

Milwaukee Adopts Church Levy

The Milwaukee City Council has abandoned a controversial sewer service charge which had aroused the opposition of churches, hospitals and other tax-exempt institutions. Such agencies would have been charged a fee based on assessed valuation of their properties.

However, the council repealed that ordinance and re-placed it with a measure which will levy a charge for sewer service equal to 150 per cent of the tax-exempt institution's water bill. It will take effect Jan. 1.

The charge will be made every three months along with the institution's water bills. It will apply to churches, colleges, public schools, cemeteries, hospitals and nursing homes, government properties, and utilities.

It will produce an estimated \$1.5 million a year for the city, compared with \$2.5 under the original measure.

U.S. Renounces Germ Warfare

President Nixon announced here that the U.S. has renounced the use of all methods of "biological" warfare. However, he said, it maintains the right to use "chemical weapons if they are first used by the enemy.

Biological warfare sometimes called "germ warfare"relies on producing communicable diseases which can affect entire populations. Chemical agents do not have an epidemic capability, operating only on individuals.

Yom Kippur Public Holidau?

A bill, pre-filed in the New York State Legislature, ad-vocates that the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur be made a legal public holiday.

The measure, sponsored by State Sen. John J. Santucci of Queens, was among several which were introduced in advance of the session beginning in January.

Santucci said his bill would recognize "the most important and solemn day of the year to people of the Jewish

Guaranteed Income Backed

The Massachusetts Council of Churches has aproved a policy statement which calls for a guaranteed annual income of \$5,100 for a family of four in Massachusetts.

The agreement, arrived at during an assembly of the 18-denomination organization, pledges members to-support welfare recipients "in their struggle to secure their rights and needs.

The statement said that the public has widely misunderstood the problems of welfare. "Historically," it said, "our churches sometimes have been the purveyors of a distorted version of the 'Protestant ethic' which regarded economic success as a symbol of divine favor and economic failure as a symptom of demonic character."

Ted Kennedy Vote Runnerup

Sen. Edward Kennedy didn't get the most votes, but he still won the election. He's one of 15 members of the parish council at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in the Georgetown section of Washington, D.C.

Sen. Kennedy, a resident of McLean, Va., who frequently attends Mass at Holy Trinity with his wife, Joan, received 277 votes but was nosed out by Don De Vol, a funeral director, who had 279.

Holy Trinity, the oldest Catholic church in the area, was attended frequently by the late President John F. Kennedy.

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Priest Learns First-Hand The Depression of Poverty

Youngstown; Ohio-(NC)from Catholic charitable or-Thousands of persons spend endless weeks of depression in the inner-cities because of poverty and their powerless-ness to overcome it. There is

Pope Hails

Vatican City --- (RNS) - Pope Paul paid particular attention to members of Cur-

sillo groups from Italy, Spain

and Portugal here, holding

them up as examples of a re-

awakening of Christian con-

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The Pope said the Cursil-

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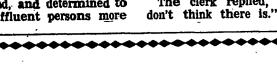
sensitive to "our suffering ganizations. The situation is sometimes difficult for the affluent to

cities is what they read in textbooks.

Recently 12 ministers and three priests in a project for the Clergy Internship Program at Case Western Reserve University, put on work clothes and took to the streets to find out whether

erless, and nameless." Msgr. P. Breen Malone, pastor of St. Patrick's church here and impostor among the poor, was one of those to live the poor life in Cleveland.

bleak inner-city life, he emerged depressed at what he found, and determined to make affluent persons more



The 46-year-old priest ate bologna and crackers on Cleveland's Public Square, worked in a factory all night, slept in a third-rate hotel. and sat on innumerable bar

brothers."

men In his contacts with the poor, who exhibited "a fantastic sense of sharing and concern," Msgr. Malone found God. But in his brushes with church-related agencies set up to help the poor, he said he found dejection.

After failing to obtain some decent clothing from the St. Vincent de Paul Sothe priest asked a ciety, clerk:

"Is there any Catholic institution in Cleveland that can take care of me?" The clerk replied, "No, I

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Navy Chaplains Celebrate Anniversary as consolation for a Church disturbed by so many proh-

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nations, have served in Viet-nam. Some aspects of the va-riety of chaplains' duties are aboard the carrier Kearsarge, shown in these photos.

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this state by which the term "religion" may be defined.

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In an informal opinion, Lef-are performed, as a matter of a marriage ceremony in New York State? kowitz said:

Decline in Vocations

Seems to Be Slowing NC News Service 2,313 in the beginning class as compared to 2,425 for 1968.

Detroit-The sharp drop in vocations across the United States and Canada from 1964 to 1968 appears to be slowing, according to figures compiled by the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors.

The figures, however, cannot demonstrate if this is a temporary plateau or the bottom in the decline.

In contrast to the 50% drop in high school seminary enroliment reported by the Center for Applied. Research in the Apostolate (CARA), from 1964 to 1968, this year's freshman classes will be only 4% smaller than last year's.

The report shows that 32 seminary high schools noted increases in freshmen enfollment; 29 noted decreases; and six have the same enroll-ment. Total enrollment is

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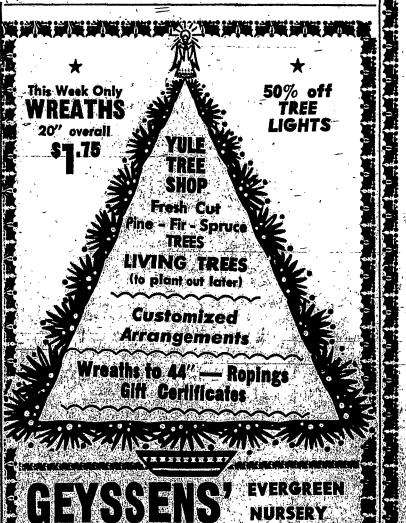
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also be amended by the Legislature to clarify this issue." The statute reads: "A clergy-



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