Bishops, Laymen

Discuss Independent Lay Groups (NC) - Seven test of responsibility for any to concur - though challenged cluded Coadjutor Archbishop

Washington ---members of the hierarchy held independent lay group. informal, but "very frank and

spent an evening with laymen who are deeply committed to the Church, and the NAL members gained added-insight into the complexity of the Church and the role of the bishops in this time of transition.

chairmen of the relevant com-more extensive than did the of Milwaukee, Don Kersten of mittees would be quite willing bishops. to receive these expressions of The two groups met at a NAL thinking. dinner at which Archbishop

Joseph T. McGucken of San Francisco was host. The archbishop is episcopal chairman of the Department of Lay Organi- Educators Fail zations of the United States Catholic Conference.

To Map Master Plan

Washington, D.C. ---(RNS) The NAL members pictured the independent lay organization More than 100 of the nations' as a rapidly growing phenomen-leading Roman Catholic educaon in American Catholicism, and tors failed to agree on mapping attributed the rise to a desire a master plan for Catholic eduon the part of an increasing cation as their five-day confernumber of Catholics to have a ence ended here, but anticimore significant exercise of re-pated that an acceptable prosponsibility and initiative in the gram should be approved by mid-January. Church.

The bishops made it clear that they regarded the choice of an independent structure as perfectly legitimate for the Catholics who wished to make it However, they said they were particularly interested in ex-ploring the type of relations such structures might have with the National Council of Cath-olic Men and the National Coun-cil of Catholic Women, with the

cil of Catholic Women, with the A preliminary draft of 16 pastoral councils in the process pages gained fairly broad supof formation in many dioceses, port, but by the time the conand with other lay organizations ference was over it appeared that have been formally establevident that unanimity was imlished in the Church. It would possible. Principal objections be a serious mistake, the bishops developed over wording, almaintained, to underestimate though there was considerable what the groups have accom-question over just what should plished in the past and what be the over-all objectives of they are actually accomplishing Catholic educators. now.

NCEA appointed a 12-member

It was recognized that criti-cism of programs and other ecclesiastical policies might be-come more common in the fu-ture. It was said however that

ture. It was said, however, that Father Albert Koob, executive such criticism will be valuable secretary of the organization, only if it is carried out with said of the original draft, "It responsibility and charity. To was too large a document to conduct it is this way, the be digested in such a short bishops felt, would be a crucial time."

Taize Community Called No Answer To Mission

Washington -(NC) -If the unemployed-live at home. in some quarters — that the Leo C. Byrne of St. Paul and Church is inevitably a struc-Minneapolis, Bishops John J.

Senate has its way, the old 'man informal, but "very frank and very friendly," exchanges here with representatives of the Na-and at the end both groups ex-pressed satisfaction with toms, education, diocesan and parish administration, liturgy, The bishops agreed they had spent an evening with laymen spent an evening with laymen tare the since it is included to the spent an evening with laymen spent an evening with laymen to about six months area spent ar

bishops' committees that draft National Conference of Catholic mate of the loss to the Church NAL, president Dentity of the District of Columbia National Conference of Catholic mate of the loss to the Church NAL president Dennis Landis dependent children, even when their is an unemploye father in the rule is responsible at the rule is rule is rule is rule is rule in the home.

Under the welfare laws of 28 er see their children go hungry. Fort Dodge, Iowa; Bernard Buss states and the District of Co-

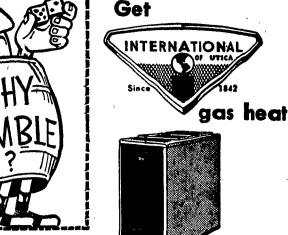
The Senate vote was immediately praised by Father James dren whose fathers -- although Catholic Conference's family life

mreau.

"This is a realistic step in the right direction," se said.

Father McHugh said passage f this measure "supports thinking that welfare should be famly centered, rather than cenered on the individual."

