participants the opportunity to acquire insights and techniques for better human relations, according to Sister M. Cyril, S.S.J., Educational Coordinator of the Inner-City in the Rochester Catholic Diocese.

A group of four educators holding doctorates in history, economics, sociology, theology and social psychology, comprises the personnel for the Workshop, which is provided by The "Traveling Workshops, an affiliate of Loyola University of Chicago under a program sponsored by The National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice.

Workshop speakers include: Sister Mary Sheila Burns, C.P.S.A., President of Marian College of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Sister Marie de LaSalle O'Donnell, R.S.M., Chairman of the History Department, St. Joseph's College, North Wyndham, Maine; Sister Mary Eric, S.S.N.D., Psychologist and Instructor at Notre Dame College, St. Louis, Missouri; and Sister Jean Vianney Teter, C.S.J., Chairman of the Theology Department at Marymount College, Silana, Kansas.

The two-day workshop will consist of 40-minute presentations with 15-minute devoted to question-answer discussion. Films and materials will be available, including several major documentaries on the contemporary problems of race, employment, migrants, housing, poverty, education, public health, and inter-group relations. Persons interested in attending the Workshop may contact Sister M. Cyril, Catholic Schools Office, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York 14604.

CEF Leader Lists:

Six Bad Effects Of Blaine Proviso

Dr. J. Kenneth O'Loane, research physicist, employed by the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, testifying before the Education Committee of the New York State Constitutional Convention at a recent hearing in Buffalo, asserted that the Blaine Amendment had six bad effects.

Appearing as a member of the New York State Board for Citizens for Educational Freedom, Dr. O'Loane enumerated violation of religious freedom, tax strangulation of God-centered schools, state monopoly in education, hamstringing the legislature in a wise concern for all children, imposing greater restrictions than the First Amendment (to the Federal Constitution), and "causing such blindness that a public service function amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars saved annually in educational taxes cannot even be recognized," as the six bad effects of the Blaine Amendment.

He testified that Senator Jacob Javits has pointed out on the opening day of the Constitutional Convention, that Article XI, Section 3, is more restricted than the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution, as interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court. He cited the Cochran case where the Supreme Court allowed textbook loans to children in God-centered schools in spite of Louisiana's Blaine Amendment, holding that state



TV Debate on Blaine Amendment

PARTICIPANTS in a recent television debate on the so-called Blaine amendment broadcast over CBS were (left to right) Daniel J. Reidy, a delegate to the New York State Constitutional Convention; Monsignor Edgar P. McCarren, director of the Research Institute for Catholic Education in New York state; CBS legislative correspondent Jerome Wilson, who served as moderator; Rev. Donald S. Harrington, delegate to the Constitutional Convention; and State Senator Basil A. Paterson. Advocating repeal of the Blaine amendment (Article 11, Section 3) in the New York State Constitution were Monsignor McCarren and Mr. Reidy. Reverend Harrington and Senator Paterson supported the retention of this amendment.

and children are the beneficiaries, and the Everson case where bus transportation was allowed as a service to the

child rather than a help to religion. In frequent references to decisions of the Supreme Court.

Dr. O'Loane called attention to the brief submitted by lawyer Louis Marshall on behalf of the American Jewish Committee, in the Oregon school case of 1925.

"The nation is no more preserved by the public school than it is by the other agencies. The fathers of the Republic and a large proportion of our finest citizens never attended a public school, and today a large number of the best examples of Americanism have received and are receiving their education outside of public schools."

In regard to the proper function of government and education, he stated, "since the education of children is part of the common good, the state sets reasonable standards of achievement in the common branches of learning, and helps parents do what they cannot practically do by themselves by levying school taxes upon all."

He pointed out that "with respect to inculcating value judgments, here were two basic camps in the U.S. today. One group prefers the secular tax-supported school, while the other believes that there must be a combination of the home, the church and the religious public school."

Indicating what he felt would be the proper attitude of government to these two philosophies he stated, "since religious public schools as well as secular public schools are recognized by the state as fulfilling the primary function of a school, the education of good American citizens, the state should not favor one group over the other."

Dr. O'Loane called the attention of the committee to the practical nature of the freedom of choice in education.

"Last year about half my taxes in Rochester paid for the 3R's of those children whose parents elected for them a secular public school," he stated.

"I am perfectly happy to help pay for the education of these children. However, their parents paid nothing, or next to nothing, for the 3R's for my children."



