

THE WEEK'S NEWS IN REVIEW

Australia Rejects Abortion

The Legislative Assembly of Western Australia has rejected a bill modeled on Britain's permissive abortion legislation.

Part of the impetus that led to the bill's defeat was a petition presented to members of the legislature last October.

Signed by 27,589 citizens, the petition expressed the signers' concern for the unborn child. They said they believed that from the moment of conception, any direct intervention to take away the child's life is a violation of its right to live.

Notre Dame Retains ROTC

The Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Notre Dame, which has a total enrollment of 1,073 or 20 per cent of the undergraduate student body, will be retained.

The move to keep the university's affiliation with the ROTC was made by the Notre Dame Academic Council, a faculty-administration committee which decides general academic policies and regulations at the university.

Enrollment in the ROTC at Notre Dame is completely voluntary and has been since the end of World War II. The university is one of the few in the United States to have ROTC units in the three branches of the armed services.

Poland Needs More Churches

Warsaw — (RNS) — At least 50 new Roman Catholic churches are needed in the Warsaw area alone, Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski said here in an impassioned plea to the Polish government.

Addressing a large, open-air congregation at Corpus Christi ceremonies, the Primate of Poland appealed to the country's Communist government not only for building permits but for the materials necessary to construct new churches.

Since the Communists took power, after World War II, the building of new churches has been virtually at a standstill. The result is severe overcrowding at religious services.

Church officials have complained frequently about their inability to build new churches and have pointed out that many citizens travel long distances every Sunday to attend Mass.

"Some of our parishes have their churches in barracks or tents," they said, "and some pray in the cold snow, under the open sky."

Manifesto Called Totalitarian

New York — (RNS) — The president of the National Baptist Convention in the U.S.A., Inc., has described the Black Manifesto of James Forman as a "totalitarian message" and compared it to the Communist Manifesto of 1848.

Dr. J. H. Jackson, head of the nation's largest Negro religious body, told delegates to the Church convention that the denomination would neither share in, nor contribute to, the fund which the National Black Economic Development Conference is seeking to raise through demands for "reparations" from white churches and synagogues.

White people, he said, are making a "hero" out of Forman, adding that the Manifesto leader will turn around and make a fool of them.

Sunday on Saturday

Bishop Maurice Schexnayder has approved a program

Albany Reveals New Plan For Vocations

Albany, N.Y. — (NC) — A new program designed to bring a substantial increase in vocations to the priesthood has been announced by Bishop Edwin B. Broderick of Albany.

Beginning in September, Mater Christi, formerly a two-year minor seminary, will initiate a four-year program for the formation of priests. Seminarians who reside there will commute each day to Siena College, Loudonville, for classes in several fields of study besides the required language and philosophy

Sister Blames Religious For Poor Press Coverage

Catholic Press Features

New York — The first Catholic nun to become a member of the Religious Public Relations Council of America claims that if priests and sisters have been dissatisfied with the type of publicity they've been getting in the newspapers, "to a large extent, we have no one to blame but ourselves."

Sister Marian Hahn, who is



Cause for Joy

A delegation of Lutheran World Federation executives climaxed its unprecedented three-day study tour at the Vatican with a 35-minute papal audience. Pope Paul VI, left panel, admires a facsimile edition of part of Martin Luther's translation of the

Old Testament minor prophets presented by LWF General Secretary Andre Appel. The Pope, at right, bids farewell to Dr. Appel, terming the visit "a cause for joy" and a stimulus for "new perspectives of cooperation and dialogue." (RNS)

which permits Catholics in the Lafayette, La., diocese to fulfill their Sunday Mass attendance obligation by assisting at Saturday evening Masses.

The bishop notified all pastors in the diocese they could use their discretion in inaugurating the program for their respective parishes.

The bishop specified the Mass on Saturday must be scheduled after 6 p.m. He also instructed that persons who receive Communion at Saturday morning Masses may also receive at the Saturday evening Masses which fulfill the Sunday obligation.

Florida Abortion Bill Killed

The Florida Legislature for the second straight year killed legislation designed to relax the state's abortion law.

The death knell was sounded in the Senate Rules Committee, three days before the June 6 adjournment.

