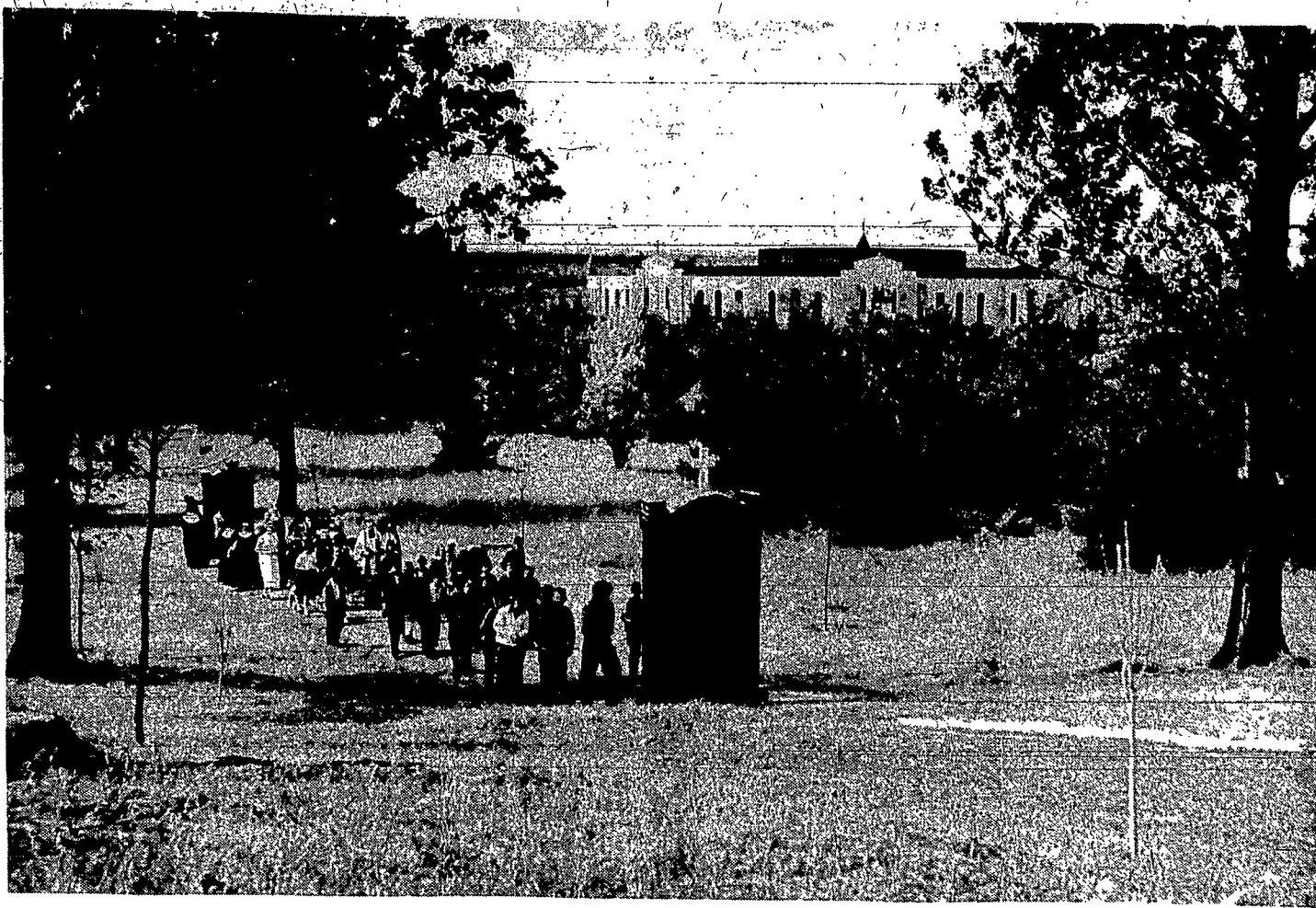


# A Sunday Drive in New York



Boys make the outdoor Stations of the Cross at Auriesville.

## Auriesville: State's Most Popular Shrine

Nearly a million persons visit Roman Catholic shrines in New York State each year, according to the State Commerce Department.

And the most popular is the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs at Auriesville, a 900-acre site in one of the most scenic areas in the Mohawk Valley. It is about a three hour drive from Rochester via the Thruway.

