

Harvard Church is Discussion Center

Harvard and Radcliffe students packed the Harvard Memorial Church to discuss the police eviction of dissidents from Harvard's administration building. Several hundred police had been called earlier in the day to remove rebel students who had seized the building. (RNS)

Catholic Aides Hopeful On Government Aid To Nonpublic Schools

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(NC News Service)

Detroit — Catholic legislative experts met here to discuss "the money thing" and agreed there is a generally favorable attitude throughout the country toward state aid to nonpublic schools.

They concurred in stating that the focus on aid to the nonpublic schools is increasingly shifting from the federal to the state level; that there is a growing awareness among the non-Catholic sector of the need to help parochial and other private schools; and that Catholic school officials must be willing to make a public accounting of their financial records.

These were the chief themes emerging from a meeting of diocesan coordinators of government aid programs sponsored here by the United States Catholic Conference (USCC).

Bishop Joseph L. Bernardin, USCC general secretary, in keynoting the NCEA convention, also called for a complete public accounting of Catholic schools. He said the Catholic people who support these schools have a right to this information and the general public also will expect it. "We must contribute to the nonpublic schools."

The panelists discussed existing nonpublic school aid legislation, such as the school bus and auxiliary services programs in Ohio, Michigan and elsewhere, and major school aid legislation now pending in some 17 states.

Chances for passage of major nonpublic school legislation in Connecticut and Michigan were rated generally favorable.

The Connecticut General Assembly is now considering a secular education equalization reimbursement bill which calls for the state to reimburse parents or guardians of children in nonpublic schools for a portion of tuition charges.

Pending in the Michigan legislature is the so-called Educad or Parochial bill which would provide up to \$40 million in indirect state aid to nonpublic school children through a supplement program.

Virtually all participants at the meeting agreed that existing auxiliary services provided by states and even some federal benefits accruing from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 have not come

close to solving the financial problems of the nonpublic school sector.

Speakers stressed the importance of citizens organizations in securing the kind of massive support for nonpublic schools which in turn moves state legislatures. They praised the efforts in Michigan of Citizens for Educational Freedom and the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools, an organization composed of representatives of Roman Catholic, Christian Reform, Lutheran and Jewish day schools.

The NCEA research office estimated here that the total current operating cost of the Catholic elementary and secondary schools of the United States this year is \$1.7 billion, or approximately \$340 for each of the five million pupils enrolled.

The latest comparable per-pupil cost figure for public schools is \$625 per pupil.

The largest single factor in the cost difference, NOEA said, is the contributed services of 100,000 Religious teachers, estimated at half a billion dollars. If this were added, the Catholic per pupil cost figure would rise to \$440 yearly.

The fact that Catholic school pupils buy their own textbooks and supplies, which are provided free in the public schools, also keeps the Catholic figure down. A less expensive administrative superstructure, and the willingness of lay teachers to work in the private sector for approximately 90 to 95% of the public school scale are other major factors in the lower Catholic school cost.

Sex Education A School Must, Priest Says

Detroit — (RNS) — The primary responsibility for a child's sex education lies with his parents, but parents cannot go it alone, an official spokesman for the United States Catholic Conference said here.

Father James T. McHugh, director of the Family Life Division, said that because "the child's socialization as well as his formal education are aided by the school, human sexuality cannot be overlooked by the school."

He told the 86th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association that "when parents make a reasonably good attempt" in teaching sexuality, "the efforts of teachers and others can be supportive."

"Let it be painfully clear, though," he said, "that education in sexuality is not a topic for which the teacher in the Catholic school is merely expected to supply moral guidelines."

Despite a general trend in favor of sex education, he said, "there has been a reluctance on the part of religiously-sponsored schools to assume a position of leadership."

This, Father McHugh said, stems partly from a "reluctance to assume a role that belongs primarily to parents." In addition, there is an unvindicated suspicion or false assumption that providing sex information would inevitably lead to the irresponsible use of the information.

Father McHugh warned that the success of any sex or family life education "requires a new style of co-operation between teachers and parents that will make them the mutual collaborators in what appears to be one of the most promising educational efforts of the present day."

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Controversial Bishop James A. Pike says he is leaving the Episcopal Church and the institutional church in general. Announcement of the decision appears in a by-lined Look magazine article dated April 29.

Bishop Pike — saying he henceforth wants to be known as Dr. Pike or "Jim Pike" — explained that he does not plan to join another Church or form a new one. He, his new wife and some others have formed a "Church alumni foundation" to deal with religious concerns.

The resigned bishop of the Diocese of California said a "believing hope" has been reborn in quitting the institutional church. Such a hope formerly held for and within the church, he wrote, has gone away.

A fellow of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions in Santa Barbara, Calif., since 1966, the bishop accused the establishments of Christianity of evidencing a "credibility gap," a "relevance gap" and a "performance gap." He attributed an increase of "Church alumni" to these gaps.



