

## Iraq Confiscates College

Baghdad — (RNS)—Al Hikma University, an institution conducted by American Jesuits, will be taken over by the Iraqi government as a part of its program of "Iraqization" of all foreign institutions, according to a report published in Al-Thawra-Arabiya (The Arab Revolution), daily organ of the Arab Socialist Union.

The report said that the university would be annexed to the government-operated Baghdad University at the beginning of the next academic year.

(In Boston, officials of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus, which conducts the university, said that they have not received any official notification of plans for a government takeover of the institution. They said that earlier this summer, as a campaign for expulsion of the Jesuits from Iraq

began to mount in intensity, Chaldean Patriarch Paul Cheiko, the leading Catholic prelate in Iraq, had been assured by the government that there were no plans for expropriating the university.)

Another Jesuit-owned institution in Baghdad, Baghdad College, was unmentioned in the report, although it has been a target of attacks since the Arab-Israeli war in June. Although they are both directed by New England Jesuits, the two institutions have a somewhat different de facto status in Baghdad because of the differences in their student bodies.

Baghdad College, a secondary school famed throughout Iraq for its excellence, includes government officials and members of the Iraqi Parliament among its alumni, and the sons of many government officials in its stu-

dent body. The present Minister of Education in Iraq, for example, sent both of his sons to Baghdad College.

Al Hikma University, which offers courses in arts, business administration and civil engineering, has fewer politically influential alumni because most students interested in a political career attend a government-operated university.

One of Al Hikma's distinctions, which may be related to its present difficulties, is the fact that it is the only university in Iraq which admits Jewish students. During the last academic year, Al Hikma had 42 Jewish students.

At present, during the vacation season, many of the 60 Jesuits on the staff of Al Hikma and Baghdad College are outside of Iraq. Also outside of the country are most of the lay vol-

unteers (recruited chiefly at Jesuit institutions in the U.S.) who serve two-year teaching terms in Iraq on a basis similar to that of the Peace Corps. It is not certain whether a

government takeover of the university would involve expulsion of the Jesuits. So far, Jesuits returning to Baghdad from overseas have had no difficulty obtaining visas.

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Monignor William M. Roche, Superintendent of schools, will open the workshop with a talk entitled, *Blaine and Beyond*. The *Faithfulness to Children Campaign* will be explained by Father William O'Brien, State Director of the Fairness to Children Campaign. Father Edward Steikireh-

ner, Rochester Director and Sister Mary David, S.S.J., Sister Coordinator.

Father Daniel Brent, Associate Superintendent of Schools, will discuss the philosophy of Catholic schools. Dr. Gerard Guerinot will inform the group on the latest developments in the plans for teaching Sex Education and Sister Mary David, R.S.M., Educational Coordinator, will evaluate the State Testing Program.

Most of the second day will be spent studying and discussing the Administrative Section of the Evaluative Criteria and hearing reports from Mrs. Grace Conway, Educational Coordinator, and Mr. Salvatore G. Musso, Coordinator of Special Assistance Programs.

Dr. Thomas Clayton, Professor of Education, Syracuse University, will spend the third day of the workshop giving techniques for principals in Inter-

action Analysis. Mass will be celebrated each day in Alma Mater Chapel.

Father Albert J. Shamon, Vicar for Religious Education, and the Catholic Schools Office will hold a "Teach-in" to prepare first grade teachers to teach the COME TO THE FATHER series during the coming year. Mr. Thomas Payne from Paulist Press will address the group of nearly 100 participants. They will also hear Father Shamon and have the opportunity to observe a demonstration class.

Mrs. Grace Conway, Educational Coordinator in the Catholic Schools Office who has spent teachers for the schools has planned the Orientation Day for new teachers, religious and lay. These teachers will be instructed in public relations and classroom management as well as in the various subject areas they will teach.

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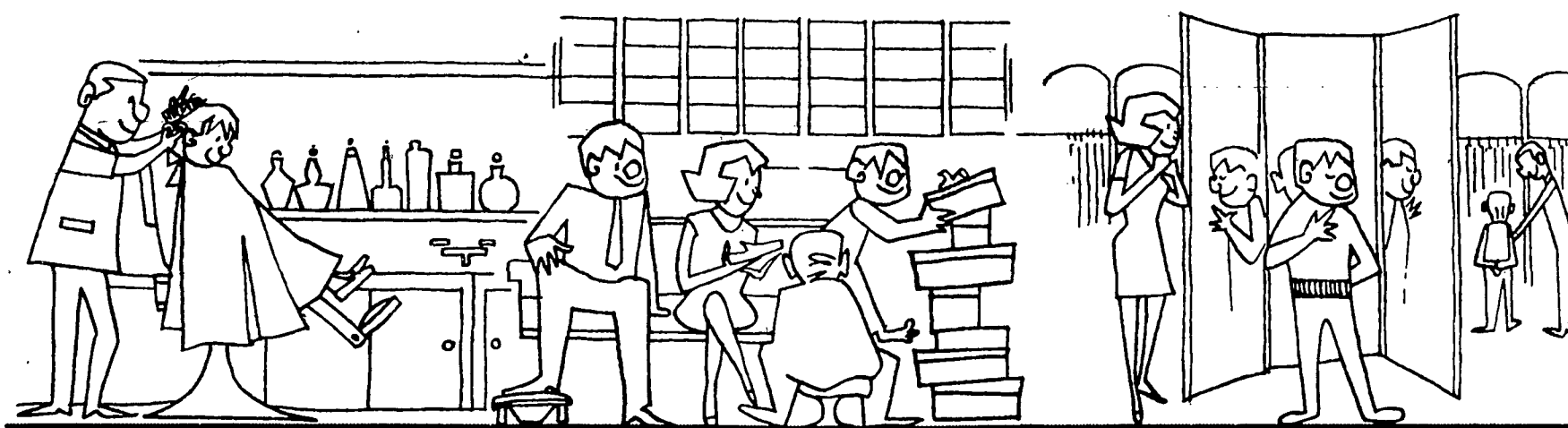
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