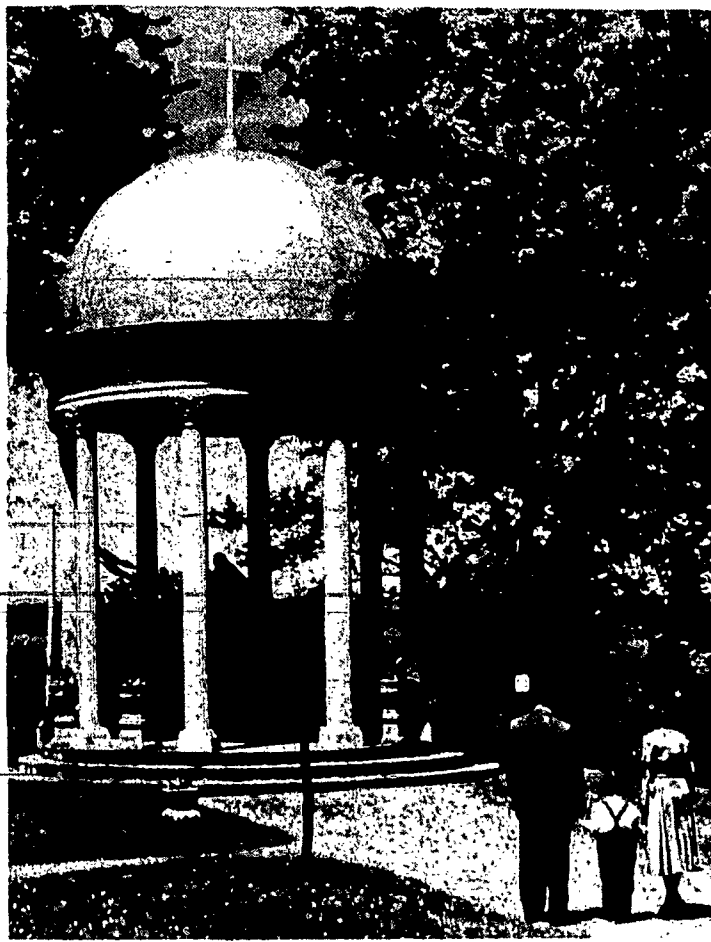
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It was at Auriesville that the first American saints, Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil and John La Lande were martyred in 1642-46. St. Isaac Jogues was also the discoverer of the Empire State's famous body of water, Lake George.

To pilgrims making the Stations of the Cross along the winding Hill of Prayer on the shrine grounds, it is a profound spiritual experience to know that on this very path St. Isaac suffered torture and death and that, in the nearby ravine, St. Rene Goupil lies in an unmarked grave.

Built on a hill, the shrine overlooks the placid Mohawk River. In the mammoth circular Church of Our Lady of Martyrs, which seats 6,000, special Masses and memorial services are held. The New York State Thruway, Routes 5 and 85 pass directly in front of the shrine.

At Fonda, not far from Auriesville, is a memorial to a young Indian maiden, Catherine Tekakwitha. Called the "Lily of the Mohawks," Catherine was born in 1656 in the village, where, only a dozen years before, Father Jogues and his companions were killed. She was baptized at the age of twenty, and though persecuted because of her Catholicism, she continued to live a life of purity and sanctity. A small museum of Mohawk Indian artifacts is connected with the memorial shrine.



One-of-many shrines-on grounds.

## Education

### Textbook Ruling: Two Reactions

By WILLIAM RYAN  
NC News Service

Washington—A U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding a New York State law permitting the lending of textbooks to non-public school children was hailed as an expression of confidence in private education by Catholic school officials but denounced as a setback to Church-State separation by groups which opposed the law.

The Supreme Court ruled, in the so-called East Greenbush case, that the purchase of textbooks by New York State for lending to pupils in grades 7 through 12 in nonpublic schools is not unconstitutional.

The textbook lending program had been challenged on the grounds that it violated constitutional safeguards against an "establishment of religion."

Father C. Albert Koob, O. Praem., executive secretary of the National Catholic Education Association, said the decision was "a vote of confidence from the Supreme Court in the value of private education to the nation." He called it a "clear affirmation that education, whether public or private, is an invaluable national resource."

Steven E. Meyer, assistant executive director, Citizens for Educational Freedom, said, "CEF applauds the decision. We hope that the public and nonpublic academic structures will join hands to solve some of the overwhelming educational problems that exist in this country."

The New York Civil Liberties Union charged that "the court is bowing to the pressures which have been exerted by its anti-libertarian critics."

The United Parents Association claimed that, despite the court's ruling, the textbook loan law "violates every principle undergirding the functioning of the public educational system."

The United Federation of Teachers, saying the decision might lead to an increased use of public funds for private schools, called for an immediate doubling of expenditures for public schools.

The New York Times, in an editorial titled "Retreat on Church Schools," said the Supreme Court decision "deepens the already serious inroads that have been made into the vital principle of church-state separation."

The Times said that "we agree with Justice Black that the New York law is 'a flat, flagrant, open violation' of the constitutional prohibition against public support of church-controlled education. The jubilant reaction of Catholic and Jewish parochial school leaders and their undignified anticipation of ever greater public support leave no doubt that the separation principle now is in danger not of erosion but of being swept away."

### Bishop Has Praise For CRS Workers

New York — (NC) — The executive director of the U.S. Catholic overseas aid agency lauded the efforts of Catholic Relief Services personnel in carrying out their jobs in Vietnam despite the dangers they face there.

Bishop Edward E. Swannstrom said on his return from a visit to Vietnam:

"After seeing for myself the danger and the threat of danger that Catholic Relief Services personnel face daily in Vietnam in carrying out their apostolic assignment of caring for the poor and suffering in that besieged country, I can only say that I am proud to have such courageous and remarkable men and women on my staff."

