

Private School Aid Support Increasing

A drive for legislation to provide state funds for non-public schools is gaining momentum throughout the nation.

The traditional arguments that direct aid is prohibited by the constitutional provision for separation of church and state appears to be overshadowed increasingly by the economic argument that it may be cheaper to aid parochial school pupils now than take on the full cost burden if those schools are forced to close.

Connecticut and Rhode Island this year have agreed to provide direct aid to parochial schools, following the example set last year by Pennsylvania.

Similar legislation failed this year in seven states, but proponents are still pushing the idea in at least 22 states.

The Pennsylvania law was challenged several days ago in a key test case in the United States District Court in Philadelphia by six major organizations. The American Jewish Congress, involved in the Pennsylvania case, also plans to bring suits in Rhode Island and Connecticut.

The mounting legislative campaign, bolstered by a recent Supreme Court decision permitting textbook loans to nonpublic schools, has been characterized as "unprecedented" by Joseph B. Robison, director of the Congress' Commission on Law and Social Action.

"The drive is unusual," he said "not only in the amount of pressure generated but also in the kinds of demands made."

"The stress is no longer on such fringe benefits as free buses and textbooks but on outright financing — the payment of tax-raised funds directly into the treasuries of the schools," Mr. Robison said.

"In most of the states in which the legislatures have completed their work, these proposals were defeated," he said. "Notable were Michigan, where a well-publicized, hotly debated drive for various forms of 'parochial' aid was defeated, and New York where the Legislature rejected a variety of proposals — passing only one, which was then vetoed by Governor Rockefeller."

But the mounting drive "is very hopeful for the future of our schools," according to the Rev. C. Albert Koob, head of the National Catholic Educational Association in Washington. "The interest is considerable and it is mostly at the grass roots level — and spreading fast."

Earlier this year, Msgr. James C. Donohue, a director of the United States Catholic Conference who speaks for the bishops, said that about two million Roman Catholic elementary school pupils would be dropped in the next six years unless there was a vast upsurge in public support. This would represent about half the current enrollment.

In New York state, where all bills failed, the state aid advocates saw future hope in Governor Rockefeller's support for a constitutional amendment that would permit aid to sectarian institutions of higher learning. The present Blaine Amendment precludes state aid to any type of religiously affiliated schools.

Pennsylvania set the pace last year with an appropriation of \$4.6-million from the proceeds of harness racing for nonpublic schools and is now seeking \$45-million that would dip into cigarette tax revenues. The state's House of Representatives passed the latest measure, but there was doubt about Senate passage even before the Federal court suit was filed.

State Representative Martin P. Mulen, chairman of the Appropriations

Committee, argued that the taxpayers would save "tremendous sums of money" by keeping nonpublic schools open instead of forcing the pupils into the public school system.

The bill provides for non-public educational services in four instructional subjects — modern languages, mathematics, physical education and physical science.

The Connecticut bill which anticipated a constitutional challenge will pay \$6-million over two years, provides for payment of 20 per cent of salaries of teachers who teach non-religious subjects.

Pope Aids Dialogue

Geneva — (RNS) — Reactions to the historic visit of Pope Paul to Geneva from church and secular leaders have stressed the importance of his journey and his comments on ecumenism and labor.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, said it would certainly contribute toward greater understanding between Roman Catholics and the Reformation Churches.

"The way is long and difficult," he said, "but this visit shows that certain things unimaginable some years ago are now possible. In the last few years we have learned to collaborate in theology, humanitarianism and ecumenism; we have learned to participate in the life of other churches."

