

A Little Greasepaint

Leo-Joseph Cardinal Suenens of Belgium is made up prior to an interview on Belgian television. Even princes of Church need help before going on camera.

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Segregated Schools Use Buses

The "segregated academies" springing up in the South in efforts to circumvent integrated education are busing more students farther than public schools are, according to a research report released in Atlanta by the Southern Regional Council.

Researchers studied 10 segregated schools in eight states, chosen on the basis of size and location. Findings showed that "segregated academies" bus an average of 62 per cent of their students an average of 17.7 miles each way per day. For the eight states, public schools bus 49.5 per cent an average of 10.1 miles each way per day, said the Southern Regional Council.

"Segregationists will continue to rail against the use of busing to achieve desegregation while quietly continuing, and oftentimes increasing, busing of students to maintain the racial status quo," the report said.

Food Basket Not Sufficient

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul were urged to lift themselves from the "food basket image" and turn toward broader aspects of social service needed now.

This call was made to delegates of the society's Eastern Region, meeting here. The society is an organization of Catholic volunteers who devote their leisure time to personal works of charity, with emphasis on person-to-person contact.

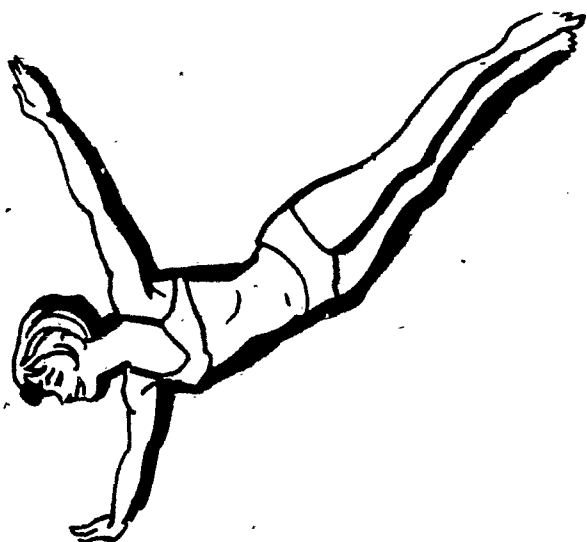
Luke J. Smith of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, called for a program of studies designed to inform members on such topics as housing, drug addiction and abuse, social services for the poor from both public and private agencies, social legislation, and abortion.

Fr. Peyton in Central America

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., is expanding his Family Rosary crusade throughout Central America.

According to an announcement from crusade headquarters in Albany, the famed Holy Cross priest who holds that the "family that prays together stays together" has been in Mexico and Costa Rica supervising early preparations for campaigns there.

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Iona College Pushes State

New Rochelle — (NC) — Officials of Iona College here have brought action against New York's state commissioner of education in an effort to compel the state to grant financial aid to the school.

Iona's president, Brother Joseph G. McKenna, CFC., said that the officials of the college believed that "Iona is just as eligible as are all other colleges and universities in the state" for a share of the funds.

The money was held up by a ruling of Ewald B. Nyquist, education commissioner, that Iona's Catholic affiliation made it ineligible for state aid. Commissioner Nyquist stated that aid to the school would violate the Blaine Amendment to the New York constitution which bans aid to religiously affiliated schools.

Commenting on the decision, Iona's president said:

"Iona College is Catholic in its dedication and its tradition, but in its intake policy it is completely open with respect to all students who meet its academic standards whatever their religion. It is no part of Iona's program to impose doctrinal or sectarian views on anyone. Iona has no juridical connection with the Roman Catholic Church as such, and receives no financial support from the Church."

Write Hanoi Again, Red Cross Urges

The Red Cross launched another national "Write Hanoi" campaign last week on behalf of Americans held captive in North Vietnam.

"Tell North Vietnam about your disapproval of its treatment of American prisoners," E. James Hickey, Red Cross Chapter chairman, urged the people of Monroe County.

The North Vietnamese, he pointed out, signed the 1949 Geneva Convention, which provided for free access to prisoners and their camps by such a neutral intermediary as the all-Swiss International Committee of the Red Cross.

They have violated the agreement in this regard, Hickey said, and in its other provisions: to identify all prisoners, to repatriate sick and wounded, to allow communication with families, to protect prisoners from abuse or reprisals.

The first Red Cross letter writing campaign, at Christmas time, may have been a factor in a noticeable increase in information from and about prisoners, Hickey observed.

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