

Crash Study Planned on School Plight

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of a statewide three-day conference and is the first major study of the state's Catholic schools.

The material has been printed in a brochure entitled "What Happens When Catholic Schools Are Forced to Close." It will be distributed at Sunday Masses at the more than 1,650 parishes in the state during September.

Catholics are told in the leaflet that if the parochial schools are to continue in the future, three steps should be taken:

- New ways for state and federal aid to reach the nonpublic school student and his parent must be found.
- New methods of handling education funds must be devised.

The leaflet warned that "within two years parents and other supporters will not be able to keep the schools operating at their present size and effectiveness without government aid."

"Since closing Catholic schools will compound public school financial problems, it is in every citizen's own self interest to aid parents and others in keeping the nonpublic schools operating. Otherwise taxes must rise drastically in every community," the leaflet noted.

Father Shanahan's testimony asked the Board of Regents to exercise its leadership responsibility for the educational welfare of all children in the state.

"The supporters of private and parochial education want their schools to continue. But without some significant help soon from government, the economic facts of life, insufficient income for rising costs, are going to necessitate retrenchment," asserted Father Shanahan in an interview after his statement before the Regents.

"We have urged a crash study of the situation because the financial pressures will require some type of legislative action in the next session of the legislature. An in-depth study of the fiscal crisis in all education by the commission, yet to be appointed by the governor, for which funds have already been approved for a top level review of the problem, is at least two or three years off in any possible results. Some initial solution is needed now, at least as a stop-gap measure until more permanent procedures can be developed."

Priests Get Close Look at Police Work

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"Must have been a fight in a bar when she wouldn't give her guy some money."

It turned out that a tall, slim well-dressed black girl met us at the curb as the patrol car pulled up in a minute or two. She was holding a soiled wet handkerchief over a split lip. Her boyfriend had accosted her in the bar, accused her of having him locked up a week before and hit her with both hands. While she used the bar phone to call the police he had run off.

Both officers knew her and her assailant and their relationship. They sympathized briefly, advised her to go to headquarters next day and swear out a new warrant and promised to keep on the lookout for the man that evening.

At 8:15 there was a call: "Pick up elderly man, walking along Inner-loop Expressway near the main post-office." The officers soon spotted him, courteously persuaded the 87-year old to get in the car for fear of being hit in the fast loop traffic and discovered the gentleman was simply trying to find the Y.M.C.A.

He wasn't sure of his own name until the officers helped him find identification in a battered wallet. When he said he lived in a Massachusetts town and wasn't sure what he was in Rochester for, the officers called in for a "Missing Persons" report."

And so it went for many hours as we cruised back and forth and around Joseph and Clinton; home-tries, a man threatening a housewife because her husband owed him money, a speeding car stopped and the driver taken away in the police wagon when he could not produce a driver's license, a fight in a 3rd floor tenement kitchen where a black man wanted his girl friend moved out.

"But how can I call it 'criminal trespass,'" said Officer Gill, "when she's been living here with this guy for three months and probably will be back tomorrow night."

"Cops have to be referees for domestic fights all the time," the officers said. "It's often sickening to get dragged into these quarrels. We can separate them for tonight — then tomorrow they've forgotten all about it, or they're into a new battle."

Crime has declined in Rochester, and the crowded innercity is quieter, these officers believe, because the city has more police and they are more mobile and better trained than 5 years ago.

More understanding of the incidents which might flare into disorders



Patrolmen in contact with police headquarters via dispatcher.

and more sensitive to the aspirations and complaints of the underprivileged, police are increasingly confident of their ability to maintain law and order.

Rochester is divided into three sectors, rather than multiple precincts for police coverage. Each sector has from 6 to 12 cars patrolling constantly, plus motorcycle men and foot-policemen.

Between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m., the period of the greatest number of phone calls for police help and the highest incidence of crime, there are usually at least 40 patrol units moving, each within its own grid of specific square-blocks.

All units (some cars have two men) are in constant two-way radio touch with dispatchers at headquarters where alarms are called in and with all other cars.

When absent from his car each patrolman carries a walkie-talkie for calling additional help and for reporting on the case he has been sent to investigate.

Patrolmen in plain clothes in unmarked cars and units of the tactical squad supplement the regular car-detail. These have special assignments where the crime rate is high, handle special traffic problems, patrol border areas or move into a troubled district on request to back-up the regular patrol.

The patrol cars have responded to more than 112,000 radio-calls in the first six months of this year, according to Captain Thomas Hastings, director of community services for the Rochester Police Bureau.

"Even though probably very few of the people we deal with when the cars respond to a trouble-call are

church-goers," Capt. Hastings said, "we are anxious to have the clergy see what the patrolmen have to handle."

Rochester Police Chief William Lombard who briefed the priests before the patrol-riding began cited the importance of improving "community relations" for the police force.

