

by Morrie Turner Ex-Convicts

Coach in Li'l League

Chicago (NC)—Earlier in life, Jerry Donnelly got caught off base. He paid for his mistake and now has come up with a philosophy regarding kids, especially ghetto kids. It goes like this:

"They've got just so much time to be kids and have fun. Every kid should have that right. But some people say some kids are bad. They're not bad. All they need is for someone to give them a chance."

So Jerome Thomas Donnelly, who makes no bones about being an ex-convict, put his theories into practice in a ghetto area here. The results are surprisingly good.

Donnelly, now a printer and a resident of St. Anthony's Inn, a halfway house for former convicts, a few months back enlisted four other former convicts to aid him in a project. They corralled a bunch of ghetto kids and got them interested in baseball—"stealing bases instead of something else," as one put it.

With the help of Father Philip Marquard, O.F.M., the inn's spiritual director, a group of business firms provided the uniforms and equipment, somewhat skeptically at first. But four teams of 15 youngsters each were formed—whites, blacks, Puerto Ricans. The group got a charter from Little League, Inc., of Williamsport, Pa.

A close-of-season banquet was sponsored by wives of businessmen and members of the Third Order of St. Francis.

BINGO VETOED

Springfield, Ill. (NC)—Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie has vetoed a bill which would have legalized bingo games conducted by charitable, religious and fraternal organizations in Illinois. He took the action on advice of Atty. Gen. William J. Scott who reminded the governor that the Illinois Constitution prohibits lotteries or gift enterprises for any purpose.

Action on School Aid Front

Washington (NC)—The House of Representatives subcommittee on education will conduct hearings, beginning Oct. 1, on a proposed law to provide an annual subsidy to each child attending public and nonpublic schools.

The measure, proposed by Rep. James J. Delaney of New York, is designed to aid the student directly and allow him to attend the school of his choice.

The bill has been called the "G.I. Bill for Junior," because of its similarity to the law giving educational benefits to veterans since World War II.

The bill provides that the parents of each child attending a nonpublic school, or desiring to attend such a school, shall report this intention on forms to be furnished by the U.S. Commissioner of Education.

The allotment granted to an eligible pupil will be made by a check drawn on the U.S. Treasury, to be honored for payment only when endorsed by the payee to the school attended by the pupil and endorsed by school authorities.

All school pupils who do not record their desire to attend a nonpublic school will be presumed to be going to a public school, the proposal stated. The allotment to these pupils will be paid by the Commissioner of Education to the local education agency where they live, it added.

Rep. Delaney termed the bill, which he first introduced in January, 1962, "a common sense approach to resolving one of the fundamental problems confronting our parents and students today." He said "the parental right to choose the education of his offspring is a natural, civil and constitutional right, protected by the first, fifth and ninth amendments to the U.S. Constitution."

Rep. Delaney said his bill "will provide equal educational opportunities for every American child, regardless of race, color or religious belief. It guarantees a parent the right to have his child educated in a school of his own

Jackson, Miss.—(RNS)—Bishop Joseph B. Brunini, noting that the parochial schools "promote equal rights and justice for all," supported state aid to private schools as a means for children, particularly Negroes, to get a quality education.

Bill Readied In Florida

St. Petersburg, Fla. (RNS)—"Substantial" legislation to aid Catholic schools in Florida is being prepared for submission to the legislature, Bishop Charles B. McLaughlin of St. Petersburg said here.

He said that all the state's citizens should be informed of the crisis in Catholic education: "Let them know that we're trying to hold the line but the future looks very dim. Let them know that in the event we have to close our schools, each and every one of them will have to bear a part of the burden of the increased taxes that will come as a result of the increased cost of education."

Bishop McLaughlin said "there is very definitely an uprising in interest" over the question of state aid to nonpublic schools and that 12 states have already passed laws giving some form of assistance to private schools.

However, he warned, support for state aid to Florida's Catholic and other nonpublic schools needs understanding and acceptance by the community if it is to win legislative approval. To achieve community support, he said, it will be necessary to communicate the facts to the people through an information program.

choosing, whether the school selected is public or private."

Rep. Delaney said his bill is estimated to cost some \$1.3 billion per year. Estimated costs of other measures designed to provide general aid to education to be considered by the subcommittee range from \$3.8 billion and \$7.7 billion annually.

French Favor Celibacy

Paris (NC)—Two thirds of French Catholics responding to an informal survey by the bishops favored keeping the obligation of priestly celibacy.

Of the 50,000 lay persons responding to the survey on the life and ministry of priests and bishops, 40 per cent were opposed to priests holding non-priestly jobs.

The survey was not scientifically conducted. It was merely a consultation initiated without a precise questionnaire by the French bishops and carried on by various newspapers, organizations and Catholic movements. Almost all those responding were practicing Catholics.

Individual responses often stressed that the priest is "the witness of eternal realities," a consecrated man, separated from the world. Many said they regret that the priest does not pray enough, or is involved in "activism."

Despite the conservatism of most responses, there was a sizeable minority that expressed the view that the structures of the Church must be entirely rethought, that priests should be able to work at non-priestly jobs and that married men should be ordained.

