

# Finance Problems Close King's Prep

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for the past 3 years," the Pastoral Office indicated.

Bishop Hogan said that without questioning the value of the school he was unable to find justification for

continuing such heavy subsidy.

"I truly believe that King's Preparatory has been a very valuable part of our secondary school picture," the Bishop said. But, he revealed, the opinion of educators, representatives of priests' and lay groups and dioc-

san departments whom he consulted was opposed to continuing the school.

"Their consensus has been that in the light of the large subsidy from the diocese that would be required to continue the King's Prep program, even for another year, the continuation of the school would not be feasible."

Recalling that he had in January proposed to high school educators of the diocese that King's Prep be continued as "an experimental school wherein new teaching techniques and educational methods might be pioneered," the Bishop said he had carefully sought "shared responsibility" for the decision.

"The high school principals and faculties, he stated, gave thoughtful, honest and open responses to his proposal, but their general tenor was negative."

"Decisions on diocesan priorities are difficult ones, but in the light of many other demanding and necessary diocesan programs and the burgeoning costs of Catholic education, this decision has become imperative."

Father Emmett Halloran, rector of the school, promised that other Catholic high schools of Monroe County would accommodate the current King's Prep students and those who had intended to enter next September.

Faculty members, he said, would be helped to find new positions through the assistance of the diocesan Office of Education.

Besides Father Halloran, faculty members include diocesan priests Fathers Lawrence Murphy, Richard Brinkley and Bernard Gross; and Rev. Mr. Michael Smith, an Episcopal priest from East Rochester.

Sisters on the faculty are Sisters Joseph Mary and Sister Sharon Beckman of the Sisters of Mercy; Sister Marie Aimee and Sister Mary Bernard of the Sisters of St. Joseph; and Sister Janice Nadeau, S.N.D.

Other faculty members are Franklin Kamp, Pierre Patamia, Ernestine Fantagrossi, John Swift, Louis Reinhold, Louis Giansanti, Joseph Weber, Walter Dyer and Thomas Donahue.

## Vatican Issues New Guides On Seminaries

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priestly training gradually became a haphazard enterprise and many new priests were poorly prepared.

Cardinal Pole's decree became the model for the Council of Trent, which in July 1563 issued "De Reformatione" to start the system of formal seminaries at every cathedral church.

Among the principles affirmed in the 1970 document is the ideal of priestly celibacy. The document urges that in the education of future priests, the authorities and teachers give adequate and thorough preparation including a "fitting sexual education."

The new "Ratio" limits itself to "simply stating the principles on the most important points" for the training of seminarians, the cardinal said.

"It thereby refrains from deciding their concrete application... In some domains it lists the range of possibilities, leaving the definite choice to local authority, and expecting that choice to be made," he said.

## U.S. Bishops Laud Nixon School Plan

Washington—(NC) — The United States Catholic Conference's policy-making group on educational matters applauded President Nixon's message to Congress favoring reform of the country's educational system.

The statement by the USCC group said it will put the USCC Department of Education's full resources at the disposal of the President's commission on school finance.

The USCC group noted the country's Catholic schools face critical financial problems, but added "we are determined to do all in our power to strengthen them."

our diocesan Office of Education to find satisfactory placements for the members of the present staff.

I am indeed grateful to the talented faculty and staff who have worked with such dedication under the capable leadership of Father Emmett Halloran to write the short but inspiring chapter of our educational history entitled "King's Prep."

No tears are more authentic than those of the seventh Bishop of Rochester who by office must preside at the requiem of a Child of Great Promise.

## Bishop's Statement on School Closing

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mitting their reaction to it in writing. Their responses were thoughtful, honest and open, — but their general tenor was negative.

Their reaction reflected that of all other groups with whom I have discussed this proposal, including the Priests' Council, representative priests, lay groups at the priorities meeting in the Southern Tier of the diocese, various departments of my staff and many other diocesan groups.

The consensus has been that in the light of the large subsidy from the diocese that would be required to continue the King's Prep program, even for another year, the continuation of the school would not be feasible.