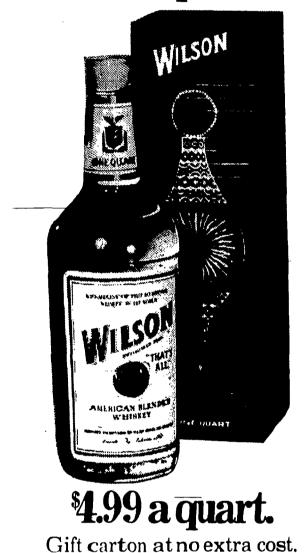
The Senate measure still must pass the House before it becomes law.



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Senate Moves to Scuttle 'Man in the House' Rule



Bedroom With Leaky Roof

So. Vietnam — (RNS) — A weary soldier huddles under a poncho on a pile of sandbags to catch a little rest during a lull in jungle fighting near Phuc Vinh, South Vietnam. Nearby, his buddy keeps watch in the monsoon downpour. The GI's are fro mthe Army's First Division which underwent heavy sniper and mortar fire in the area.

Two More Dioceses Start Seek Ok For Laity

According to Father Hunting-

ville Centere candidates for the priests in the Rockvine Centre of Communion takes as much priesthood will be taken at the Brooklyn diocese's Cathedral called 6-6 division of the 12 was said.

Chicago-(RNS)-A Francis-priests joined them. Nine 4-4-4 Seminary Program the life style of the Protestant announced it was moving to a monastic community of Taize Near-North Side site. holds "no real answer for Chris-"The brothers were ill-

tian mission." Father Sigmund Dragastin, lems of the ghetto or to engage writing in the December Janu-in political activity even at the programs at the college level. ary issue of The Critic, national community organization level," Catholic bi-monthly published commented Father Dragastin. Catholic bi-monthly published commented Father Dragastin. In a simultaneous announce- According to Father Hunting- Allowing laymen to assist the by the Thomas More Associa-"They opted, therefore, simply ment by officials of the two ton, the merger means a defi-

tion, also said the celebrated to be good neighbors. By at dioceses, it was disclosed that nite change in the training of nion would avoid the delay that ecumenical community does not least one standard, they were all four college years of Rock-priests in the Rockville Centre of Communion takes as much offer a "model on which Catho- not notably successful." lic religious communities are to Turning to the implications reform themselves."

Father Dragastin, affiliated olic orders, the Chicago priest College of the Immaculate Con-years to what is known as the with the National Opinion Re-said Taize-Chicago has been "an search Center at the University outstanding success if one meas-of Chicago, lived "around the ures by the large numbers of corner" from the Taize' broth- Roman Catholic nuns, priests than Christer the Christer than the tailed and four of theology, he corner" from the Taize' broth Roman Catholic nuns, priests ther Christopher Huntington, said. ers Chicago community during and seminarians who drop in to rector of Rockville Centre's St. visit the French Brothers the past year.

The brothers' style of com perience of their rule."

hoping to catch the living ex- in Uniondale, said the move resulted from an agreement becity living is "not well adapted But the Taize rule, continued tween Archbishop Bryan J. Mc-to the needs of Christian mis- Father Dragastin, makes com- Entegart of Brooklyn and Bish-

Pius X Preparatory Seminary

Mary Lucille, supervisor of edusion our time," asserted Father munity "everything." Meals and op Walter P. Kellenberg of cation for schools in Missouri prayers together, he said, are Rockville Centre.

Dragastin. Dragastin. The Franciscan said he found that in Taize-Chicago, "aposto-late and professional commit-Taize's familial approach tends that in Taize-thicago, "aposto-tate and professional commit-Taize's familial approach tends the transmit of the tener tends te

ception in Douglaston, Queens. 4-4- division: four years of

in social protest in a poltically itself the mechanism out of ambiguous situation would find which all things are to grow," life in the Taize Community asserted Father Dragastin, 'such things as theological differences intolerable.' are seldom or never discussed.

Taize-Chicago was founded in One gets the impression that 1966 by six brothers fhom the the members feel such discuscommunity in France, and locat-ed in a ghetto on the city's problems will be solved by liv-South Side. Two Franciscan ing together in unity."

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crowded. Allowing laymen to assist the

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