The Roman Catholic prelate who heads the statewide Diocese of Natchez-Jackson made his statement on the controversial aid plan after Gov. John Bell Williams had signed into law a measure which provides up to \$200 per year in loans to pupils in parochial and private schools.

Financial aid to private education in Mississippi is greatly influenced by a federal order calling for integration of the public schools. Many private schools have been launched in the state in an effort to by-pass the federal directive.

Bishop Brunini discounted the argument that aid to private and parochial schools would take aid away from public schools and cause them financial difficulty. He cited the view of some educators that actually public education, would improve because of the incentive provided by a "healthy rivalry," and added:

"Our Mississippi children today need, above all, quality education. This is the cry, particularly from our Negro citizens. I believe that if private schools, which promote equal rights and justice for all, are encouraged all citizens will get a better quality education."

100 Years Old and On the Move

New York (NC)—Woodstock College, the oldest Jesuit theological seminary in the United States, celebrated its 100th anniversary in an unusual manner.

It moved from the rustic surroundings of rural Woodstock, Md., 20 miles west of Baltimore, to upper Manhattan, in rooms leased from Union Theological Seminary.

Cooperation with Union Theological Seminary and Columbia

University here, as well as other institutions of higher learning in the area, has made Woodstock's relocation possible. Woodstock's theological students, continuing their education

in the environment of these institutions, will have a wider range of courses to choose from, as well as the opportunity to carry on a broad program of field work in areas of teaching, guidance and social work.

Woodstock's curriculum con-

sists of a four-year program of theology, preparing Jesuit theological students for the priesthood and future ministries. Students enter the college with a variety of backgrounds and a large majority have graduate degrees in fields other than theology.

In New York, faculty and students will reside in three separate complexes on Manhattan's upper west side.

Archdiocese Protests Rock Festival 'Orgies'

By JUDY EDINGER

Seattle (NC)—A campaign by citizens of King and Thurston counties in Washington State to protest rock-music festivals is being led by Archbishop Thomas A. Conolly of Seattle, and his archdiocesan newspaper editor, Father James H. Gandrau.

The occurrence of two rock festivals, one in each county, has aroused anger and a sense of responsibility to do something about the "nudity, narcotics and breakdown of common decency" that reportedly went on at the festivals, specifically the one over Labor Day weekend at a 360-acre ranch near Tenino, a small town 15 miles south of Olympia, the state capital.

The festival prompted Archbishop Conolly to purchase a "double spread" (two facing pages)—ad in Seattle's two Sunday (Sept. 14) newspapers (with a combined cir-

ulation of 500,000). The prelate's advertisement was a reprint of two pages appearing the previous week in the Seattle archdiocesan paper, the Catholic Northwest Progress. The pages showed pictures of participants in the festival at Tenino. An accompanying story told of "open sales of narcotics, prostitution, nudity and other flagrant violations of common decency as well as accepted law and order."

An editorial in the same issue asked the Thurston County prosecuting attorney, Fred Gentry, why he had allowed such an orgy.

A subsequent issue of the newspaper carried an article reporting the support received by the archbishop from citizens in the community and listed "evidence of the impact the prelate's move had on the community."

Father Gandrau emphasized that the campaign to

"prevent this sub-culture from endangering society" is an ongoing thing. He feels his paper and the citizens have a duty to continue the fight against it.

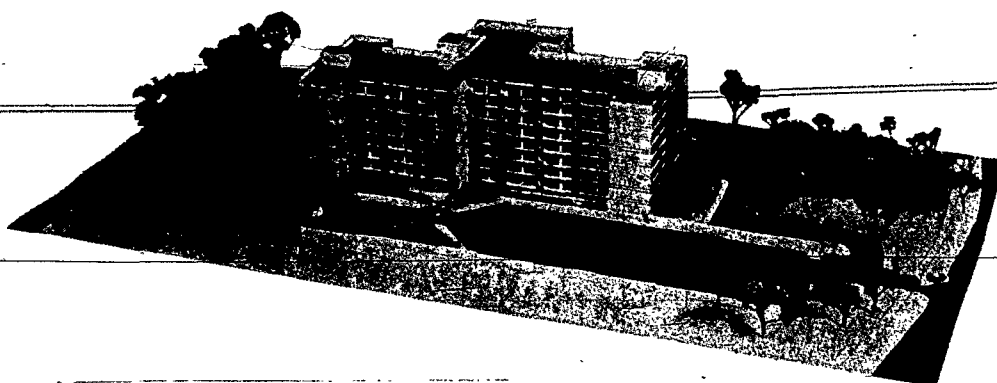
"These people are out to subvert our whole culture," he exclaimed. "Have you ever seen pictures of what

goes on at these things? They really freak out!" Father Gandrau related some of the scenes he witnessed and photographed at Tenino.

Asked whether he thought those who go there were offended by what goes on, he said, "They go there to see that!"

But, he added, these things threaten all of society, including those who don't care to go there and see what's going on. He explained it this way: "If there was a fire in someone else's barn and if someone didn't put the fire out, your barn is going to get it."

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