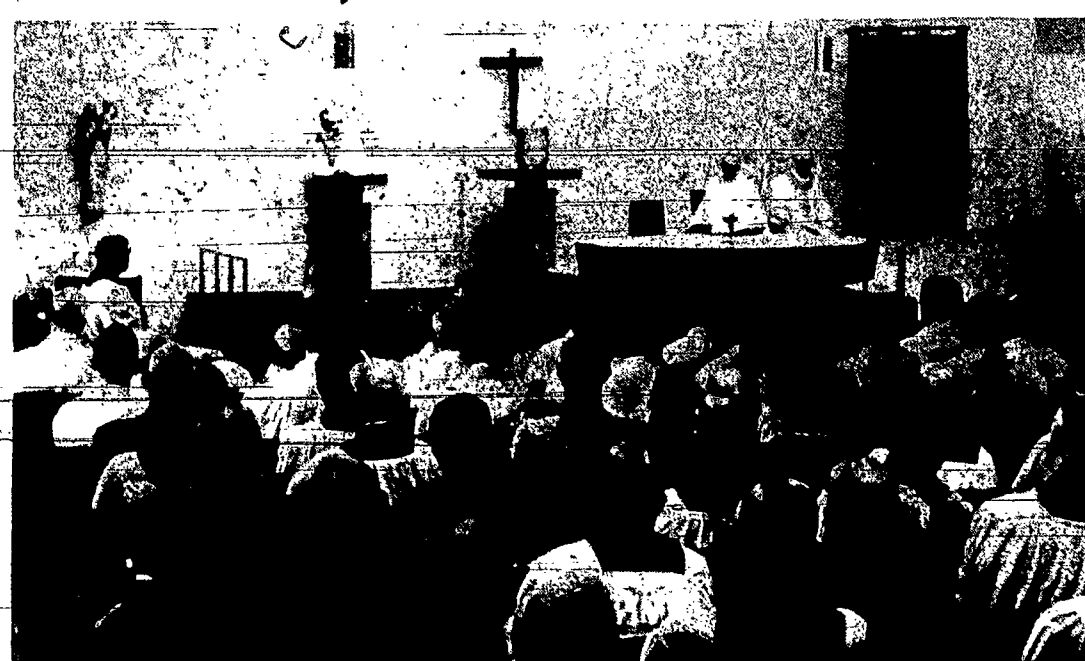
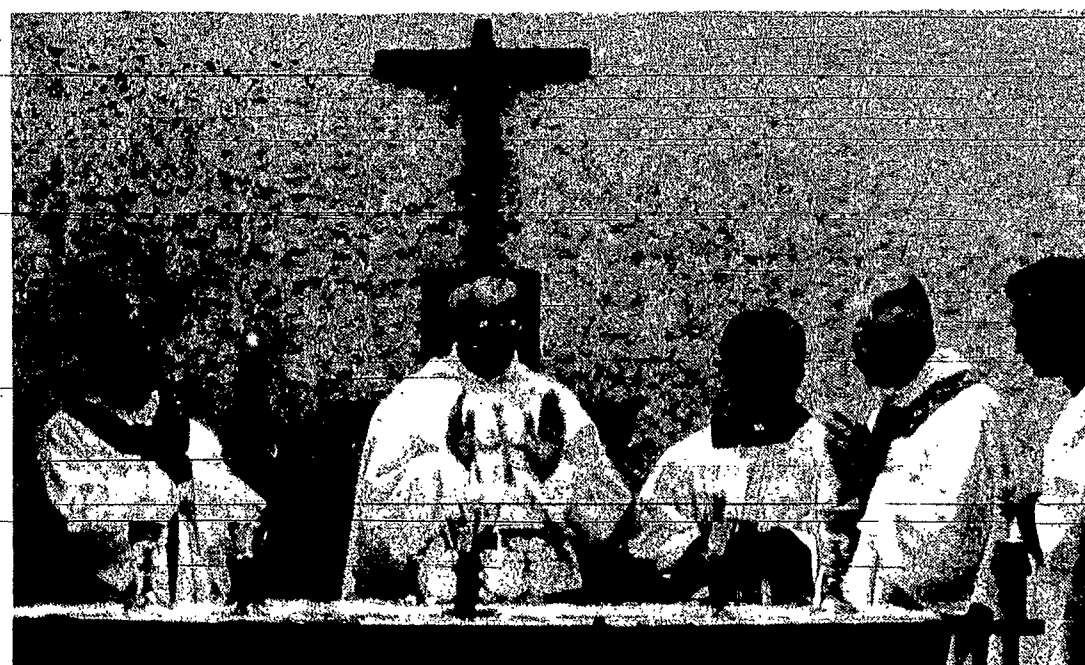
"We have passed," he continued, "from an epoch of isolation to one of dialogue. This dialogue will become

increasingly intense and lead to very important results."

Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft said the trip to Geneva "is a clear confirmation that relations and communications between ourselves and the Catholic Church concern not only a minority of Catholics and individuals but are approved by the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church."

United Nations Secretary General U Thant expressed personal happiness over the pontiff's trip to Geneva and his speech before the International Labor Organization. He said that the Pope's warm support of the work of this organization "reveals his deep interest in the problems that have to be faced today by the international community."

All of the Swiss newspapers praised the pontiff's speech before the ILO for its "humanity" and "social awareness."



John Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster (London), was the principal celebrant of daily Mass during the diocesan Priests' Retreat this week and last at Becket Hall. The above pictures show the chapel scene as (top) the Cardinal celebrates Mass assisted by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen (left) and Msgr. Robert A. Kelleher, with Fathers Louis Hohmann and Lawrence Murphy; and (below) as Bishop Sheen preached the Mass homily while the Cardinal sat at right. Some 60 priests celebrated with the Cardinal at each day's Mass.

No. 1 Hero in College Study: John F. Kennedy

Cincinnati — (RNS) — Do the 1969 graduates of Roman Catholic colleges and universities in the United States have any "heroes"?

A national Catholic family magazine survey covering 325 graduates in 15 colleges, posed this question and the answers proved surprising, both in their inclusions and exclusions.

John F. Kennedy was the most popular hero of the collegians, according to the St. Anthony Messenger, published by the Franciscan Fathers here. The assassinated president was mentioned by 41 per cent of those responding to the survey. The other heroes, in order of popularity and with the percentage in parentheses, are:

Robert F. Kennedy (29.5), Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (27), Pope John XXIII (15), Jesus Christ (14), Sen. Eugene McCarthy (11), Bob Hope (10), Winston Churchill (9.5), Dr. Tom Dooley (8.5), President Nixon (8), and Mahatma Gandhi (8).

Others who were mentioned by at least 3 per cent included New York Mayor John V. Lindsay, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, Lyndon B. Johnson, William F. Buckley, Ethel Kennedy, President Eisenhower, Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, Dag Hammarskjöld, Dr. Christian Barnard, and Georgia's State Rep. Julian Bond.

The magazine contacted a total of 325 men and women at 15 colleges across the country who were asked to

list five persons, "more or less well known," whom they would consider as heroes. This produced a list of 494 different names, with 151 persons considered heroes by two or more of the graduates contacted in the study.

Thomas Schick, assistant editor of the Messenger, observed that, as might be expected, political life provided a considerable number of the heroes—10 of 22 named were recently in American political life.

Several notable absences in the list of heroes were noted by Mr. Schick. There were few heroes from the entertainment, sports, military, and scientific fields. The great industrial leaders are totally missing, he said.

However, Schick said that the graduates did not fail to give consideration to current radicals and revolutionaries. Mao Tse Tung, Ho Chi Minh, Che Guevara, Malcolm X, Stokely Carmichael, Rapp Brown, and Eldridge Cleaver were named at least once.

Schick, on the basis of the survey selections, reached the

following conclusions about the 1969 Catholic college graduate:

• Primarily concerned about people, "he rejects institutions that do not make persons and personal relations their primary goals."

• Seeing a need for change in society, he rejects "violence and destruction as a way of achieving his goals. . . they are willing to fight peacefully and from within to change the structure."

• Interested in the world and his fellow men, he seriously desires to be included "in the efforts to make the world a better place."

• Highly influenced by Christian ideals and goals.

"Although he frequently disassociates himself from institutional Christianity, he considers Christ a hero," Schick added; "the graduate's concern for others, his courage, his non-violence are really Christian goals, and the highest compliment a 1969 graduate can give to one of his heroes is to say that he was truly 'like Christ.'"

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Ecumenical Hearings

Philadelphia — (NC News) — The Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, is leading a delegation of Christian Unity leaders to meet with the Christian Unity leaders and to discuss the possibility of a joint service to the church.

Addressing Christian Unity (June 15-19) will be the city secretary of the Christian Unity church — that is ready to rule.

"As long as the forge instruments and ruralization as effective, than those secular society, that receive them — skip Williebrans said.

"As long as we face of uniting mankind the cross and do a self-assertion through God and to self-denial for which will remain an example.

The ecumenical leaders of young people to five rejection, we will the problematic find their voices science. To do the lose contact with re

Catholic Involve

(NC News) — Minneapolis — Many have to sacrifice because of the need involvement in community planning, according to Timothy E. O'Brien, director of the Catholic Center.

"The Evolving Term," connotation is also discussed by the Catholic Schools of the future of Bishops and the National Catholic Chaplains ate and joint meeting (June 9-13) was 31,000.

Acknowledging the role hospitals to provide planning and ties with other health-care community, should have a further contact if their religious

"This is a year when Bishop William E. Keeler, referring individual human person, the emphasis on the Catholic institution community with technical and professional

Radiation hospital at a meeting of the

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New Orleans — survey on Lenten conducted by the Catholic Center, 66 per cent of the 1,013 respondents that they practiced penance in 1969 than in previous years.

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