Sister Joan Thomas and Sister Celeste look over their new passports.

Leaving for Brazil Mission

Two more Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester will be leaving for the Community's Brazilian mission on July 13 — Sister Joan Thomas Guberlet and Sister Celeste Bercher.

Sister Joan Thomas is from Rochester's Holy Rosary Parish, the daughter of Frank J. Guberlet of 205 Albemarle St. Sister received her B.S. from Nazareth College in 1959 and has taught at all grade levels in the following schools: St. Monica, St. Anne, St. Ambrose, Rochester; St. Mary's, Elmira; St. James, Waverly; and St. John's, Greece.

Sister Celeste, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bercher of St. Mary's Parish, Elmira, was born and educated in that city until her entrance into the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1954. She received her B.A. from Nazareth College in 1963 and has taught at Nazareth Hall, St. Alta,

Jerome's and St. Monica's Schools in Rochester, and served as principal at St. Mary's School in Auburn.

Both of these Sisters volunteered to serve in their Community's South American mission and will spend the next six months in training for this new work in an intercultural Center run by the Allegany Franciscans in Anapolis, Brazil. This training will include an intensive study of the Portuguese language and Brazilian history and culture, as well as practical experiences in the type of apostolic works in which the Sisters will eventually be involved.

The St. Joseph mission in Brazil was opened in March 1965 by Sister Rose Alma Hayes in the town of Mateira. Since then, missions have been started in the neighboring towns of Canal Sao Simao and Cachoeira

The Sisters teach religion and English and act as administrators in the state supported schools of this area. They also direct clinics and clothing centers as well as doing home visiting and catechetical work with adults and children. They work under Bishop Benedict Coscia, an American-born Franciscan, and with the Irish Oblate Fathers who staff the parishes in these towns. The two Sisters going down in July will bring the total of Rochester St. Joseph nuns in Brazil to eleven.

On Tuesday, July 11, the Fourth Departure Ceremony will be held at the St. Joseph Motherhouse in honor of these newest missionary Sisters. The services, to be held at 7 p.m. will be presided over by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. The ceremony will be followed by a reception on the Motherhouse grounds for families and friends.

Response Shows:

Adults Eager For Scripture

Adult religious education in the Diocese of Rochester received a shot in the arm last week.

The "injection" was given by Bishop Sheen and two able young Scripture experts. It was in the form of a three-evening adult Scripture Forum held at Nazareth Academy.

The Scripture specialists were Capuchin Father Sebastian Falcone from Geneva, and Father Joseph Brennan, present rector of St. Bernard's Seminary. Father Brennan was full time Scripture professor at the seminary before assuming the rectorship last year.

The sessions drew between 500 and 900 interested participants for each of the meetings (June 28-30).

Bishop Sheen led off each session with a profile study of three great figures from the Bible: Abraham and Moses from the Old Testament, Christ from the New Testament.

"There is no better way of studying the Bible than through its main characters," Bishop Sheen stressed and then proceeded to prove his thesis.

Each night, after he had discussed one of the three major figures, he turned the floor open to questions for his experts to answer.

Bishop Sheen's approach was to highlight certain key concepts of each Biblical personality he discussed, show the link between Old and New Testament themes, and draw out a spiritual lesson for the listener.

He handled the life of Moses, for example, by dividing his life into four stages:

— A period of passivity. When he was an infant, Moses was adopted by Pharaoh's daughter.



SEARCHING FOR THE SCRIPTURES. Scripture scholar Father Sebastian Falcone, O.F.M. Cap., at the microphone, answers a question at last week's Adult Education Congress held at Nazareth Academy. Studying other questions are Father Joseph Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, and Bishop Sheen. The bishop opened each of the three evening sessions with a short profile of a famous figure from Scripture.

ter. "He could do nothing, but God did for him," the Bishop stated.

— A time of choice. He could either be an Egyptian potentate or the savior of his people. He made his choice, "the great humanitarian choice," to lead his people out of bondage.

— A period of contemplation. Bishop Sheen showed how

Moses spent many years as a simple shepherd, learning to pray, to ponder God's designs.

— A time of action: After God wrought a series of striking miracles, Moses began his appointed task, to lead the Israelites to "the land of promise."

Bishop Sheen showed how

both Abraham and Moses were prophetic types of Christ, who would save not just a tribe or a nation, but the entire world.

The interested audience kept the two Scripture scholars busy for a full hour each evening, answering a volley of questions on the topics and themes covered.

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