



## Around The Country

### Catholic Pupils' Use of Buses Limited

Doylestown, Pa. — (RNS) — Bucks County Judge John J. Bodley has declared illegal the busing of parochial school students in public school vehicles outside or beyond established public school bus routes.

His decision involved nearly 500 children who have been transferred by bus since last September to two Roman Catholic schools over a municipal boundary. Prior to that time, the buses dropped the children at a location on the boundary.

The public school code in Pennsylvania permits school districts to provide free transportation to non-public schools only "over established public school bus routes." Judge Bodley said he made his decision "with great reluctance."

### Fearless Open Housing Campaign Urged

Jefferson City, Mo. — (NC) — Bishop Joseph M. Marling, C.P.P.S., of Jefferson City has urged Catholics of the diocese to campaign "openly and fearlessly" for area open housing laws.

In a pastoral letter he spoke of the segregation that closed housing entails as a sin "against charity, justice and the very finest instincts of our nature."

The bishop declared: "Christ is brother to the colored in the identical sense that he is brother to the other children of men."

### Violence in Black Power Seen Suicidal

Harrisburg, Pa. — (RNS) — A Negro clergyman from Philadelphia said here that "black power" advocates must find some means besides violence to attain their goals.

Dr. Stanley W. Hatch, pastor of St. Mark's Tabernacle Baptist church, urged ministers of the Harrisburg area to provide leadership to counteract "misdirected use of 'black power' leading our people down a suicidal road."

Dr. Hatch said that people are looking to the church for leadership in a day in which "talk of violence" threatens cities. If the church has failed to give leadership, he stated, the failure is attributable to its ministers.

He said a solution to the urban and racial problems is the creation of jobs, "instead of welfare reservations."

### Three Orders to Share New Seminary

Chicago — (RNS) — The Passionist, Franciscan and Servite orders have joined in establishing a graduate theological school for Catholic priests near the University of Chicago.

The Catholic Theological Union will open in the fall in a converted former hotel with about 100 students.

Father Paul Bechtold, a Passionist, is president. "We are combining our resources," he said, "to create a theology school with a greater depth of faculty, a larger student body, near a great university, in ecumenical contact with seminaries of other faiths."

### Diocese Hopes to Enter Housing Field

Providence, R.I. — Two bills that would launch the Diocese of Providence into the housing field have been introduced in the Rhode Island General Assembly.

One would permit the diocese to construct an apartment complex in an urban renewal area near the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul. Full property taxes would be paid.

The other legislation, prepared by the diocesan Human Relations Commission, would create a state authority with the power to guarantee mortgage loans for new or rehabilitated housing.

The stated purpose of the latter bill is to encourage the poor to buy houses and "reverse a manifest downward spiral of housing quality in many urban areas where numerous citizens are condemned perpetually to rent substandard housing without any real hope of becoming home owners."

### Providence Nuns Disbanding

Providence, R.I. — A 13-year-old diocesan community of nuns here has announced plans to disband in June due to "difficulties" encountered in attempts toward religious renewal.

The Congregation of Our Lady of Providence, founded by Bishop Russell J. McVinnie of Providence in 1955, currently has 23 professed Sisters, four novices and two postulants.

According to Sister Nancy, mother general, the majority will return to lay life but a few have applied for membership in other Religious communities.

### Boston College Seeks Negro Talent

Chestnut Hill, Mass. — (NC) — Jesuit-operated Boston College has appropriated \$100,000 for a program to recruit talented Negro students from disadvantaged urban areas, mainly in Greater Boston. Some 50 applications have been received.

There have always been Negro students at Boston College, officials said, but their number is not known because race is not shown on applications. Next September some 25 will be admitted under the talent search program.

### Notre Dame Seeks Student Advice

Notre Dame, Ind. — (RNC) — Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame University, has asked faculty members and students to study the Catholic school's over-all curriculum and suggest changes they think are essential.

Father Hesburgh emphasized the involvement of students and careful attention to their personal educational needs, and the use of maximum educational opportunities latent in the residence hall system, where most Notre Dame students live. He stressed theology "to give meaning and direction to the whole of life in all its intellectual and moral dimensions," and the increasingly important international and intercultural dimensions of modern higher education.

### Bishop A Celebrant at Peace Vigil

South Orange, N.J. — (NC) — "The time has come for Christians to broaden their love," Auxiliary Bishop John J. Dougherty of Newark told more than 200 Seton Hall University students during an all-night Vigil for Peace in the campus chapel.

