## It's Flooding the Country; FBI Head Urges New Laws

NC News Service Washington—Any attempt made to stem the rapid rise in crime in the United States should include an effort to curb the publication and sale of obscene material, in the opinion of the nation's

No. 1 law enforcement of

Few persons in the country are as outspoken against pornography and its evil influence as is J. Edgar Hoover, whom President-elect Nixon has asked to stay on as the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He buttresseses his condemnations with reports he receives from police officials across the country.

In the very first days of the new 91st Congress, Rep. Fletcher Thompson of Georgia said he would introduce constitutional amendment to give Congress the right to define obscenity and reg-

ulate publication of obscene clared, "unequivocally state adolescents does untold dam-"protect their children and loved ones from being exposed to obscenity."

In one of his strongest statements, FBI Director Hoover said: "It is impossible to estimate the amount of harm to impressionable teenagers and to assess the volume of sex crimes attriits influence is extensive."

He added that "many parents are deeply concerned about conditions," and that "we must face reality." "Por-nography, in-all its forms, is one major cause of sex crimes, sexual aberrations. and perversions," he as-

"Police officials who have lem with me," Hoover de- of young people and curious

material Thom pson said that lewd and obscene macourt rulings have made it terial plays a motivating role impossible" for people to, in sexual violence. In case after case, the sex criminal has on his person or in his possession pornographic literature or pictures."

Let us look about us, the FBI head suggested. "In the publishing, theatrical, and entertainment fields, are the good, enlightening, and educational qualities of their products being overbutable to pornography but shadowed by too much emphasis on obscenity, vulgarity, incest, and homosexuality? Many people believe this to be true

"But the legitimate productions of these media are rather mild when compared to the 'hard core' pornography flooding the country in the forms of films, 'playing' cards, 'comic' books, paperbacks, and pictures." he adddiscussed this critical probed. "Such filth in the hands

age and leads to disastrous consequences."

He said that "obviously, all that is being done to combat the sale and traffic in obscene material in the nation is not enough." He de-clared that "sound and workable laws are needed, and, where they do exist, they should be vigorously enforced."

Hoover spoke of "degenerate sex pictures and pornographic literature" being "covertly peddled and sold in most cities," and said they "net greedy smut merchants millions of dollars annually."

"Obscene material is indeed an evil, but it is not a necessary evil. If the illicit profits of pornography were replaced with stiff punishments for the filth purveyors, this evil would be brought under control," he

### **Ecumenical Experiment**

## Brand New Town for Londoners

By JOHN A. GREAVES-

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(NC News Service) ondon — (NC) — Catholic and Protestant clergy are jointly planning an experiment in practical ecumenism for a completely new town in

The new town named Thamesmead-for about 70,-000 Londoners — is being established along the south side of the River Thames on the eastern fringe of the

The churches are planning to move in as a team, ignoring their separate traditions and organizing religion in the new town as an interdenominational effort.

The self-contained streamlined modern town of young lower income families—which is costing the London civic authorities about \$500 million — will, by its completion in about 15 years, contain a large central ecumenical com-

\$500,000, will include a com- Joint Bible discussion groups Tonawanda. munal church, a Catholic will be organized. Joint youth chapel, a community hall, a

Two smaller "pastoral 1969 famil units," each supervised by a riving in resident minister, will also be around 30 a week, As they

side the town. Separate denominational churches will only be built where the need for them is established.

The Catholic archdiocese of Southwark is understood to be considering three or four small churches of its own, each served by one priest, but with all the priests according to present plansliving together in one house with a senior priest in charge. This would make it possible to give more responsibility than is usual at present to younger priests in traditional parishes.

The object of the plan is not to further Christian reunion directly but to exempt Thamesmead as far as possible from the bad effect of present divisions and also to secure a maximum of Christian cooperation.

As the town grows, the "group ministry" will recruit specialist members and aschaplains and social workers groups should be possible

From the early spring of 1969 families will begin ar-Tharnesmead at placed at strategic points in arrive, they will each be wel- from among five finalists, ac Year Award.

comed by one of the present and one Catholic secondary group ministries.

Over the past two years Christians of all denomina-Stions in nearby suburbs have been recruited and trained for a part in the plan. They will call on each family and explain the idea of the ecumenical project and take a census of religious affiliations for further use in their

Thamesmead will have its own Catholic primary schools clergy man.

school. The Southwark arch- SOMETHING NEW diocese will have to find about \$600,000 for these.

nt Anglican Church Sharing Bill now going through Parliament to allow the state church to own churches joint- We are planning to carry ly with other communities and to help finance them. It is expected to get through, but, if it does not, "we'll work out some way," said one

## Outstanding Young Catholics Named share your ideas and successes Please return your Question- choose your rugs now. Shop A month of new beginnings share your ideas an dsuccesses

versity of Dallas and a 26-year-the Teenage Section of the Naold teacher at a Catholic high tional CYO Federation, and school in North Tonawanda, Adair Turcotte of Manchester, N.Y., have been selected as the N.H., vice president of the fed-Outstanding Catholic Youth eration's Young Adult Section. and the Outstanding Catholic Young Adult of the year.

The winners are Patti Yezak, and national CYO. mond, Tex., and Gerard J. — who may belong to any of Mosey, a teacher at Bishop Francis of Assisi parish in the The complex, costing about the participating churches. Duffy High School in North Buffalo Diocese. He has served

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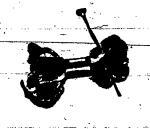


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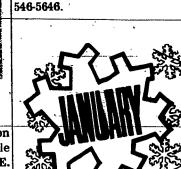
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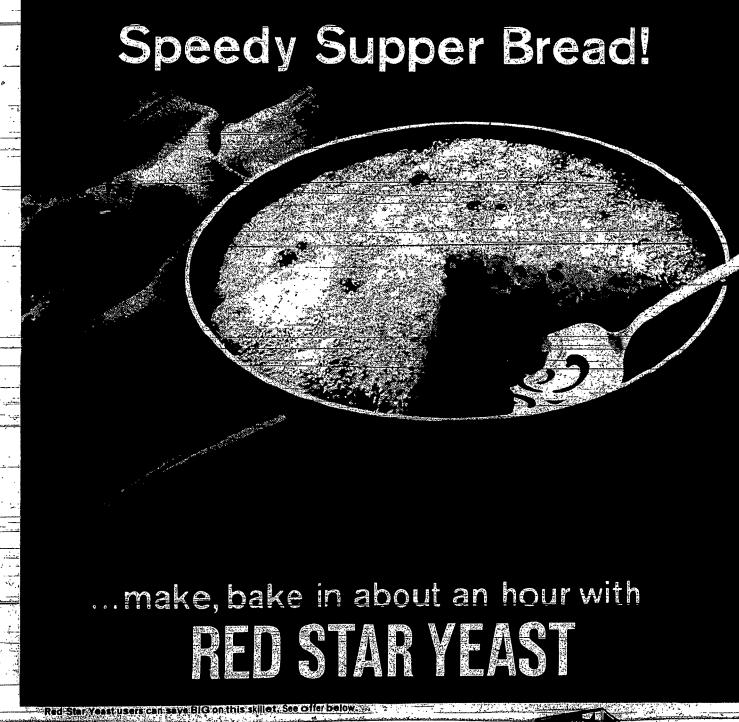
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