Decisions on diocesan priorities are difficult ones, but in the light of many other demanding and necessary diocesan programs and the burgeoning costs of Catholic education this decision has become imperative.

I truly believe that King's Preparatory has been a very valuable part of our secondary picture. It has inaugurated many exciting and challenging educational programs, and it is my hope and expectation that the closing of King's Prep will be out-lived by the many excellent programs initiated there. Our other fine high schools have been close to the King's Prep program and we have every confidence that their own innovative talents will continue to pursue some of the academic goals which King's Preparatory has envisioned.

I will arrange with the other Catholic high schools of Monroe County to accommodate the students presently enrolled in King's Prep as well as those who would have been accepted for September 1970. The diocese will also continue to honor the scholarship commitments made to the students at King's Prep and to those who had earned scholarships for the coming school year.

Every effort will be made through

## Tears, Sorrow at Closing

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was the cry of many parents and students at both afternoon and evening meetings.

In the vortex of verbal eruption were Father Brent and, joining him at the evening meeting, Father James Moynihan, diocesan chancellor. Father Brent, calm, frank and well accepted, reiterated an explanation:

"Let's face it," he said, "the Diocese has many serious problems and the necessity for establishing priorities. Many of these are financial. There is no question that the program at King's Prep is exceptional — in fact, I think it's fabulous."

"But put yourself in the Bishop's position. The Diocese has a limited financial capability; demands on its finances are numerous — inner city ministry, rural ministry and migrant poverty, maintenance of parish schools, the need for improving the Christian Doctrine education of thousands of our Catholic children attending public schools, adult religious education... I could go on and on."

"It should be evident to everyone that the Diocese is continually faced with decisions on priorities."

It was the contention of some parents and students that the King's Prep program should be funded and retained because it will provide dynamic lay leadership for the future of the Church in a world in which there are fewer priests and Sisters to do this.

Father Brent said he felt Bishop Hogan's decision was "one of the most painful he has had to make so early in his career as our shepherd," and he emphasized that it was not made by the Bishop alone "but only after a long study of the situation and after he had sought the counsel of priests, education leaders and many others throughout the diocese."

High point of the dramatic evening session came when some parents asked Father Emmett Halloran, King's Prep rector, if he would express his feelings. Father Halloran began by declaring: "This has been the hardest day of my life; our hearts are broken."

He immediately turned to Fathers Brent and Moynihan to assure them that the sometimes vociferous reactions throughout the meeting were not directed at them personally — that they had done a good and priestly job of explanation.

'Referring to Bishop Hogan's "valiant efforts" to try to find a solution for the school, he said:

"Bishop Hogan understands well the field of education. I know he is hurt and unhappy... I feel his heart is crushed to have had to make such a decision."

Father Halloran had high praise for the faculty and students, stating he was "proud of the job they have



Cross Country

The Rev. Arthur Blessitt, right, a Southern Baptist clergyman from the Sunset Strip in Los Angeles, and one of his staff members, Jesse Wise, carry an 80-pound, 10-foot cross along Interstate 40 near Oklahoma City enroute from California to Washington, D.C. Mr. Blessitt and four companions are making the 2,600-mile trek "to emphasize the need for spiritual awakening throughout America." (Religious News Service)

## Can State Keep Citizens From 'Undeclared Wars'?

Boston — (RNS) — A legislative committee on judiciary matters approved a bill to exclude Massachusetts citizens from military service in "undeclared wars."

The bill was drafted by the Rev. John M. Wells, pastor of the First Unitarian church, Lexington, Mass., and Prof. Steven Worth of Northeastern University. It was filed in the legislature by Rep. H. James Shea of Newton.

Sen. Joseph D. Ward of Fitchburg, chairman of a joint judiciary committee said that "the overwhelming majority" of the 21-member unit approved the measure.

Rep. Shea indicated that the pur-

pose of the bill is to put before the U.S. Supreme Court the issue of the constitutionality of "sustained foreign war pursued in the absence of a congressional declaration of war."

