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MARCH OF EVENTS

CAPITAL FEELS BETTER ABOUT WAR'S PROGRESS
REPORTS ON VIETNAM REASSURING TO MANY

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WASHINGTON—A major change in attitude appears to be in the making in Washington. It is difficult to define, but seems to exist in many areas of the federal government. If it should develop and prove to be more than a temporary phenomenon, it could mark the beginning of a turning point in the general public attitude toward the problems facing the nation.



General Westmoreland
Morale booster

Undoubtedly, the statements made in Washington by General Westmoreland and Ambassador Bunker have had the effect of reassuring many Americans—and many elected officials in Washington—that the U.S. military operation in Vietnam has a purpose and direction, and that there is perceptible movement toward their achievement.

Obviously Westmoreland and Bunker came from the battlefield to achieve just this effect, but they have served to reassure many citizens who felt mounting, if vague, concern about the U.S. fighting, that it was not necessarily to be an endless undertaking with no goal in sight and no way of seeing light at the end of the tunnel.

To many Washington officials, their statements have been a morale booster of significant proportions. In recent months, the gathering disillusionment of the public has been reflected, and in some instances exaggerated, by official gloom in Washington. It wasn't that officials were at odds with the administration policy of goals, but that they felt a deepening gulf of misunderstanding or lack of understanding as to what they were trying to accomplish.

To some President Johnson has succeeded in regaining the initiative in the pro and con debate that rages over the Vietnam issue. Whether he can hold it and exploit it remains to be seen.

● **ELIMINATING CONFUSION**—The Johnson administration apparently believes that enough confusion naturally arises in the Vietnam war and is taking steps to eliminate at least one source over which it has some control—unwitting distortions of factual information by government officials.

The White House has recently set up a Vietnam Information Staff, which so far has worked primarily on internal coordination to prevent the official use of conflicting facts and figures.

One example: some government officials have been stating South Vietnam's population as 15 million, others as 17 million. The VIS has now set the population figure at 17.2 million, for use by all government officials making reference to the numbers. At least the public will get a uniform picture of the number of South Vietnamese government officials are talking about.

● **JOHNSON STAY HOME!**—This cry can be heard not among the opponents of Lyndon Johnson but from some government employees who look at the cost of presidential travel in relation to the constantly mounting pressure for economy.

Some budget-conscious officials, for example, heaved a sigh of relief when they learned that the President was not planning another Pacific meeting on the Vietnam war.

The last one, in Manila, cost some \$10 million, and was paid for by allocations to several governmental departments that had not made budget allowances for such an expenditure.

Johnson's Big Trips Expensive

Anti-Semitism Irrks Churchmen

New York—(RNS)—Eighteen church leaders and five Nobel Prize winners joined 175 prominent artists and intellectuals in a public condemnation of the Soviet Union's "forever cultural extinction" of its three million Jews.

According to the Conference on the Status of Soviet Jews, the signers of a two-page advertisement here constitute the largest number of American academicians, civil rights leaders, scientists, theologians, and writers ever to protest Soviet anti-Semitism.

"Soviet Jewry," the statement declared, "is being subjected to a policy of forcible cultural extinction. For many years their tenuous situation has aroused deep concern. Now it has become a cause for alarm, because a new version of the old charge, revised to fit current Soviet policy in the Middle East, once again poisons the air for Jews in the Soviet Union."

The "old charge" referred to was the arrest and murder of 24 Soviet Jewish intellectuals, 15 years ago, who had been accused by the Stalinist regime of being "rebels, agents of American imperialism, nationalist bourgeois Zionists, and enemies of the USSR."

The statement said that Soviet Mid-East policy, "culminating in the diplomatic break with Israel,

has been accompanied by an enormous anti-Semitic propaganda effort at home and abroad whose virulence has only rarely been equalled in recent Soviet history."

The signers charged that official Russian practice today "perpetuates the Stalin policy of depriving Soviet Jewry of continuity with its past and of any hope of a future." The Jews have taken from them, the statement claimed, "virtually every institutional opportunity to perpetuate their cultural, religious and communal life."

"We protest and condemn this frenzied anti-Jewish assault," the signers declared. "We urge the Soviet authorities to initiate immediately a nationwide educational campaign against anti-Semitism (and) call upon the leaders of the USSR to restore to Soviet Jewry the rights and institutions—and the concomitant dignity—to which the Soviet law entitles them."

