

AROUND THE COUNTRY

Welfare Fails, Researcher Says

South Bend, Ind. (NC) — The United States welfare system is a "complete and dismal failure," a University of Notre Dame sociology professor told social service workers here.

Prof. Hugh P. O'Brien, speaking at a United Community Service seminar, based his remarks on a three-year study he conducted in inner-city areas of New York, Chicago and Washington. O'Brien directed the study under a \$500,000 grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

He said the welfare bureaucracy was "turning social workers into bookkeepers instead of helpers." He proposed eliminating the costly eligibility investigation and perhaps instituting a guaranteed annual wage.

Agency For Migrants Proposed

Trenton, N.J. (NC) — The Governor's Task Force on Migrant Farm Labor has urged creation of a state agency to help New Jersey's migrants organize.

The study group was critical of state enforcement of laws dealing with migrant labor and housing. It recommended that the governor's office assume direct responsibility for the welfare of migrant farm workers.

The study group also urged that the 1,500 southern Negroes who come to this state for the harvest and the nearly 9,000 Negroes who are trucked in each day from Camden-Philadelphia slums be accorded the same work guarantees now given to the 5,000 Puerto Ricans who work here each summer.

Group To Study European Cities

New York — (RNS) — Forty-nine young people from the United States and Canada will leave here soon to study the urban situation in Europe.

The interracial, interreligious group, sponsored by the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, will spend four weeks in England and two weeks touring the continent.

Layman Heads Diocesan Schools

New Orleans — (RNS) — The first layman to assume full charge of a Catholic diocesan educational system has been appointed by the new Diocese of Orlando, Fla.

Richard T. Corrado, who has been assistant superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, assumed the post Aug. 1.

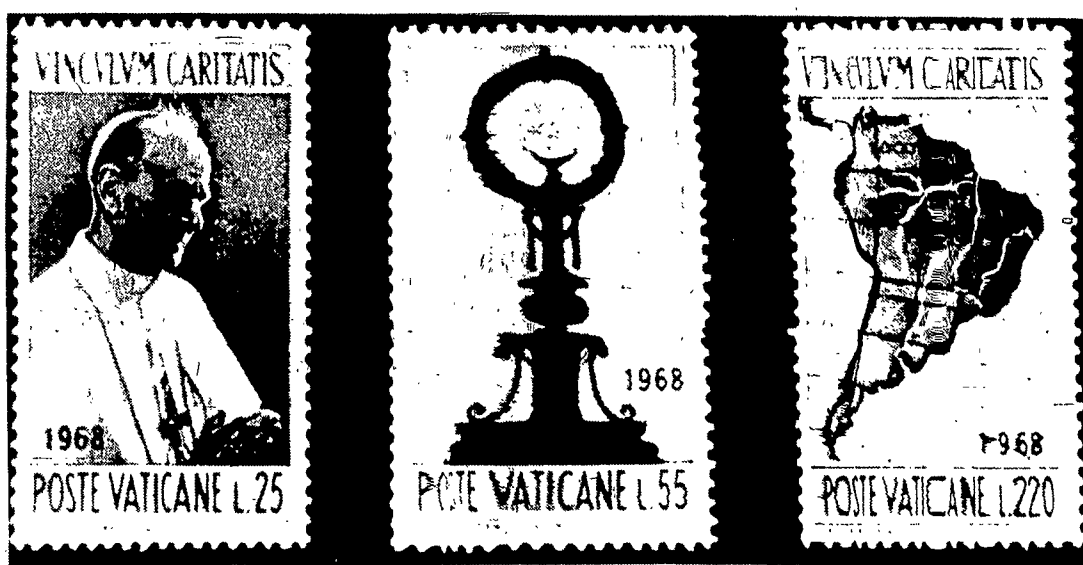
The system encompasses 13 counties and includes 27 elementary and five high schools, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and other catechetical programs and the Newman Apostolate.

Pornography Penalties Stiffened

Harrisburg, Pa. — (RNS) — Gov. Raymond P. Shafer has signed legislation establishing stiff penalties for the sale of obscene materials to persons 17 years old and younger.

"The key to this new law," Gov. Shafer said, is that "a state may protect children from obscene materials to a greater degree than it can proscribe material for adults."

"For example, violation of the adult portion of the law brings a penalty of two years in jail or a \$2,000 fine or both. But violation of the juvenile section means a penalty of five years or \$5,000 or both."



Pope's Trip Commemorated

The Vatican Post Office has issued a set of three stamps commemorating the visit of Pope Paul VI to Latin America and the International Eucharistic Congress in Bogota, Colombia. The stamp at left shows a portrait of Pope Paul, center stamp is a reproduction of a monstrance from a Raphael fresco, and the final stamp is a copy of the map of Latin America by Benvenuto, a baroque painter, the original of which hangs in the hall of the Vatican Secretariat of State. (RNS Photo)

Liturgical Unit Faces Own Revolt

Washington — (NC) — The National Liturgical Conference, which recently discussed "Revolution: Christian Response" at its annual meeting here, has found a revolt on its own doorsteps.

