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The Summer's Fading...

... and with it much of the fun and frolic of vacation time as youngsters turn from the pursuit of gaiety to the pursuit of knowledge. The Courier-Journal includes a special back-to-school section in this issue. It is Section C and may be found tucked in the centerfold of Courier/2.

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Plenty to Read And Ponder

In addition to the special education section which pulls out of the Courier/2 centerfold, this week's Courier-Journal includes other school stories on Pages 11A, 12A, 14A, and 17A.

With women's liberation marches scheduled around the nation today, the Courier wraps up the argument pro and con in a special article on Page 1B.

Keeping up with peripatetic Pope Paul is no easy matter but on Page 2A you'll find the latest on his trip to Australia and the Philippines in November, a story on a distinguished Vatican visitor and a report on a papal speech linking drug abuse and eroticism.

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Vatican Readies War on Drugs

Vatican City — (NC) — The Vatican has created a special "drug center" and observers believe Pope Paul VI may be preparing a major statement on the abuse of drugs.

Pope Paul is keeping himself well informed on the use and abuse of drugs, a high Vatican source disclosed.

A special desk in the Vatican Secretariat of State has been created to compile documentation on the worldwide drug problem.

Although Pope Paul has briefly alluded to drugs in recent speeches, he has not devoted an entire talk to the issue — as he has, for example, on the spread of pornography and sexual perversions.

One Vatican observer told NC News:

"It seems that Pope Paul has long been aware of the growing problem. He is thought to have spoken to President Johnson about drug use in the United States when the President called at the Vatican. When President Nixon visited Pope Paul in the Vatican, the drug problem was reportedly on the agenda.

"Last January, when Archbishop Giovanni Benelli, papal undersecretary of state, called on President Nixon at the White House, it is a certainty the two statesmen talked about drugs and what to do about them. While in San Francisco on that same tour of the United States, Archbishop Benelli asked to tour the Haight-Ashbury district, a famed hippie section of the bay area, and I can tell you the archbishop was visibly shaken by what he saw," the observer said.

Shortly after Archbishop Benelli returned to the Vatican, the special desk on documentation of the drug problem was opened in the secretariat of state.

As one of two or three daily advisers of the Pope, Archbishop Benelli has ample opportunity to tell Pope Paul of the latest information from the "drug center" in the Vatican.

Added to all of this is the fact that the Pope spoke of the problem again with Henry Cabot Lodge, special envoy of President Nixon to the Holy See, when he made his first formal visit to the Vatican in July.

President Opposed To Repeal of Pornography Laws

Washington — (NC) — President Nixon, responding unfavorably to the permissive findings of the Presidential Commission on Pornography, said he would oppose repealing pornography laws for adults.

The President's sentiments were revealed to newsmen by White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler, who stressed: "This is not Nixon's commission. It was formed under a previous administration."

The commission, however, does include some Nixon appointees. The commission, appointed by former President Lyndon Johnson, recently recommended repealing all U.S. laws against showing and selling pornographic films, books and erotica to adults, and enacting laws protecting children from exposure to such material.

Meanwhile, a majority of the 18-member commission said

here they will stand behind their recommendations despite the President's opposition.

A source close to the commission said the group is continuing to edit its draft report without making substantial changes. "There was never any question about changing the report," the source said. "They just kept going ahead with it."

Charles Keating, a Cincinnati attorney and founder of the Citizens for Decent Literature, Inc., claimed that the public will blame Nixon for the obscenity report because he did not fire the commission staff and most of its members.

"Inasmuch as it is a presidential commission," said Keating in a letter to Nixon, "I am convinced not only that the pornographers will have taken a giant step toward winning the pornography war but that your Administration will receive the blame."

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