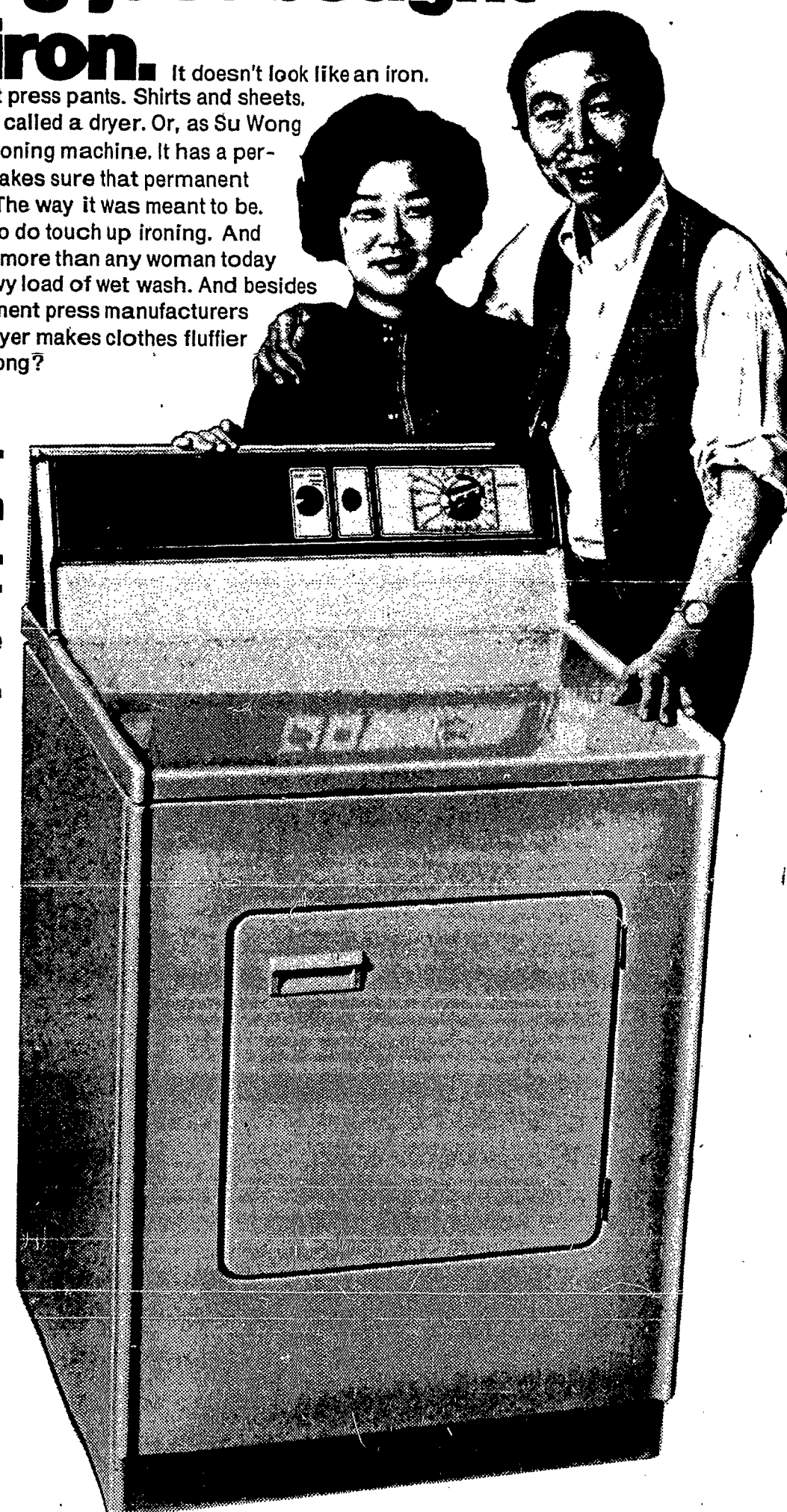
The bill would allow Massachusetts citizens to refuse military service in a combat area outside the United States, challenge the power of the presidency to sustain "undeclared war" and place the issue before the U.S. Supreme Court. It would also require the state's attorney general to represent a citizen in a test case.