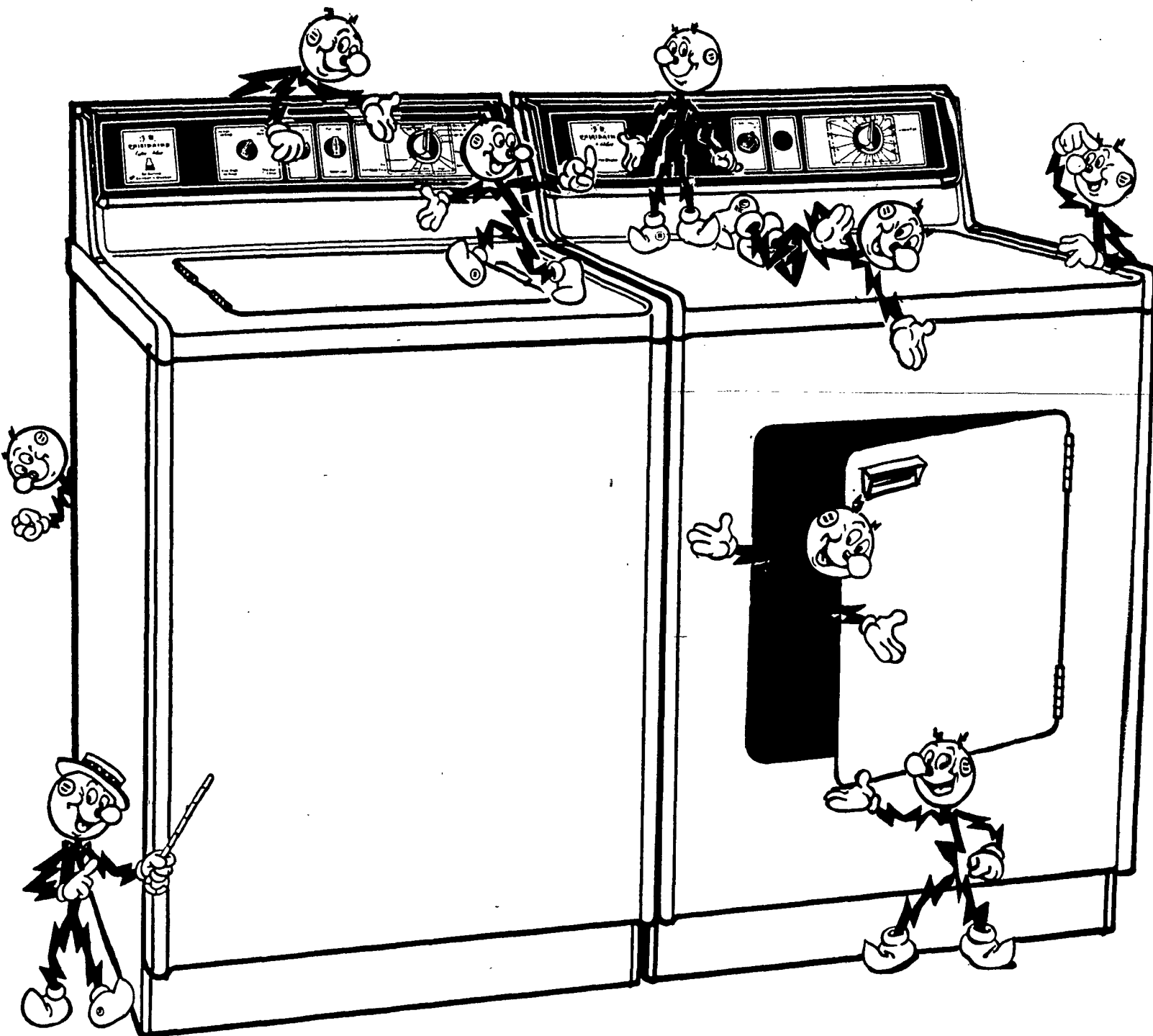
Among church leaders signing the statement were: Dr. John C. Bennett, president of Union Theological Seminary, New York; Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University, Dean Jerold C. Brauer, University of Chicago Divinity School; Dean James Luther Adams, Harvard Divinity School.

