

THE WEEK'S NEWS IN REVIEW

Lutheran Gets Catholic Award

A Catholic agency in St. Paul, Minn. has named an executive of the World Council of Churches to receive its Archbishop John Ireland Distinguished Service Award.

Charles P. Lutz, a Lutheran and executive secretary of the WCC's New York office, will receive the award given annually by the Urban Affairs Commission of the St. Paul-Minneapolis archdiocese.

Kennedys' Parish Feels Pinch

The Church of St. Francis Xavier in Hyannisport, Mass., where the Kennedy family has worshipped for three generations, is feeling the pinch of dwindling finances.

Msgr. William Thompson, pastor, says the parish checking account contains only \$589, not enough to keep the heating plant in operation. He told parishioners that an emergency fund balance of \$8,500 had already been spent.

Msgr. Thompson asked the 1,400 "year-round" families to raise their weekly donations to \$2. He said that although the church attracts 12,000 weekly during the height of the tourist season, the average donation then is only 25 cents.

The church has a wing donated in memory of Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. by the Kennedy family. Mrs. Rose Kennedy, mother of the late President, attends St. Francis daily while in Hyannisport during the summer.

Arizona Bishops Seek Tax Aid

The Catholic bishops of Arizona have called upon the state legislature to work out a plan of state aid for children in nonpublic schools.

"We are at the point where the nonpublic schools cannot survive unless the Arizona children attending them begin to share in the benefits of their parents' taxes," the bishops stated.

They said that 78 per cent of Arizona taxes goes for education, but the 36,000 nonpublic school students get no tax benefits.

Singapore Approves Abortion

In the face of Catholic and Moslem opposition, Singapore's parliament has passed two laws authorizing abortion and sterilization.

Both laws, passed by a 32-15 majority of the legislature, establish review boards to pass on the merits of individual case. The laws will remain in effect for three years.

Anglicans Join Catholics

A mass Anglican exodus in Kurnool, India, to the Roman Catholic Church has been stalled temporarily by a shortage of churches.

The infant Kurnool diocese is so poor that Bishop Joseph Rajappa is unable to build chapels, and many Anglicans interpret this as a lack of interest.

In the initial movement, about 3,000 Anglican laymen joined the Catholic Church in some two months, after five leading clergymen were received into the church by Bishop Rajappa in June, 1969.

They as well as the laymen were dissatisfied by a choice given to their Anglican dioceses to join either an existing Church of South India or a proposed Church of North India—both unions of various Protestant churches. Discontent arose over the attitude of the united churches

to infant baptism, apostolic succession of the priesthood and the Mass. The Anglicans approved the Catholic position on these, and made a submission of faith as Catholics with the tacit approval of their own bishop.

Good Idea but Not His

In Rome, John Cardinal Wright, prefect of the Congregation for Clergy, said he was not the person who originated the idea of having priests renew their vows of celibacy on Holy Thursday. He added that he wished he "was the person who dreamed it up." Cardinal Wright had been the target of critical press reaction after the idea was announced, Feb. 9.

IHM Archbishop's Problem

In Vatican City, the secretary of the Congregation for Religious disclosed that the Vatican authorized Archbishop Timothy Manning of Los Angeles full power to act on its behalf in winding up the affairs of California's Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters. The nuns put themselves out as a community on Feb. 15.

Sweden May Help Churches

Government financial aid to Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Jewish and other churches for their advisory work with immigrants has been proposed in the Swedish parliament.

Four Liberal Party members proposed that \$200,000 be granted to the National Board of Immigration, to be distributed among the Catholic, Orthodox and Jewish congregations. Their motion said that immigration had increased greatly and that clergymen provided invaluable assistance in accommodating new residents to life in Sweden.



Lenten Jesus Tree

The Rev. W. E. Lauterback, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Albion, Mich., stands beside a Lenten Jesus Tree in his church. The tree portrays Old Testament prophecies of the work of Christ. Branching out from "the accursed tree" of the cross are (beginning at bottom left): The Rock in the Wilderness, The Manna From Heaven, Joseph's Coat of Many Colors, The Passover Lamb, The Cross of Sticks symbolizing the offering of Isaac, while coiled on the cross is The Brazen Serpent. These prophecies had their fulfillment centuries later in the life and death of Christ. (RNS)

1970 CAPITOL HILL 1970 ROUND-UP

Often there's more to a bill in the State Legislature than a first reading would indicate.

Aside from the obvious change in the law sometimes there's a whole philosophy coming through or an effect that may not even be indicated.

That's true in particular of two bills recently filed in Albany and now under committee consideration.

