Mrs. John C. Bennett, right, wife of the president of Union Theological Seminary, news columnist Murray Kempton (with glasses) sit on the steps at entrance to a federal building housing four draft boards in New York. They were among the 182 arrested during the demonstration, part of a weeklong protest against the war in Vietnam and the draft. (Religious News Service)

building,

they were arrested.

two years ago.

Seminary Head's Wife Arrested

New York-(RNS) - Mrs. been allowed to enter the John C. Bennett, wife of the president of Union Theological Seminary, was one of some 180 persons arrested here in a demonstration outside a draft center.

Mrs. Bennett, 66, was taken into custody along with newspaper columnist Murray Kempton as they sat on steps in the vestibule of a Selective Service office on Varick Street. A small group had

Army Ordered to Release C.O.

Richmond, Va. — (RNS)— The Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ordered the Army to release a private who claims he has been held illegally since he is a conscientious objector.

In a 2 to 1 decision, federal judges granted a writ of habeas corpus to David H. O'Brien of Suffolk, Va. He is an Episcopalian. The youth has been in a running controversy with the Selective Service System and the Army for several years.

The decision overruled a tion.

district court in North Carolina. It held that Pvt. O'Brien's draft board had abdicated its responsibility in not granting a C.O. status when it was requested.

The Richmond court found evidence in the record that the draft board has established sufficient evidence that O'Brien was opposed to all war because of religious beliefs. The current laws allow C.O. rating only if there is universal objection to war based on religious motiva-

Trudeau Welcomes Objectors

Winnipeg, Man.—(RNS) — ments before a Mennonite Canadian Prime Minister delegation that asked him to Pierre Elliott Trudeau told encourage U.S. draft evaders Mennonite leaders here that Canada should be a "refuge from militarism" and that he welcomes U.S. draft-dodgers because many had "a religious motivation (concerned) with love and brotherhood."

Trudeau made his com-

to come to this country.

"I would say we are opposed to militarism," the prime minister said. He added that cuts in Canada's defense budget, now frozen at \$1.8 billion a year, are a move in the right direction.

Draft Foe Termed 'Saint' by Bishop

Milwaukee—(RNS) — Roman Catholic Bishop Charles
A. Buswell of Pueblo, Colo.,

The 28 years old former some testifying in federal court here on behalf of Michael D. Cullen, a member of the "Milwaukee 14," said Cullen had the reputation of a saint.

"That's spelled, s-a-i-n-t," the bishop said. His remark appeared to startle some of the spectators jammed into the courtroom of Judge Myron L. Gordon.

Cullen, on Trish immigrant, was the last of the so-called "Milwaukee 14" to go on trial, and was found guilty by a federal court jury on charges growing out of the burning of draft records in

Despite the jury's decision, Cullen called the verdict a "tremendous victory" cause, he said, he had been

The 28-year-old former seminarian was found guilty on two counts. Judge Gordon confirmed the one finding of being guilty of interfering with the Selective Service system. He delayed a ruling of guilty on the actual burning of draft records.

The charge on which Cullen was found guilty carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both.

The bishop said Cullen impressed him by his "care for the poor in a very loving way." His remark was a reference to the work carried on by Cullen, a former seminarian, at Casa Maria House of Hospitality in Milwaukee where Mr. Cullen operated a program to feed the poor.



Courier-Journal-Friday, April 3, 1970 Amish Gain Support for Educational Plight Dr. Hostetler told the court that if the Amish are re-quired to attend high school, 50 miles west of Philadelphia and within these confines live 13,000 Amish. But Ohio has

Washington, D.C.—(RNS)

—The Amish people have gathered an impressive ecumenical array of "public defenders" behind them in their fight with a Wisconsin circuit court over compulsory schooling of children.

As it stands now the court has affirmed the conviction of three Amish parents charged with failure to send heir children to high school in New Glarus, Wis., even though the court admitted the Wisconsin compulsory school law interferes with Amish religious belief.

To the defense of the Wisconsin Amish — famed for their adherence to the simple agricultural life of bygone centuries — has come the

Bill on Reading Names of Dead Clears Hurdle

to read the names of Veitnam war dead at protest demonstrations without permission of the next of kin. Heatedly opposed on the grounds that it violates First Amendment guarantees of freedom of speech, the bill now goes to the Senate which

debated a similar measure

Albany—(RNS)—The State Assembly approved a bill that

would make it a misdemeanor

several weeks ago but took no They were asked by police to leave about 15 minutes later. When they refused, Sponsored by Assemblyman John G. McCarthy (R-Suf-folk), the bill carries a peninary president is a long-time foe of the Vietnam war and alty of up to three months in jail but, according to its sponthe draft system. She was an sor, its intent is to spare the organizer of the Jeanette Ranbereaved wives and families of dead Americans from havkin Brigade, a force of antiwar women, in Washington ing their names read at demonstrations allegedly support-

> The bill was passed 86-50 with about 20 Democrats joining the majority of Republicans present to assure pas-

ing the Viet Cong and North

Vietnamese.