Bishop Swannstrom spoke at a reception celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination at CRS headquarters here.

Bishop Swannstrom continued, "Time and time again, in Saigon, Hue and Kontum, at all the refugee centers I inspected, the difference between life or death for thousands of these unfortunate was the supplies of U.S. government — donated food, clothing from the annual Thanksgiving Clothing Campaign (of the U.S. bishops) and medicines being distributed by Catholic Relief Services, and made possible by the support of the wonderfully generous people of this country."

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### Pa. Senate OKs Private School Aid

Harrisburg, Pa.—(NC)—For the first time in Pennsylvania's history the state Senate passed a bill which would give public aid to parochial and private schools.

But the Senate version of the legislation drastically differs from the bill which the House passed in May. It is expected that difficulties may be encountered before Senate-House agreement is reached on a compromise measure.

With amendments drafted by Gov. Raymond P. Shafer, the Senate by a vote of 20-to-17 passed (June 12) the bill which would provide cash payments to nonpublic schools for teachers' salaries, textbooks and other teaching aids for teaching non-religious subjects.

The Senate bill provides the funds shall come from revenues realized from horse racing. The Senate bill provides that \$4.3 million from the harness racing "take" be set aside to finance the first year program of the school aid beginning July 1. The measure further provides the first \$10 million, plus half of any amount above that figure, realized from flat racing in the future be reserved for the program.

Gov. Shafer has said he will sign the measure if and when it reaches his desk, provided it is in the form of the Senate measure. It also was reported that the measure is acceptable to the state's Catholic Church leaders — the state's Catholic schools would be the chief beneficiaries under the legislation.

### Training Missioners Topic for Bishops

Detroit—(NC)—A meeting of minds on how to select and train missionaries for Latin America marked the conference of Latin American bishops, U.S. bishops and superiors of major U.S. religious orders (June 10 to 12) at Sacred Heart Seminary here.

Representatives of the Latin American Bishops Council (CELAM) presented three requests to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and the major U.S. religious superiors. At present, the Latin American bishops' requests were:

- That any priest, nun or

### Drive to Enlist Negroes Urged To Seminaries

St. Louis — (RNS) — U.S. theological schools must launch an aggressive program to enlist and train Negro clergymen and assist Negro ministerial students, Dr. C. Shelby Rooks told the American Association of Theological Schools.

Dr. Rooks, executive director of the Fund for Theological Education, spoke during the closing sessions of the association's biennial meeting at Concordia Seminary.

"Nearly every major denomination has now set aside funds for meeting urban problems, and many seminaries have funds at their disposal which could be used in this imperative task," he said. "There is no more imperative need in America than the need for competent black leadership in the church, and it is to this need that the seminaries must address themselves in a conclusive way."

He asked greater flexibility and latitude in the admission of Negro students to seminaries, and asked that contemporary studies be provided where they are needed. The seminaries were requested to give more attention to potential than to academic record in the admission of Negro students.

"We would like to see an increase in the number of Negro students in all seminaries accredited by the association," Dr. Rooks said. "At present, there are only 300 Negro students in all of these seminaries."

The seminaries must adopt a realistic program of tutorial assistance and financial aid for promising Negro students who have academic deficiencies, the resolution said. This program must be coupled with a realistic placement program which will make full use of Negro graduates.

### McKenzie, Davis To Debate at Laymen's Meeting

Chicago — (RNS) — A debate between two prominent theologians, Charles Davis and Father John L. McKenzie, S.J., will be one of the highlights of the second annual convention of the National Association of Laymen here, June 28-30.

The unofficial Roman Catholic organization will present group discussions of 16 current topics during the three-day meeting.

The Davis-McKenzie debate will be a confrontation between one of the most widely read English theologians, who left the priesthood and the Catholic Church at the end of 1968, and a University of Notre Dame professor, well known for several award-winning books, who has been active in reform movements within the Church.

Discussion topics for other sessions will include problems of war, racism, education and communication as well as many subjects directly related to the Church as an institution. Experimental parish communities, parish councils and independent organizations will be analyzed, as well as parish and diocesan administration and the question of public financial reports by Church units.

Other topics include: Student Power and the Catholic Campus, Women in the Church, the Church and the City, Celibacy and Laicization, Liturgy and Ecumenism.

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### Serra International Plans Convention

Chicago — (NC) — More than 2,000 Catholic laymen, 35 bishops and several hundred priests from 20 nations are expected to attend the 30th anniversary convention of Serra International, July 1 to 3 in Portland, Ore. Convention theme will be "The Serra Responds With Faith and Action."

Cardinal Cody of Chicago, episcopal adviser to Serra, a lay group organized to study and foster vocations to the priesthood. Preaching the homily will be Archbishop Robert J. Dwyer of Portland.

First Friday Luncheon Club, Mass for deceased members, June 21, 12:10 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, Pleasant St.

The convention will open with a Mass celebrated by John

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