Mr. Wells, the Unitarian pastor, is 42, a lawyer, a former U.S. Defense Department consultant and an Air Force veteran.

## Su Wong just bought a new iron.

It doesn't look like an iron. But iron it does. Permanent press pants. Shirts and sheets. Dresses and draperies. It's called a dryer. Or, as Su Wong calls it: the amazing new ironing machine. It has a permanent press cycle that makes sure that permanent press comes out pressed. The way it was meant to be. Without a dryer, you have to do touch up ironing. And who wants to do that? Any more than any woman today wants to lug around a heavy load of wet wash. And besides doing the work that permanent press manufacturers recommend that it do, a dryer makes clothes fluffier and lint-free. Right, Mr. Wong?

Iron your clothes with a dryer. See your appliance dealer.



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## Christian

New York — (RNS) — A force of almost 2,000 filled New Riverside Church to hear the Rev. Primate of England and the Rev. Primate of the United States make appeals for Christian unity.

Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury and Leo-Joseph Cardinal Cullen of Malines-Brussels led under the sponsorship of the Ecumenical Institute. The two p both 65 and close friends for years, were in the U.S. to seminar for Episcopal bishops at the Institute.

In his introduction of the Union President Dr. John C. Nett noted historic dimensions of Anglican and Catholic p speak on the same evening, at invitation of an interdenominational Protestant seminary, in a having a Baptist background.

The broadly ecumenical at Riverside included some of religious leaders of America including Archbishop Iakovos, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

## Nine Churches COCU

By ROBERT J. BYRNE  
NC News Service

St. Louis — By unanimous vote, the 90 delegates to the weeklong Consultation on Church Union here approved a plan which could result in the eventual formation of a single, 25-million-member Church of Christ Uniting.

Approval of the plan of union does not assure the merger of the nine participating Protestant denominations. Each delegation must take the plan to its own church for two years of study. The plan with any recommendations for change must be returned to the Consultation by January 1972 for further refinement.

As approved, the 145-page plan of union calls for a series of districts each com

## COCU Observer

## Watch De Catholics

St. Louis—(NC)—Catholics of the United States should be "carefully watchful" at the response which Protestants give to the Consultation on Church Union plan of union, according to a Catholic ecumenical expert.

Father John F. Hotchkin, associate director of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' (NCCB) office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, said Catholics should watch "to see if there is a movement of the spirit to accept the plan. If it is received and developed and applied, that would be evidence that the Holy Spirit is using the plan for some intention."

Father Hotchkin, who spent the week at the COCU sessions as an official Catholic observer, said he was impressed with the pliability of the entire discussion.

The participants were certain that, by means of group discussions, all the necessary elements would be included.

## Brazil E

Sao Paulo, Brazil—(NC)—Despite denials by the government that its agents are torturing political prisoners, the Brazilian Bishops' Conference has decided to support an investigation of the torture charges.

The decision was made after the conference's permanent committee heard a report from the bishops' Justice and Peace Commission on investigation of the alleged tortures.

Since the military regime assumed dictatorial power over a year ago on grounds that subversives were trying to overthrow the government, hundreds of persons, including priests and lay leaders have been arrested.