In defense of the bill, Assemblyman McCarthy said "the only thing they have left is the son's, the husband's name and the fact that he gave up his life for his country." He termed the use of a man's name without permission as an "invasion of pri-

Meanwhile, in New York City a meeting of the National Committee for Responsible Patriotism heard pleas from nam dead to ban the reading of such names from all politNational Committee for Amish Religious Freedom, established in 1967 and headed by the Rev. William C. Lindholm, a Lutheran clergyman from Livonia, Mich. Its members are mainly clergy, schol-

ars and lawyers. Pastor Lindholm, writing in the March-April edition of Liberty magazine, a periodical of the Seventh-day Adventist Church published here, said his organization takes issue with the Wisconsin

In his critcism of the Wisconsin court's "infringement" of Amish rights, Pastor Lind-

"The criminal prosecution substantially violates the Amishmen's constitutional rights to religious liberty, prevents them from rearing their children in the Amish faith and mortally threatens them as a religious commu-

The Amish, who continually face increasing pressures to change their way of life from a society that is closing in on all sides, base their opposition to high school attendance on a scriptural command: "Be not conformed to this world" (Romans 12:2).

Seeing much in public edu-

'Boy of the Year'

James Heath, 17, of Catskill, N.Y., is installed as

national "Boy of the Year" by President Nixon in

a White House ceremony. The 24th annual win-

ner of the Boys' Clubs of America contest, Mr.

Heath was given an inscribed plaque citing him

as typifying "juvenile decency in action." (RNS)

their ways, the Amish advocate a simple educational philosophy in which the Word of God is the central and dominating theme.

Attorney William B. Ball, former director of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference in Harrisburg (which is near one of the largest Amish clusters of population centered in Lancaster), also argues in the Liberty magazine issue that to force Amish children into a regular high school de-prives them of the religious environment of their community and forces them into a conflicting, hostile, secular

Ball, a Catholic and a member of the National Committee for Amish Religious Freedom, is defending the Wisconsin Amish. Now on appeal. to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the case has a good chance of reaching the U.S: Supreme Court.

"Whether the Amish religion itself is unreasonable is not relevant," said Ball, in his legal brief. "The plain facts are that the state (whether acting reasonably or

otherwise) is preventing the defendants from performing their religious obligations.

Another committee member, Dr. John Hostetler, professor of anthropology and so-ciology at Temple University, Philadelphia, reported to the Wisconsin court that "the Amish compare favorably to the norm for children who are non-Amish; IQ performance is above norm. They achieve remarkably well in their one-room school, in their church-community environment and in their vocational schools."

prived of the life intended for them and the parents' right to train their children to be Amishmen is violated. The chief domain of the Amish people is the Pennsyl-

their religion will be de-

Ball, in his brief, noted

that the Amish do not attack

the idea of compulsory educa-

tion laws, but only their ap-

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where their children are de-

vania Dutch country, about

milieu that runs counter to their religious convictions and may harm them psycho-Population Growth

Washington — (NC) President Nixon approved a bill establishing a Commission on Population Growth and the American Future, which will issue a report after two years of investigation.

Father James T. McHugh, director of the Family Life Division, United States Catholic Conference, said in a statement the commission will have to focus on "questions of what kind of a society we want, what we are able to do with our knowledge and technology and what we are willing to do to shape a future that responds to the deepest aspirations of man."

The White House said that the commission is charged with studying the probable course of population growth between now and the year 2000, the resources of the public sector necessary to deal with population growth, and the impact of population increases on the environment and on the activities of federal, state and local govern-

Father McHugh said "the commission will have to look at the present census figures in regard to population, and the trends that they indicate for the future.

"It will also have to look at our major cities, and the possible expansion of the suburban areas surrounding them." he continued. "It will have to consider our transportation and communications facilities, our education systems, our health care facili-

"Attention also will be given to our sources of food, our ability to produce, pack-

age and deliver adequate supplies to all segments of the population," Father McHugh

He added that jobs and ters of industry.

composed of two members

FEW DOCTORS

Indonesia has 1 doctor for every 29,480 persons, against the U.S. ratio of 1 for every 658 persons. A team sent by MEDICO, a service of CARE is helping to train medical workers and to treat patients.

Nixon.

The commission will be

not more than 20 members appointed by the President. John D. Rockefeller 3rd was named chairman by

housing also will have to be taken into account, particuarly as they relate to the cen-

each from the Senate and the House of Representatives and

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York State, just over 1,000.

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have since confined them-

selves entirely to farming.