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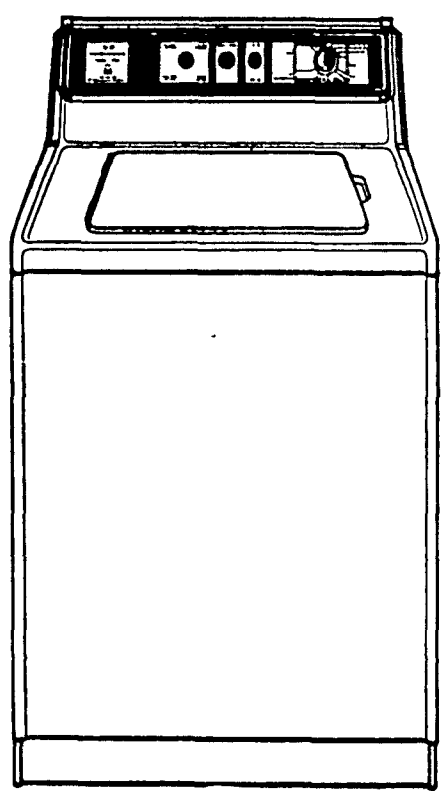
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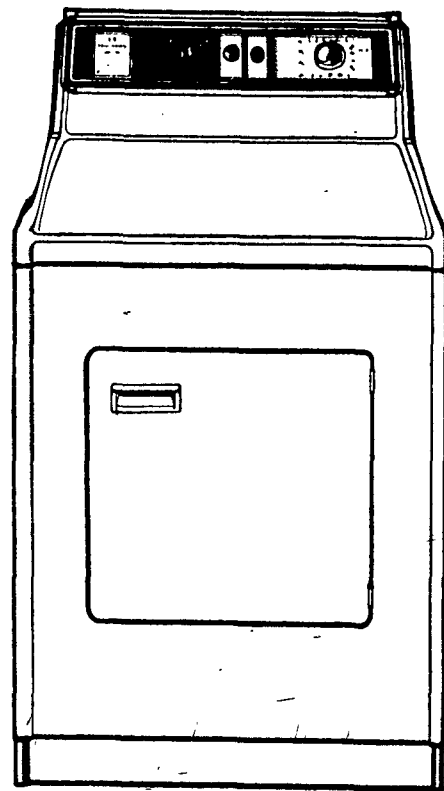
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New York—(RNS)—Students of "student government" during a conference at the John F. Kennedy Institute here.

The conference of nine leaders from Fordham University, Yeshiva University, Yeshiva College, Yeshiva University College-in-the-Bronx, and Yeshiva University College-in-the-Bronx, the record after the subsequent press conference.

Typical of one that of Dennis Ruppel, Government president, who said the "student government" of the university is a "stimulating atmosphere."

"What I'd like from student government," Ruppel, "is education."

Dr. Glen T. Nygreen, students and professor at Hunter College, Bronx, agreed, "student power" is a "serious mistake" and "attack structures" they oppose. "It should not focus on what education is for."

Dr. Nygreen structures are a result of the university.

Urge Colleges To Federal

Cleveland—(RNS)—A committee of experts of the six Catholic higher learning institutions in Ohio.

Under its proposals colleges and universities would retain the ties but would lose these ten fields:

Seminary studies, nursing, graduate study; men and women studies; liberal arts courses; library sharing; faculty recruitment; and international affairs and development.

Schools involved are John Carroll University, 4,600 students; Ursulauline College, 2,000; Notre Dame College, 1,500; St. Vincent College, 1,200; St. Joseph College, 1,000; and St. Ignace College, 800. Seminary with 11 is considered a but many students enrolled in "high schools which often morning."

The schools are operating for several years, notes interchange and a of classroom into maintain a common.

Catholic Expansion

Flint, Mich.—(RNS)—Construction cost necessary to absorb build two new Catholic high schools here.

Instead, two high schools will be expanded and central schools.

The cost of erecting a high school some 4,000 students area had been close to \$10 million drive begun last fall reached only contributions and.

Under the new existing schools diverted for an estimated. They will students.

Seven parish will be closed. Verted Catholic are opened in St.

Father William Lansing diocese; ent for education plan has and will equal plan for high school, administrative and staffing.

"We want to be said, 'not that keep us children.'"

Additional fun school campaign for endowment and similar purposes.

Plan Shopping Center

Bristol, England—Bristol's Baptist church above the heart of this shopping area, \$520,000. It will stairs and an.

The new church the Broadmead where an existing has stood on a B 1640, is being Broadmead's most a result of payment.

Setting for 1,100 in the new will be complete.