"We are trying to help people at the professional level get a better knowledge of law enforcement in Rochester and a clear picture of the policeman's job under pressure," he said.

"By personal contact with the officers as they patrol the city, the clergy may understand us better and defend our police work."

Father Thomas Wheeland (Holy Rosary Parish) said he had gained a new respect for the police officers' "diplomatic skill."

"Several calls I went on took us into homes where the officers had to be unusually patient in helping soothe domestic quarrels which were not criminal."

He noted that "anti-police feeling" seemed bitter when officers tried to bring authority and peace to a dispute where an inner-city street crowd had gathered.

Father Paul Wohlrab who rode two evenings, raced out to a fire at the airport, watched the quizzing of a robbery suspect and observed settlement of several domestic quarrels.

"I noted how the officers tried to be helpful in what were surely routine cases to them but were terribly important to the people seeking their help," he said.

Teamwork between the men in his car and their backup support of

other cars, was significant to Father James Russell of St. Anthony's parish.

"Without being told by the police, the fellows I traveled with moved to help whenever they heard a call involving another patrol car in their neighborhood. In another case, serving a warrant on a woman who had disturbed the peace, the officers worked well as a team while taking a lot of abuse."

Father Patric Doyle, Holy Rosary parish assistant and newly ordained, has probably had more hours of police work than any local clergyman. "I've taken a great interest in this riding and have been out some 40 times, I suppose," he said.

"I've found that the officers are encouraged that priest-riders care about their work. And they have problems too which we priests can be helpful with."

Adding that he has watched police officers make many arrests where force was required, Father Doyle defended them against the frequent complaint of "brutality." "They're always conscious of this criticism and work against it. For the tough situations I've seen them in, they clearly were trying to be gentle while firm."

Very pleased with law and order in his own neighborhood, after seeing it from a patrol car, Father Charles Connel, pastor of St. Philip Neri parish in the Clifford-Goodman area, commented on the "domestic quarrels" which the police must arbitrate.

"If the couple belong to any church, it might help for the police to suggest that a clergyman be called," he suggested.

The priest-observers were unanimous that the officers were serious about their duty, brave and cool under tension and sensitive to ill will shown them by many. The "policeman's lot is not always a happy one," as Gilbert and Sullivan once phrased it.

"They seem burdened with an awful lot of report-writing and record-making," several observed. "Remarkable show of diplomacy with simple language," "good rapport with kids along the streets," "keen observation of the scene all the time even while just cruising" and "real concern to help people in trouble" were other tributes often expressed.

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Less Secrecy Seen for Synod

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ed, it will not be presented as a problem but as an example of collegiality or lack of it," Bishop Rubin said.

He explained that Vatican II called for the establishment of episcopal conferences and that now it was up to the Holy See and the bishops to decide what role the conferences should play in Church operation.

He stressed that this synod, like the last one, would have the power only to advise the Pope. This will leave the pontiff free to act on any recommendations the bishops make.

"This you cannot say until we see what the decisions of the synod are and what action his holiness takes on the synod decisions," he said.

Bishop Rubin said he did not expect the synod fathers to be troubled by a group of priests who have vowed to come to Rome and conduct a "little synod" in opposition to the hierarchy.

"This group of priests who were at the meeting of bishops in Switzerland will not interfere with our deliberations," Bishop Rubin said. "We will go in for our meetings, discuss matters and come out. They will not bother the deliberations."

Episcopal Unit OK's \$200,000

In 'Reparations'

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — The Episcopal Church's House of Deputies approved \$200,000 in indirect aid to the Black Economic Development Conference (BEDC), thus becoming the first individual denomination to provide funding for the controversial organization which promulgated the so-called Black Manifesto.

Earlier the House of Deputies, meeting at their Church's special general convocation here, had voted to recognize the BEDC as a viable instrument in organizing the black community. But it had also insisted the group would have to apply through regular church screening channels for any possible funds.

The "Black Manifesto," first promulgated last spring by Negro leader James Forman, is a demand that American religious bodies pay large sums in "reparations" to the black community for injustices suffered under centuries of slavery.

The funds will not go directly to the Forman group, however. They will be allocated to the interdenominational National Committee of Black Churchmen.

The allocation must still be approved by the House of Bishops but this was considered a certainty.

Nonpublic School Aid Pioneer Widens Horizons

Philadelphia — (NC) — The representative who pioneered the proposal led to state aid for Pennsylvania nonpublic schools said here his goal is to see the state assume all the cost of instruction in secular subjects in nonpublic schools.

Rep. Martin P. Mullen spoke on the day the first state checks were mailed to Pennsylvania nonpublic schools.

He said he hopes a change in the program's funding will be approved by the state senate to provide \$23 million next year—the estimated total cost of instruction in physical sciences, mathematics, modern foreign languages and physical education — for the 535,000 students attending nonpublic schools in the state.