Five of its 31 board members have resigned in a policy dispute with the conference "administration."

Two charges stood out among many in the individual letters of resignation: that a conference pledge to follow Mass practices approved by the Washington archdiocese or else hold no Mass at all was violated; and that a committee report urging that the conference take a serious new look at its finances and day by day operations was treated in a "cavalier" way.

The resigning board members are: Bishop Charles A. Eusew of Pueblo, Colo., longtime member of the conference and one of the two bishops on the board; Msgr. John J. McEneaney, past president of the conference, now pastor of Cathedral parish; Sioux Falls, S.D.; William Baroody of Washington, treasurer of the conference, chairman of the bylaws committee, and the only Eastern Rite member of the board; David L. McManus, president of Helicon Press, Inc., a Baltimore publishing firm, a member of the administration committee; and Father Aidan Kavanagh, O.S.B., liturgical scholar of the University of Notre Dame.

Encyclical Survey Urged

Boston — (RNS) — A Roman Catholic sociologist suggested here that a scientific survey be made to determine the precise impact of Pope Paul VI's encyclical on birth control among Catholics.

Brother Gerald J. Schnepp, S.M., of St. Mary's University, San Antonio, made the suggestion at the 30th annual meeting of the American Catholic Sociological Society.

Sociological papers read at the meeting delved into Catholic attitudes in other areas of interest in church life, including the work of inner city priests, involvement in social programs and a demand for sociologists to become "activists" rather than mere "celebrators" of society.

Father James H. Stewart of Notre Dame University reported on the survey of a sample population of inner city priests representing 16 U.S. metropolitan areas.

He said the findings indicated that the inner city priests feel an "overall sense of isolation" because of a lack of community-wide support, restrictions linked with the structural arrangements of the institutional church and "many failures and frustrations" in ghetto situations.

The researcher noted a growing shift in the priority of values among the nation's inner city priests. He said his findings show these priests moving "toward secular values and concerns." Other indications "strongly suggested" in the evidence and current writings on the inner city:

— The "master occupational role" of the priests within the inner city will increasingly become a matter of group activity.

— Existing stresses will be reduced through the reduction of multiple roles and contradictory demands upon the clergy.

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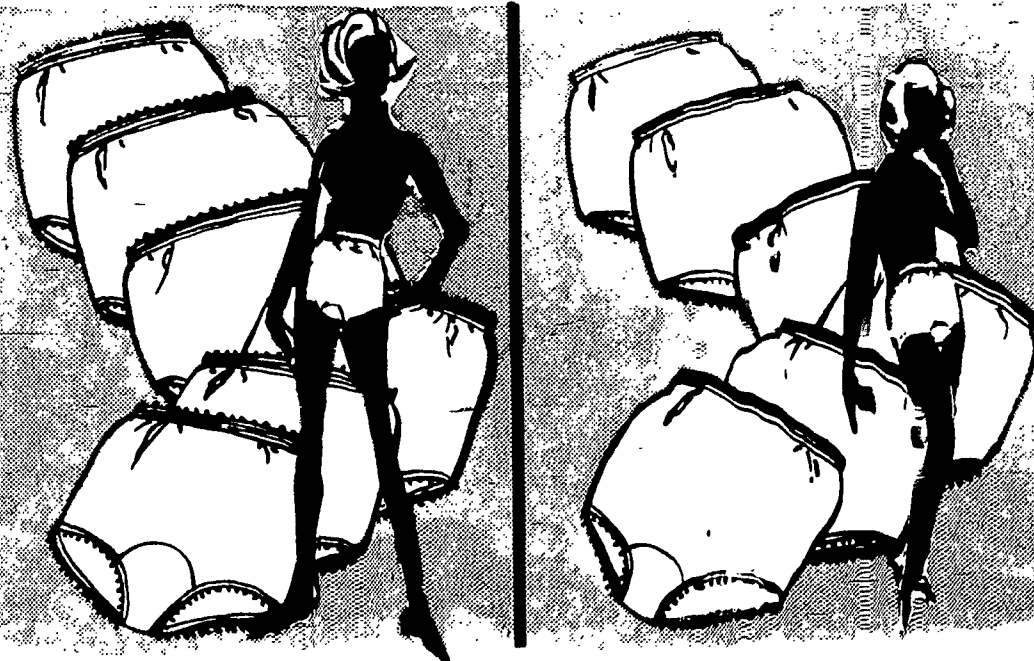
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