The committee was working up a special order calendar, giving priority to legislation to be forwarded to the Senate floor for consideration before adjournment.

People

A former Minnesota governor, a Roman Catholic philanthropist and a physician-author were announced as recipients of 1968 Religious Heritage of America citations for outstanding service to God and man.

Honored are:

• Former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, who now lives in Wayne, Pa. He is a former president of the American Baptist Convention.

• Edward F. Barry of Memphis, Tenn., a Catholic philanthropist and leader in the development and expansion of schools and hospitals. He is chairman of the board of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, founded by Barry and comedian Danny Thomas.

• Dr. George W. Crane, Hillsboro, Ind., physician, lecturer and author of syndicated columns, "Worry Clinic" and a Sunday Bible Quiz. He is founder of the Scientific Marriage Foundation, a counseling center.

Father Pedro Arrupe, superior general of the Jesuits, has returned to Rome from a tour during which he spent two weeks in Poland and several days in Czechoslovakia visiting Jesuit communities. . . Douglas J. Roche, the first Roman Catholic to serve as an official of the Canadian Church Press, has been elected vice president of the association. . . Father J. H. Kamphuis, one of three Utrecht University chaplains suspended in March, has announced his resignation as a student chaplain but has said he wants to remain a priest. . . Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr., received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in commencement exercises at Marymount Manhattan College, a Roman Catholic school in Manhattan. The widow of the American Baptist clergyman and civil rights leader was honored with Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy.

Churches Told: Don't Call Police On Disruptions

New York — (NC) — Do not call the police to put down disruptions of church services, the National Council of Churches (NCC) advised its 33 member denominations in a statement issued by its Division of Christian Life and Mission.

The statement recognized that legal recourse is available if services are disrupted, but added:

"Recognizing these protections of the civil law, we urge the churches not to invoke them unless the disturbance is dangerous and destructive."

The statement urges that demonstrators' complaints "be heard and that the religious group respond to their complaints in such a way that a serious dialogue is generated."

NCC urged ministers not to leave the sanctuary when disruptions occur and asked them not to "take personal offense when carefully planned and polished ceremonies are 'spoiled' by unscheduled intrusions."

"If positive viewpoints had been given to the press in the beginning, we might have prevented some of the bad press that resulted. Non-important things are played up out of all proportion. The good religious work being done is by-passed."

Sister Hahn, who worked for Religious News Service before entering the convent in 1950, said she believes that "if we'd been willing to communicate what we were trying to do when Church renewal became the emphasis — even if it meant publicizing unsuccessful things — publicity may have been given to the efforts of the religious people who are staying and working, instead of to the sensational stories of those who are complaining and leaving."

District Obeys State, Rescinds Prayers

Boston — (RNS) — The School Committee of Leyden, Mass., voted unanimously to instruct the town's teachers "to discontinue prayer and Bible readings in the classrooms for the remainder of the present school year."

A reversal of an earlier vote in favor of classroom prayer, the committee's action ended a week-long defiance of U.S. Supreme Court decisions. It followed a demand by Commissioner Neil V. Sullivan of the Massachusetts Department of Education that prayer recitations in the Leyden Elementary School be discontinued.

on the Massachusetts-Vermont border with a population of 346, has been the focal point of controversy since prayer readings became a classroom activity after the town school committee adopted a resolution offered by Gerald McCarthy, committee man who said he had widespread community support.

The commissioner told Raymond Ainsworth, school committee chairman, "If a person does not like a law or a constitutional interpretation he can always work by peaceful means to change the law or the Constitution. He cannot defy the law and the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court."

Leyden, a rural community

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St. Rose Prexy Stepping Down

Albany—Sister Margaret M. Keeshan, CSI, has resigned the presidency of the College of St. Rose to return to teaching. She was "chairman" of the biology department for several years before becoming president in April, 1966.

DETROIT APPOINTMENT

Detroit — (RNS) — The former national director of the Newman Apostolate has been named chairman of the Commission on Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit. Appointment of Msgr. John F. Bradley was announced by John Cardinal Dearden. The prelate said that he would retain his post as pastor of Our Lady of Fatima church, Oak Park, Mich.

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