Pennsylvania's House of Representatives has already approved legislation which would change the school aid program's source of revenue from the racing tax to 18 percent of the state cigarette tax. A total of \$7.5 million was available for distribution to nonpublic schools this year.

In order to obtain a definitive decision on the constitutionality of the aid bill, which is based on the "purchase of service" concept, a ready-made constitutional case regarding church-related charitable institutions, Mullen said that both sides in a case now pending in Philadelphia's U.S. District Court had agreed to appeal the decision directly to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mullen recommended that Catholic schools pay full salaries to religious teachers so that parochial schools will be compensated by the state for the value of educational services contributed by priests.

Brothers and Sisters in instruction in secular subjects. Mullen declared that state aid to nonpublic schools will still be less expensive than public education because of lower construction costs for Catholic schools and because of markedly lower administration costs. Mullen noted that instructional costs in public schools in the state now average \$750 per pupil per year, whereas annual costs in Catholic schools are \$110 per pupil in elementary schools and \$260 in high schools.

Oye! Would Portnoy Complain!

Cocoa, Fla. — (RNS) — If you pick up a copy of Portnoy's Complaint or Valley of the Dolls at a public library here you may well be able to take a breather from the steam-heated passages to read a short sermon.

Somebody's quietly placing religious leaflets in sexy novels as the books rest on the shelves of libraries throughout the Cape Kennedy area.

Says Charles E. Huber, director of the Cocoa Library: "It's a sneaky way of creeping up behind you and socking it to you." The leaflets carry brief sermons and Biblical quotations. "Portnoy" and "Dolls" have been the favorite targets, he said.

The leaflets are produced by "Gospel," a small religious group in Eau Gallie, Fla.

James T. Lufin, director of "Gospel," said: "I print them and give them out at no cost. I have no idea what happens to them after that."

The \$23 million sought for nonpublic school aid in Pennsylvania next year is in contrast to \$1,354 billion in state payments to local school districts for public education last year, he stated.

Mullen, who said he wants to see a tuition-free education

for children attending every Catholic school in the state, called for a reversal in the trend which resulted in the transfer of 65,000 children from nonpublic schools in Pennsylvania.

"No one can argue with the fact that it is cheaper for the taxpayer to keep nonpublic

schools open," Mullen said.

"State aid to nonpublic schools is of benefit to all schools — public and nonpublic; it is of benefit to the taxpayer; and it is of benefit to our faith, because it makes possible the continued education of children in Catholic schools."

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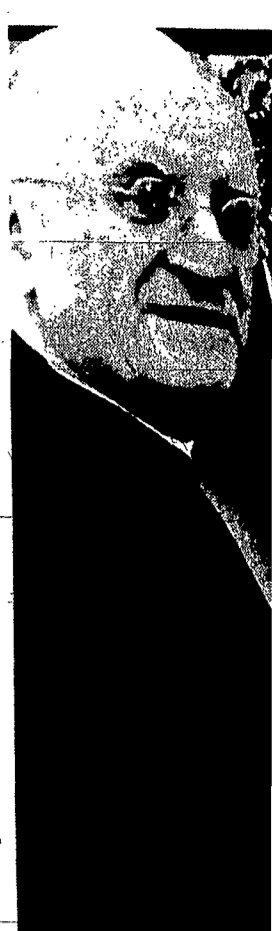
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St. Louis Cardinal Archbishop Charles Joseph Shehan would offer "crisis review"

Review Major By An

(NC News Service)

Washington — The International Affairs Bishops' Conference statement released here today is a review of the major world "perverse" factors to the increase of tension in the region's Arabs and

It called on the major world powers, notably the United States and the Soviet Union, to "eliminate" the "perverse" factors in the region and particularly lateral arms reduction

The statement also called for Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied since 1967 and "respect for the territorial integrity and independence" of every state

The statement, entitled "Conflict in the Middle East," is not a new document but is a restatement of the "Black Manifesto" in the region.

But it suggested that the dispute "has been made between the rivalry of the foreign governmental contribute toward development and stability and tend to produce only conflict."

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"Within the last few years of U.S. emergence of U.S. forces in the Mediterranean a new dimension that the Middle East be symbolically escalated serious East-West confrontation statement said.

Saying that "external also essential to resolve the statement urged:

That the United States and other major powers continue to promote the "perverse" factors between the parties in the United Nations'

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By Fr. Richard... Earlier Catholic teaching that there are two distinct orders of creation and the supernatural is a natural revelation, and a supernatural good acts and supernatural worship, natural supernatural obedience and supernatural love.

I cannot emphasize deeply ingrained the become in "over thinking today. In fact, that this heavy responsibility of the world of politics, organizations, and

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