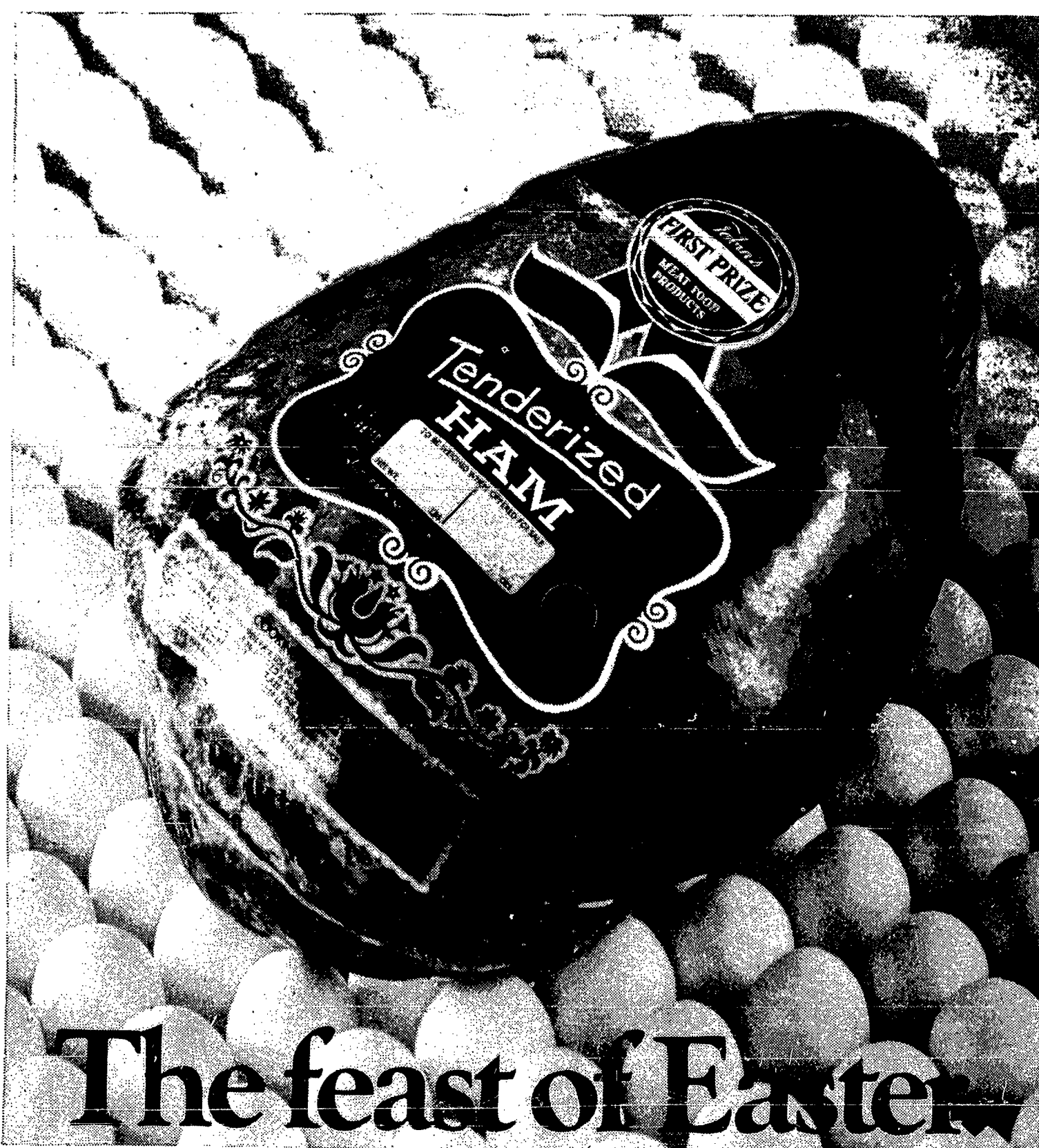
Aides of Brazilian president Gen. Emilio G. Medici, have consistently denied that the military government is torturing prisoners. In some areas, however, local authorities have admitted what they call isolated cases of torture. In December, Justice Minister Alfredo Buzaid said the government is willing to examine any evidence of torture that might be submitted.

Archbishop Avelar Brandi Vilela of Teresina, however, has claimed that "the queue been fully explained to the conscience of the nation."

At a meeting in Sao Paulo the archbishop said that it claim that Church-state relations in Brazil are excellent "farfetched optimism."

Archbishop Brandao Vilela is president of the Latin American Bishops' Council (CELAM).

"I am not an emotion man and I abhor injustice



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