They govern themselves, but

do not vote in federal elec-

tions; they have a high regard for the U.S. Constitution but

will not fight to defend it,

either in court or on the bat-

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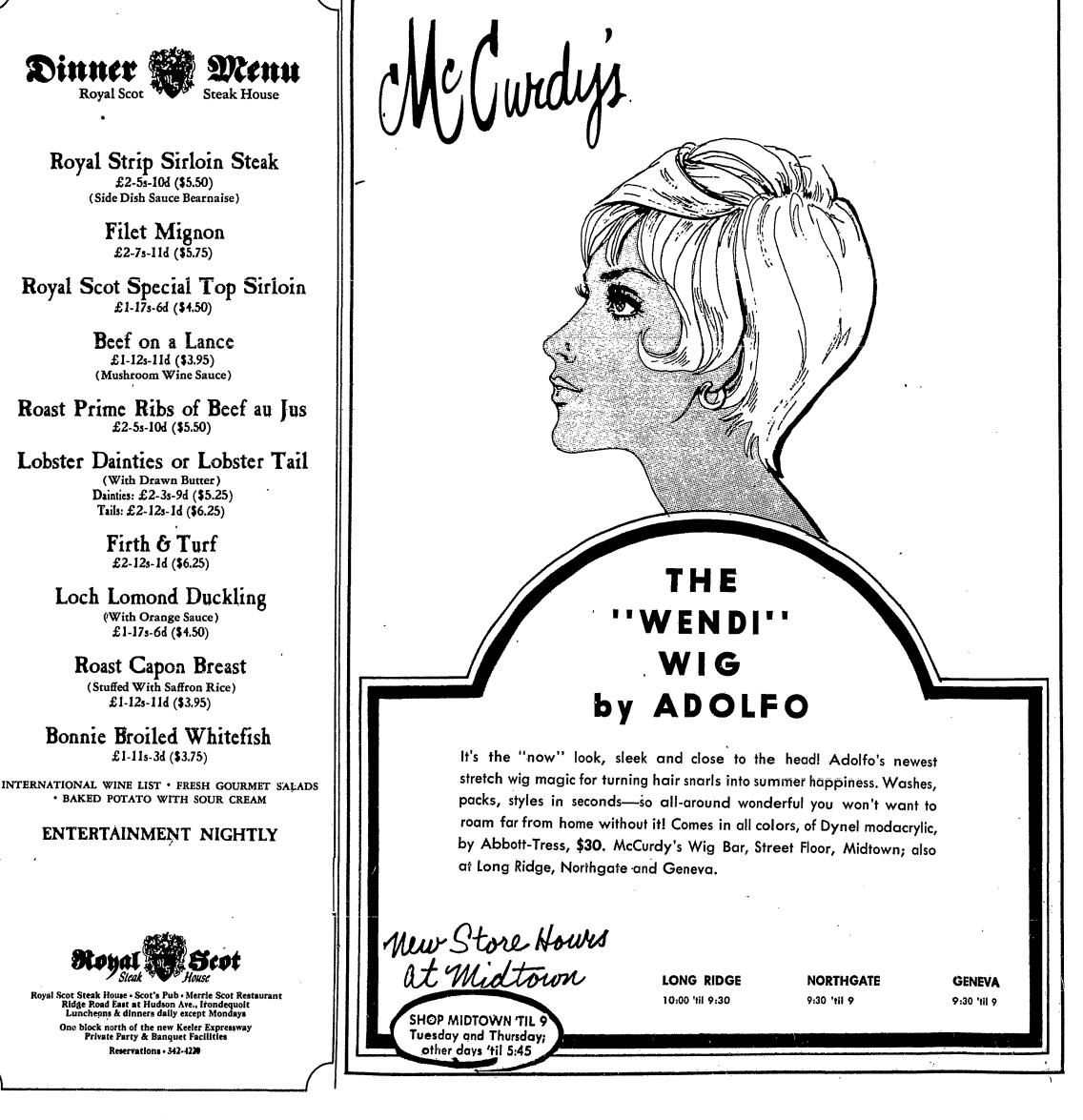
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President Nixon's 10,000 v opposition to forced busing to urged an end to segregated tea officials should not go beyond attempting to impose their school district.

Top Court to Stud

The U.S. Supreme Court & "I Am Curious (Yellow)," is of turing sex and nudity has been

The Court accepted the car and Massachusetts. Last year, M the film obscene. In Massachus were used to bring criminal c federal district court decided unconstitutional and put an en-

A U.S. Supreme Court dec series of legal battles over the ter of litigation in 13 states an

Defenders of 'Curious' say "utterly without redeeming soc Armenian Leader

The heads of the Roman thodox Churches will meet th history.

Pope Paul VI will be host in Soviet Armenia, the suprem the Armenian Orthodox. The Pope and patriarch planned pr prayer meetings in each of Rome, Numerous receptions h



Indians

Indian ceremonial dance cuse University campus at the school. Performin are of Indian extraction.

Vatican Paper U

Vatican City — (RNS) — t'L'Osservatore Romano," Vatican City's daily newspaper, has urged all of Italy to "wake up y to the danger of drugs" before

The editorial was prompted by the recent discovery of a "floating club" on the Tiber River near Rome where school children were found smoking hashish (10 times stronger than marijuana) and methadrine, commonly referred to as "speed," and heroin.

Written by the editor-in-chief, Raimondo Manzinz, the editorial blamed the "permissiveness of'l

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