## AROUND THE COUNTRY

### School Endowment Fund Begun

Philadelphia — (RNS) — An endowment fund for the 31 high schools of the Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia was launched here with a gift of \$500,000 from Matthew H. McCloskey, retired builder and former U.S. Ambassador to Ire-

In announcing establishment of the fund, John Cardinal Krol said the gift was the first of its type to a diocesan school system.

He expressed hope that the fund would be built up "by many millions of dollars through other private contributions," and that the income would solve some of the financial problems of the Catholic high schools, which now cost \$12.5 million a year to operate.

#### Court Upholds Death Penalty

Sacramento — (RNS) — California's Supreme Court has upheld the state's death penalty as constitutional in a 4-3 decision.

Eighty-five persons, including a woman, are now facing execution in the gas chamber. The court had issued a blanket stay of executions on Nov. 14, 1967 pending decision on the constitutional question.

Four constitutional objections to the death penalty were rejected by the court. They included a proposition that the death penalty constituted cruel and inhuman punishment.

#### Mormon Choir To Sing At Inaugural

Salt Lake City — (RNS) — The world-famous Church Tabernacle Choir will sing at a program attending President-elect Richard M. Nixon's inauguration, according to J. Willard Marriott, chairman of the Inaugural Committee.

The 375-voice choir sang at President Lyndon B. Johnson's Inauguration in 1965, and Mr. Nixon has asked that the choir be invited to his.



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## Fordham Prexy Warns Against Violence

New York—(RNS)—Urging can American Advancement, dissident students and faculty also held a separate demonto "exert every effort to see that violence does not destroy our discussion and us," the president of Fordham University has answered critics of his administration.

Basically, Father Leo Mc-Laughlin, S.J., welcomed the comments of the Student-Faculty Coalition for a Restructure of the University and pointed out to it that many of the changes that they are seeking are already in the works.

The coalition had been conducting a three-day "sleepin" at the university's student center. Another campus group, the Society for Afri-

Proposed for

Mixed Marriages

Minneapolis —(RNS)—Two

Midwest priests' groups, in

separate meetings, have called

on the Church to discontinue

its practice of requiring pre-

marriage promises when Cath-

Some 30 Catholic and Prot-

estant chaplains and campus

Minnesota and Minnesota state

colleges, meeting at the New-

man Center in St. Cloud, also

suggested replacing dispensa-

tions with simple permissions

They proposed that the

terms "mixed marriage" and

"inter-faith marriage" be

dropped in favor of "ecumeni-

Meanwhile, delegates from

priests' councils in Minnesota,

North Dakota and South Da-

kota, meeting in Blooming-

ton, Minn., asked bishops of

neapolis, to permit mixed

marriages to take place in the

church of the non-Catholic

the Province of St. Paul-Min-

in mixed marriages.

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ministers of the University of

olics marry non-Catholics.

his office. The society had asked the dean to sign a federal financial aid to student\_demonstrators. The student-faculty group,

manded that they be given a dominant voice in university management. They asked: • "Full implementation of

the Gellhorn Report, a study released by the university in October which recommended

End of Promises' New Yorker Named

pendent of Jesuit control. also held a separate demonstration in which they detained the dean of students in pledge that Fordham would take no action that could end

which claimed it had 800 signatures on a petition, de-

that Fordham be made inde-

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Washington — (NC) — War-lic relations firm of Carl Byoir, ren W. Schwed, a New York Newsweek, McGraw-Hill and

was established in 1966 by the even limited changes in the law

U.S. bishops to carry out their could ultimately give the gov-

programs in the social, educa-ernment the right "to control

tional and public affairs fields. the destiny of the unborn."

Inc., in New York and served action committee, said also:

terest in the firm to produce simply on request or on the

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• "Immediate rescinding of the faculty hiring and budget freezes and the freshman tuition hike." (Next year, freshman tuition will rise \$200 to \$2,000 a year.)

> • Creation of faculty-student committees in the academic departments to plan courses and decide on hiring and promotions.

• An "immediate end to racism" at the university.

 Creation of a studentfaculty senate.

• Expansion of the board of trustees to give students and faculty a majority.

Baptist Leader

Speaks Against

Easy Abortion

Camden, N.J. — (RNS) —

warned a public hearing on the

Dr. Samuel A. Jeanes, chair-

In his invitation to the student-faculty group, Father McLaughlin said Ine was "in sympathy with the philosophy which animates all parts of your communique: 'If Fordham is to change, indeed if Fordham is to exist,' there must be student-faculty participation in the decisionmaking process of the univer-

In regard to the coalition's demand that stundents and faculty have a voice in the decision-making process at the university, the Fordham president promised the establishment of a university senate. A target date of next Feb. 3 for a referendum on the issue was set.

### Diocese to Give City \$10,000

In Lieu of Taxes

Providence, R.I.—(RNS) public relations consultant, film producer and former newsman, has been named director of the Department of Communications and M.A. de-The Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence will give the City of Providence \$10,000 a Department of Communications grees from Columbia Univeryear in lieu of taxes on its new 2.2 million dollar office complex, Bishop Russell J. McVinney announced here.

There is a movement afoot to tax all church property and some people feel that the church pays no taxes at all. the bishops said. But Catholic parishes in Providence pay the city a total of \$59,758 in the NC News Service for the A representative of the New taxes on rectories and con-Jersey Baptist Convention vents, he added. The U.S. Catholic Conference state's abortion statules that

Bishop McVinney said that diocesan departments housed in the new office complex are not profit-making enterprises and thus the building should be exempt from taxes.

dent of Grey Public Relations, man of the convention's social But the City of Providence is desperate for mew sources "The relaxation of law to perof revenue, the bishop added, this year, when he sold his in- mit the practice of abortion and "we feel it fitting and proper to make a contribution" of \$10,000 in lieu of sons could open a Pandora's box of moral, emotional and

The new chancery complex includes about 75 offices and 750-seat auditorium.

#### 'Shared Time' Believed Legal

Frankfort, Ky. — (RNS) -Attorney General John B. Breckinridge of Kentucky has advised that the shared-time involviang and public schools in Louisville and nearby Bardstown are legal under state law.

The opinion do-es not have the force of law.

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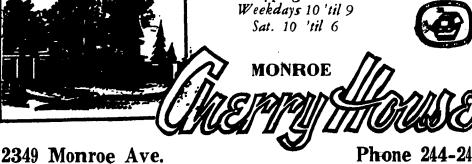


Students from Rayen School in Youngstown, Ohio, above, protest closing of schools there because of a shortage of funds. Chanting "education, not vacation", they dislike closing of public schools Nov. 27 not to reopen until Jan. 2, the start of the new fiscal year. Meanwhile, in New York City, right, pupils picket the High School of Art and Design in protest of a loss of holidays in the wake of a six-week school closedown. (RNS Photos)



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