

# Speno-Lerner Vote Nears

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to understand the problem being faced by parents of non-public school students; and they are seriously inclined to add them. How is still a question", he said.

The bill, jointly introduced by Sen. Speno of Long Island and Assemblyman Lerner of Brooklyn, provides for a sliding scale of grants to parents of non-public school students based on tuition costs of the secular education the children receive.

"I have yet to see a reasonable alternative," Davitt said, "and until we do see one we are continuing to push for tuition aid. Many representatives have already indicated their interest in the bill. Our job, now, is to get it out of the education committee and on the floor for debate."

During the past months various "leaks" either of official or unofficial nature have come from the Governor's office indicating he is ready to give "some kind of aid" to the non-public school student. However no specific alternative to the Speno-Lerner Tuition Aid Program has been offered.

Letters are expected to mount in the governor's office as he presently is the only known bottleneck in the tuition aid picture, it was learned last week.

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# Cardinal Cushing Expels Holy Cross Fathers

Boston — (NC) — Cardinal Richard Cushing has banished the Holy Cross Fathers from the Boston archdiocese effective June 30.

The action came as a climax to the controversy involving the sale by the archdiocese of St. Peter's Central High School in nearby Gloucester to that city. The Holy Cross Fathers staff the school and openly opposed the cardinal's efforts to negotiate the sale.

Cardinal Cushing informed Richard Sullivan, C.S.C., Holy Cross Fathers provincial superior, that archdiocesan faculties for that congregation of priests and Brothers would be suspended on June 30 when the Gloucester school is closed.

After the action was reported by the general news media here, an archdiocesan spokesman confirmed that the cardinal had taken the action, but declined to explain.

## Unit Attacks Abortion

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"As co-chairman of the Rochester Right to Life Committee, and as a physician, I feel it is important to let the public know the position the state and national medical societies have taken on abortion with regard to the Dominick Bill. That position is clear. They oppose it.

"The House of Delegates of the Medical Society of the State of New York voiced its opposition to total repeal of the present abortion law at their February, 1970 meeting. In December 1969 the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association voted down a resolution requiring the AMA endorse repeal of all state anti-abortion laws.

"A statement on abortion laws also was made by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists on May 9, 1968:

"It is firmly stated that the College will not condone nor support the concept that an abortion be considered or performed for any unwanted pregnancy or as a means of population control."

Edelman stressed the inconsistency of a legal system which promotes and establishes laws concerning inheritance and property rights of the unborn and yet refuses to safeguard the rights of the unborn to life itself.

The spokesman said individual members of the Holy Cross community could ask for special faculties in the archdiocese.

St. Peter's has been the focal point of controversy since last October when members of the school faculty, including Holy Cross members, and parents purchased a newspaper advertisement criticizing Cardinal Cushing's plan to close the school.

The advertisement charged Cardinal Cushing with committing an "unethical act" by secretly negotiating to sell the \$7 million school for \$4 million to city officials.

A petition of St. Peter's Parents Club for a permanent injunction against the sale was rejected in a District Court, and an appeal now is pending in the state Supreme Court.

Cardinal Cushing said at that time he wanted to close the school because it faced an annual deficit of \$170,000. He also noted that the five-year-old institution now has an enrollment of 455, only half of its capacity.

Holy Cross officials here and at provincial headquarters in Connecticut declined to comment on the suspension ruling.

## Natural Law A Right and Duty, Pope Declares

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI came out with a spirited defense of the Christian concept of the natural law during his general audience here March 18.

Talking to thousands in St. Peter's Basilica, the Pope said "the imminent sense of conscience and even more the light of reason tells us that we are subject to a law which is a right and, at the same time, a duty."

Pope Paul noted that the concept of natural law is under fire today from many sides, even from some within the Church who do not accept it. He said his own experience in "this period of reform and opposition" indicates that the force of moral anxiety comes from the natural law.

Natural law also expresses itself in civil law, the pontiff continued. But he added that for the Christian, more is required. "We need the law of grace, which has an economy of its own, a kingdom of its own, and which is normally introduced to us by the Church."

## Vermont Defeats Abortion Reform

Montpelier, Vt. — (NC) — The Vermont State Senate defeated the proposed abortion reform bill by a vote of 20 to 10.

The bill was undergoing its third reading, the next to the last step before becoming law, if it had passed. The bill is dead for at least this session of the legislature.

## Fight to Save God's Earth, Faiths Told

Portland, Ore.—(RNS)—A conservationist said here that U.S. churches must begin offsetting the political weight of the highway lobby, the automobile lobby and oil companies, and halt the ruin of "God's earth."

The comment was made by Dr. Richard A. Baer Jr., associate professor of religion at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., a member of the new ecological team of the National Council of Churches.

"God has made men stewards—a newer word is trustees—of His world," Dr. Baer said. "Christians and Jews believe, too, that life in this world is important, that we are here not only to get ready for the life to come.

"Ravishing the world through pollution is not only stupid—it is blasphemous.

"The Bible tells us, 'The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.' We have no right to mess it up as we have done.

"We are in a position to kill ourselves. Man's life in this world is seriously threatened."

Dr. Baer called for steps to halt population growth, to foster the use of mass transit and to speed the development of cars driven by steam or electricity.

"We must work as fast as we can for zero population growth," he declared. "We need more information on birth control and it needs to be more available.

"The sooner we stabilize population, the higher quality of life we shall have. If we wait 30 years to stabilize population, some ecological systems will break down—pollution will get out of control."

He said that a steam engine would cause from 1/4 of 1 per cent to 4 per cent of the pollution caused by the internal combustion engine. "Scientists think that a crash program could get steam or electric cars ready for use in four to six years," he added.

"We must call a moratorium on freeway building. It is outrageous that the highway lobby has so much power."

## CARDINAL HOSPITALIZED

Boston — (RNS) — Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, was admitted to St. Elizabeth hospital here March 19, suffering from a resistant infection. According to his physician, Dr. Richard Wright, the cardinal has not been responsive to therapy at his home where he had been confined for several days.

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