On the face of it Sen. Thomas Laverne's bill S-5412-A deals with unemployment insurance. Sen. Laverne (Republican from Rochester), however, has introduced a whole new philosophy with his bill.

This bill introduces into New York State law the graduated benefits concept based on family size.

Here's how it works: Unemployment benefits are increased for each child in the family of an unemployed worker. Single people receive the same benefits as at present; married people get an increase based on family size.

The "family allowance" plan is an old one for many countries (Canada gives a per-child grant to families as do several European countries). In a reverse way the U.S. takes families into account in the income tax law when each child is seen as another deduction, even if it is the small sum of \$600 which barely brings him home from the hospital.

But the "family allowance grant" plan never caught on here either on a state or national level.

That's why Sen. Laverne's bill is important. He's proposing that instead of the flat increase in unemployment insurance benefits suggested by Governor Rockefeller, those same funds already provided in the budget be turned into a family allowance increase.

Surely, it is argued, the unemployed worker with five children needs more than the unemployed worker with no children, yet at present each gets exactly the same benefit.

The Laverne bill has the backing of the Catholic Committee which has always believed and worked for a family allowance plan.

Another bill with "more-to-it" is the Rockefeller German measles immunization bill. What is proposed by the governor is that rubella (German measles) be added to the list of diseases the state immunizes against and provides state aid for. At present the law requires immunization against polio, smallpox and measles.

The added factor here is that in addition to helping eradicate German measles, it would also eliminate one of the major arguments being used by pro-abortionists. It would stop people from using the disease as an argument

for the necessity of abortion.

That's how it works. An unemployment bill introduced a new concept in family aid (the family allowance program) and a German measles immunization bill becomes an anti-abortion help (by reducing the arguments of the pro-abortionists).

Day Care — a program aimed at helping working mothers—has always had a top priority in the legislative requests of Catholic Charities.

That's one reason the Catholic Charities directors of the state and the Catholic Committee are supporting the Governor's Day Care program, he sent to the legislature last week.

Through a series of bills, the governor aims to expand the money available to voluntary organizations (community groups, business groups, labor organizations, religious organizations) to aid in constructing and rehabilitating day care centers.

Particularly useful for children from disadvantaged homes, the Day Care program expansion as envisioned by the governor will help "break the poverty cycle" by helping people (particularly young mothers) rise from the welfare ranks.

Nuncio Tells of Survival In Jungle Plane Crash

Georgetown, Guyana — (NC)—The first visit of the Pope's representative to Guyana was almost his last anywhere. The plane he was traveling in crashed in the deep jungle of this country's interior.

Archbishop Luigi Barbarito, apostolic nuncio to Haiti and apostolic delegate for the Antilles Bishops' Conference in the Caribbean area, described how he survived the crash.

He and his party, he said, spent two days wandering through the swampy jungle.

The experience was "most horrible," he said.

With the nuncio were Bishop Richard L. Gully, SJ, of Georgetown, Father Omer Duplessis, OMI, of Gardner, Mass., the nuncio's secretary, and Brother Michael Stom-

ber, CP, also of Gardner, the pilot for the Georgetown diocese.

Archbishop Barbarito was making a flying visit to observe the work of Jesuit missionaries in the Pakaraima Mountain region.

The plane encountered bad weather and Brother Stomber was forced to make a detour. The four-seater plane ran out of fuel, however, and Brother Stomber was forced to crash land. No one was seriously injured.

The party spent the night in the jungle while Georgetown diocesan personnel, the army and police were making frantic efforts to locate them.

No one slept during the night, the archbishop related, but spent the time fighting mosquitoes and keeping warm.

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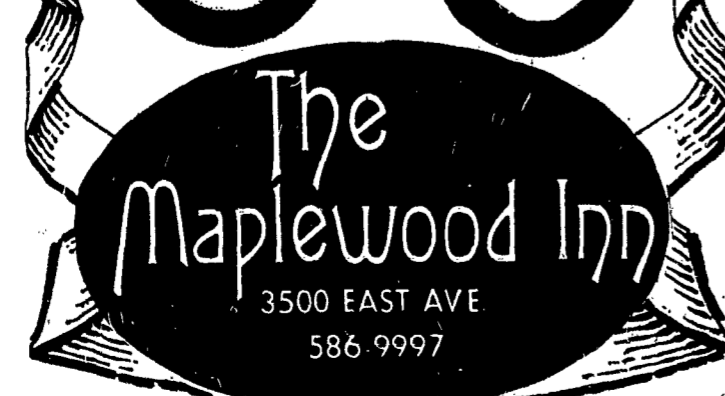
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