

Abortion Not Answer to Problem of 'Unwanted Child'

Society must implement many approaches to preventing the situation of the "unwanted child", rather than legitimizing its death through abortion, according to Mrs. Gerald Sullivan, a psychiatric social work consultant.

Speaking before a group of senators and assemblymen from Albany at a recent public hearing in Rochester to ascertain public opinion on moves toward liberalizing abortion in New York State, Mrs. Sullivan said that humanity always needs insurance against impulsive, short-sighted changes.

In today's extremes of "permissiveness, unrestrained self-expression, and decadence in morality," she stated, "society needs guidelines — laws which insure adherence to the precepts which have given us stability and progress."

Pleading for a "respectable sense of values and appreciation for the dignity of human life," Mrs. Sullivan urged that the State Legislature worry about "the broad social implications surrounding abortion."

The following is a partial text of Mrs. Sullivan's address:

1) "Have we made a proper evaluation of family planning? Has this resource been available long enough to those who would seek its service for us to negate its effectiveness in warding off 'unwanted pregnancies'?"

2) "Have we taken sufficient positive steps toward educating our youth to responsible parenthood with courses in marriage and parenthood — realistic ones which will contribute to better preparation for the roles to be assumed?"

3) "Is better public relations needed to advise people of the

units be fragmented by not concerning ourselves with the views of those who expound premarital sex, free love, etc.?"

In this regard, consider the following quote of Dr. Allen Guttmacher, "Abortions have become a common phenomenon, and they are increasing in proportion among young, unmarried girls. I am very unhappy about this. The idea that two unmarried people should have sexual intercourse as a test of compatibility for a future life together is a pagan myth."

Are we ready to let the strength and security of family

expert counselling available in public and private agencies? Psychiatrists and social workers can attest to the fact that it is possible to help people to gain greater insight into themselves, to foster healthier intra-personal relationships and better functioning.

Medicines can be prescribed by physicians to lift the spirit of the depressed, to calm anxieties and tension.

What about those adolescents who are living in intolerable home settings which cannot be alleviated by counseling? Some

act out with delinquent behavior, some girls resort to out-of-wedlock pregnancies in their state of rebellion or distress.

Resources in the form of group homes need to be developed so placement can be effected before the acting-out stage.

In our city, two excellent Community Mental Health Centers, one at Strong Memorial Hospital and one at Rochester General Hospital, are in operation, with two more in the planning stages. These are positive approaches offering supportive therapy to individuals

and couples — treatment that in some cases may well diminish the so-called crisis of abortion.

Professionally, I would stress unequivocally that in the existing law, in the proposed legislation or in the instance of abortion on demand, if this were to materialize, society would be remiss not to recognize that any woman confronted with a decision on possible abortion is in a stressful situation.

We cannot be so naive or presumptuous as to deny there is emotional involvement affecting her decision.

resources and alternatives available to them. This imposition of counselling prior to abortion is somewhat comparable to counselling proceedings for persons seeking divorce.

Protagonists for the theory of a woman's rights over her own body might question this requirement. It is but a safeguard, not an impediment.

We would do well to remember that Society imposes its will on an individual who is found attempting suicide. His self-termination is questioned because society has come to recognize that in moments of stress, good judgment does not prevail, and that help and ameliorative measures are possible.



STREET SHOWS POVERTY OF LA PAZ SLUMS

Fr. Deckman Named La Paz Superior

Father Peter Deckman, just returned to missionary duties in La Paz, Bolivia, after a Rochester vacation, was this week named Superior of the diocesan priests in the Bolivian Apostolate.

Bishop Sheen in making the announcement at the Pastoral Office stated that he has requested the Archbishop of La

Paz, the Most Rev. Jorge Manrique Hurtado, to appoint Father Deckman administrator of the parish of St. Joseph the Worker which has been under the care of priests from this diocese since Fall, 1966.

Father Paul Freemesser and Father Edward Golden share the parish duties with Father Deckman. They have been in

Bolivia less than a year. Their parish of 30,000 people lies high on the rim of a mountainous bowl which holds the half-million population of La Paz.

Msgr. John F. Duffy, director of Propagation of the Faith, will be the Diocesan Representative of the Bolivian Mission, Bishop Sheen announced, in a separate function from the papal mission duties.



Mission to Benefit from Party

The 13th annual St. Patrick's Day Card Party in behalf of former Rochesterian Rev. Michael F. Kavanagh, S.J., above with sick men in India, will be held on March 17 at St. Augustine School hall at 1:00 p.m.

Father Kavanagh works with the lepers in Bihar, India, where he has 4,000 registered at the clinic he set up. In a recent letter, he writes, "We are moving in all directions. We have five doctors and a lot of interest. We

may very soon do some eye operations."

"Also, we are having a distressing number of lepers we can't seem to cure — continual fever, swellings, sick, etc. Then the ones in pretty good health, whom we try to rehabilitate exert themselves for a few days and become sick again."

The desert card party will be put on by the ladies of St. Augustine's with Evelyn Dittman and Josephine Ewing co-chairmen.

McQuaid to Share In Dinner Proceeds



Rev. Mr. John F. Garvey, left, inspects gift of new motorbike for Jesuit missionaries at Xavier High School at Truk, Caroline Islands.

McQuaid High School and Jesuit missionaries will share in proceeds of the fourth annual Jesuit Benefit Dinner slated Monday evening, March 24, at Logan's, Scottsville Road.

Father Charles F. X. Dolan, S.J., teacher and missionary, will be principal speaker. Tickets and contributions can be arranged by phoning McQuaid at 473-1130, or the dinner co-chairman, Mrs. Anthony Cashette at 342-1867.

Included among Jesuit missionaries is the Rev. Mr. John F. Garvey, who won a four-year scholarship to McQuaid not too many years ago. Today he is a Jesuit scholastic training for the priesthood and teaching at Xavier High School in Truk, Caroline Islands. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Garvey, 17 Westerlo Road, Rochester.

Garvey is one of nine Jesuits teaching at the high school.

ORATORIO SOCIETY CONCERT SUNDAY

Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" and Poulenc's "Mass in G" will be sung by the Rochester Oratorio Society at 8:15 p.m. Sunday, March 16 in the Eastman Theatre. The concert will conclude the society's 24th season.

N. Y. City Educator To Speak at Aquinas

Rhody McCoy, administrator of New York City's controversial Ocean Hill-Brownsville experimental school district, will speak in Rochester on Thursday, March 20, at Aquinas Institute.

McCoy, one of the principals in last fall's prolonged New York City school strike, has become a nationally known exponent of the neighborhood school concept.

His chief adversary, Albert Shanker, who heads New York City's teachers' union, spoke in Rochester last month, presenting his view of the controversy. McCoy's address, sponsored by the Catholic Interracial Council, will provide Rochesterians



with an opportunity to hear the opposing viewpoint.

Classics IV To Aid Hope At Kearney

The Student Council of Bishop Kearney High School will sponsor a dance featuring the nationally-famous Classics IV, Sunday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

All proceeds from this dance will be used to aid the local chapter of Project HOPE. In addition to the Classics IV, the Poor Heart, a well-known local group, will be on hand to provide continuous music.

The Classics IV, who are making their second appearance in the Rochester area, have had two million-sellers ("Spooky" and "Stormy") and their third effort "Traces" is currently number one on most local charts.

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