

# Anti-Draft Convictions Upheld

Richmond, Va. — (RNS) — The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals here has upheld the conviction of the "Baltimore Four" and the "Catonsville Nine." The law did not permit them to seize public property "even when this is done as an act of conscience to dramatize the protest of a presumed evil," the court ruled.

Both groups of war protesters, including Roman Catholic clergy and lay, were convicted of raids on draft board offices in the Baltimore area.

In its opinion, the Court of Appeals suggested that the lower court consider further the sentences imposed on four of the defendants, two of whom had been given six-year terms in federal prison.

where records were taken to a nearby parking lot and burned with "napalm."

Judge Simon Sobeloff noted in the opinion that the war protesters argued that the motivation for their action was moral "in the sense that they intended to protest a war which is outrageous to their individual standards of humanity."

This notion was rejected by the three-judge panel.

"It is commonly conceded," the opinion declared, "that the exercise of a moral judgment based upon individual

standards does not carry with it legal justification or immunity from punishment for breach of the law."

To allow the individual to make the decision as to which law he may or may not obey is "to invite chaos," the opinion stated. It added:

"No legal system could long survive if it gave every individual the option of disregarding with impunity any law which by his personal standard was judged morally untenable. Toleration of such conduct would not be democratic... but inevitably anarchic."



The Rochester Sisters of St. Joseph, thought of chiefly as teachers in this diocese, have a flourishing enterprise in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma, Ala. These are the latest graduates of their hospital's School of Practical Nursing, shown with the director, Sister Mary Christopher Kuchman of Rochester, rear right. Next to her stands Miss Mary Torrance of Hulberton, Orleans County, one of four students from outside Alabama.

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As part of the "Baltimore Four," Father Philip Berrigan and Thomas Lewis joined the Rev. James Mengel, a Protestant minister, and David Eberhardt, a peace-movement leader, in a raid on the Custom House, Baltimore, in October 1967. The four were convicted of pouring human and duck blood on Selective Service files as a symbolic action against the war in Vietnam.

## Cdl. Cushing Criticized for School Action

Boston — (RNS) — Replying to criticism stemming from his sale of one school, Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston has warned that "one or more" of 13 other central high schools in his archdiocese may have to be closed.

"I cannot be 'Santa Claus' with the assets of the high school corporation of the archdiocese," he said.

Cardinal Cushing defended in a three-page statement his decision to close, and sell if possible, St. Peter's High School, Gloucester, Mass., because the school has the "highest operating deficit and the lowest occupancy."

The prelate was severely criticized by faculty and parents of St. Peter's who have threatened a court battle to prevent the school's sale. The cardinal was accused of an "unethical act" in carrying on "secret" negotiations with the Gloucester public school board, and of an "imprudent act" in "destroying" Christian education.

In countering the charges, Cardinal Cushing said that within the past month he had offered to sell the high school to the Holy Cross Fathers who administer it.

Nine Holy Cross priests, including the principal, Father Douglas Hawkins, C.S.C., were among the sponsoring a paid advertisement in the Boston Globe which rebuked the Cardinal's action.

In the ad, the cardinal was accused of "annihilating a school to which students, parents, faculty are extremely devoted," and of "violating the principles of Vatican II in the absolute exercise of his authority without prior consultations with those concerned."

St. Peter's, built four years ago at a cost of \$7 million, is being offered to the City of Gloucester for \$4 million. The eventual sale depends on authorization by the city council of a bond issue for a new elementary school and the closing of a second.

With regard to St. Peter's, Cardinal Cushing pointed out that parents of students were advised of the financial plight of the school. He said he sent each a letter last Spring describing the financial condition of the central high schools and asking for donations. The prelate noted that only 3 per cent of the parents responded to the appeal.

The cardinal said that the archdiocesan board of trustees had considered all the implications of closing St. Peter's.

"It can hardly be said that I acted without advice or in haste," he said.

In his statement, Cardinal Cushing gave four reasons for disposing of St. Peter's — the school was built on borrowed funds, it has the largest operating deficit (\$170,000 is projected for this year), it has only 58 per cent occupancy, and the City of Gloucester needs classroom space.

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