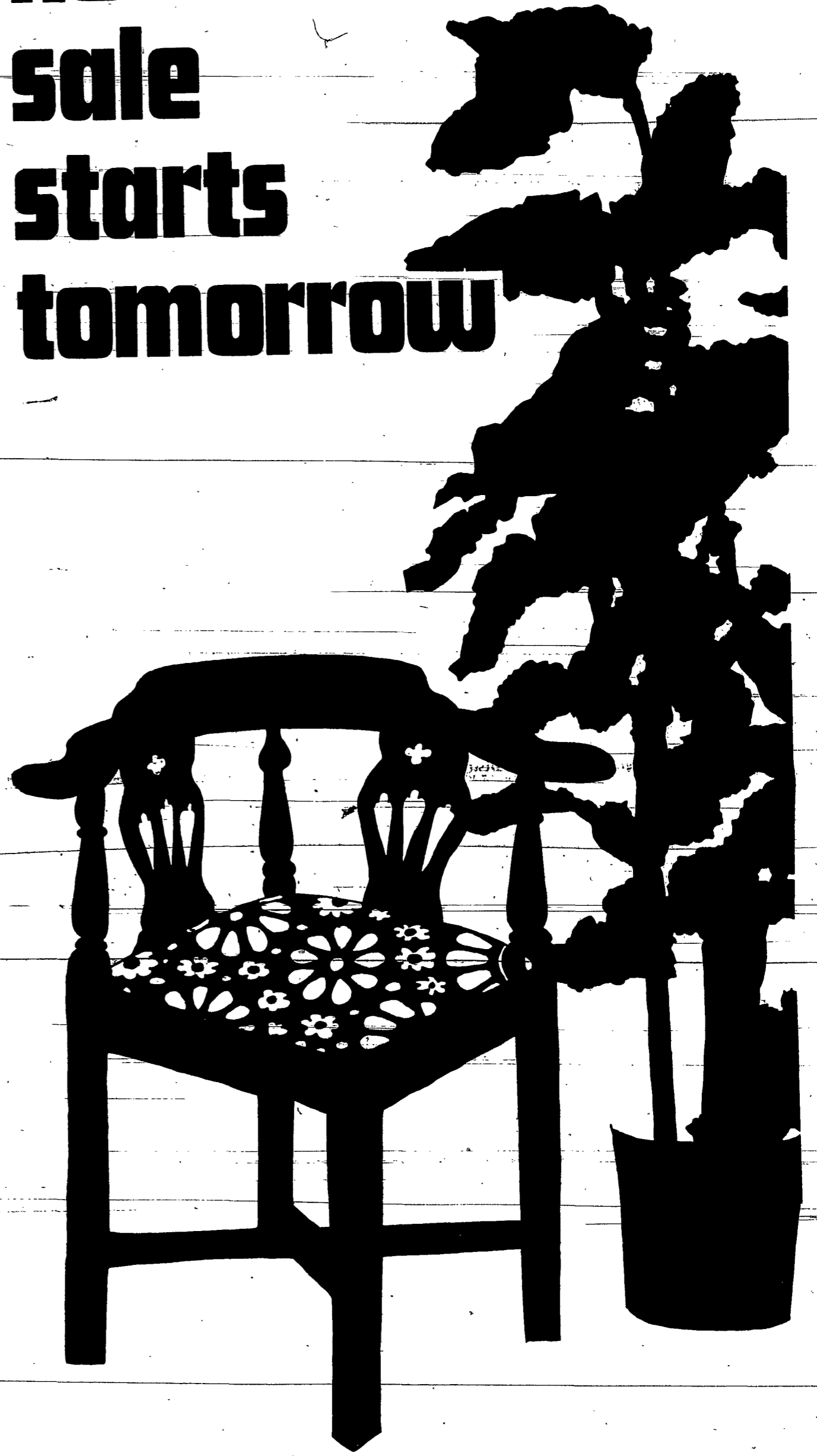
BISHOP PIKE

Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, apostolic delegate in the United States, has been made a member of the Mexican Academy of International Law. . . . The 1969 Catholic Institute of the Press award will go to Patrick F. Scanlan, retired managing editor of the Brooklyn Tablet. . . . Laurance Rockefeller, chairman of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, has been elected president of the YWCA national board of trustees.

NECROLOGY — Orthodox Patriarch Stefan Rudyk, 77, on March 26. . . . Father Bonaventure Schwinn, 77, founding editor of the American Benedictine Review.

Dutch-born Bishop Jan Willebrands — one of the new cardinals named by Pope Paul VI in March — has been named president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity. Cardinal-designate Willebrands succeeds Augustin Cardinal Bea, S.J., the secretariat's first leader, who died on Nov. 13, 1968. . . . A "National Emergency Education Act" that would support both public and parochial schools has been advocated by Whitney M. Young Jr., executive director of the National Urban League. Addressing the annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association, Mr. Young received a standing ovation from 4,000 nuns, priests and lay teachers attending.

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No Apparition At Garabandal

In response to inquiries about reported apparitions in Garabandal, Spain, NC News Service recently issued the following advisory to editors of diocesan newspapers:

The late Bishop Vicente Puchol Montis of Santander, in which Garabandal is located, said in March, 1967:

"There have been no apparitions of the Blessed Virgin, of Michael the Archangel, or of any other celestial person;

"There has been no messages;

"All of the reported happenings in that area have a natural explanation."

In October, 1968, Bishop Jose Cirarda Lechiondo of Santander upheld the ban of his predecessor on Marian devotions at the site of the alleged apparitions at Garabandal.

The bishop insisted that priests and faithful refrain from visiting a chapel being built at Garabandal "in rebellious resistance to the findings of the Church" concerning so-called apparitions.

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