Bishop Dougherty, who is president of Seton Hall, was the principal concelebrant of a Mass. Among those addressing the students were an Episcopalian priest, a Jewish rabbi, and a lay theologian.

A group of guitar playing young people and nuns, and an all-Negro Baptist choir provided the musical interludes which marked the program, sponsored by Students and Faculty for World Peace.



Vietnam — (RNS) — Soldiers of a joint U.S.-South Vietnamese patrol move toward a Roman Catholic church which recently sustained heavy interior damage during an air bombing of Vietcong troops who controlled the forward area.

## Corporation Pressures Seen Next Negro Step

St. Paul — (NC) — A man often billed as a radical agitator forecast here that pressure on the corporate economy is the next vital step for U.S. minority groups in their fight for equality.

Saul Alinsky heads the Industrial Areas Foundation in Chicago and was instrumental in organizing the Rochester, N.Y., Negro community that in 1967 secured representation in dealing with Eastman Kodak, Inc. He was here to give talks at the Colleges of St. Catherine and St. Thomas.

In a news conference at St. Thomas, Alinsky called economic boycotts and sit-ins "pretty much a part of the dinosaur age."

"Because of the interlocking character of corporations," he said, they are the power centers where meaningful progress in attaining equality for minorities must take place. He described the struggle with Kodak as a milestone in making stockholders participants in developing a company's policies.

Alinsky called organization the key to power and said he is going to open a "major training institute for organizers who know how to organize."

Black power, Alinsky said, is "subject to a whole variety of definitions" and encompasses "many kooks — there are as many black kooks as white kooks." Basically, he said, "black power doesn't mean anything different than white power or business power."

Asked about violence, Alinsky said he thinks "most whites in this country were relieved by the violence of last summer," because they didn't know how to confront the Negroes' demands for equality, but did know how to confront violence.

"Violence is the experience of the past. You meet it by force," he said, and thus putting "first things first" do not have to face the issues that stimulated it. Alinsky asserted that there is more preparation for violence in the coming summer among whites than among blacks. "A non-violent summer would leave the white society frustrated," he thinks.

## Catholics Ask For Statewide Poverty Office

Syracuse — (RNS) — A statewide office on poverty which would coordinate all public and private anti-poverty efforts was recommended here to the New York State Board of Social Welfare by Father Charles J. Fahey, director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Syracuse.

Father Fahey's statement to the state board was issued in behalf of the New York State Catholic Committee which is composed of Catholic clergy and laity from all eight dioceses in the state.

The Syracuse priest also told the state unit that a "National Institute on Poverty" should be established. "We need a national center through which in-depth research on poverty can be stimulated and results colated."

Stressing that the "role of social insurance and welfare should be taught in our schools," Father Fahey declared:

"We as religious leaders are appalled at the growing antipathy toward the poor in our society. We are concerned by the growing egocentricity of our people.

"We are saddened as we see the quest for more of all these things result in a growing blindness to the needs of others. To alleviate poverty will cost money — but this is cheap when we think what poverty costs people."

## Japanese Pilgrims Received By Pope

Vatican City — (NC) — A pilgrimage of Japanese Catholics and Protestants who are praying for Christian unity at Lourdes, Fatima and the Holy Land were given a warm welcome at the Vatican by Pope Paul VI in a special audience.

## Priest Study To Include Celibacy

Detroit — (NC) — A major study on the life of priests currently being made by the bishops of the United States will include the question of celibacy, according to a joint announcement from the office of Archbishop John F. Dearden of Detroit and the officers of the National Association for Pastoral Renewal (NAPR).

NAPR is an organization of priests and lay persons formed primarily to promote the idea that celibacy should be optional — not mandatory — for Catholic priests. NAPR has frequently charged the U.S. bishops with refusing to discuss the celibacy issue.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), at its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. last fall, reaffirmed the value of celibacy and declared it would be "irresponsible on our part to hold out any hope that this discipline will be changed. Such expectation is without foundation," the bishops added.

The NCCB then announced a detailed program for the study on the life and ministry of priests, under the Bishops' Committee on Pastoral Research and Practices headed by John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia.

Recently, Archbishop Dearden, who is president of the NCCB, and Bishop Alexander M. Zaleski of Lansing, vice chairman of the NCCB committee undertaking the study, met in Detroit with a group of NAPR officers.

"The discussion centered around the present study. All aspects of priestly life will be considered including celibacy.

The announcement said there was also discussion at the meeting of problems relating to the process of laicization for priests who wish to leave the ministry. "Both the officers of the NAPR and the bishops expressed their concern for priests for reasons of conscience have decided to leave the ministry."

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