

Cardinal Hits Birth Control Bill

Baltimore — (NC) — Cardinal Lawrence Shehan of Baltimore criticized a U.S. Senate approved bill which would provide a \$1 billion appropriation over the next five years for expanding, improving and better coordinating family planning.

The cardinal said he opposes the measure "as social legislation morally objectionable, aimed at the building of the kind of society Christians must reject."

The bill (S 2108) passed the Senate by voice vote without dissent and was forwarded to the House of Representatives. The cardinal attacked the bill in a page one statement published in the Aug. 21 issue of The Catholic Review, Baltimore archdiocese newspaper.

The cardinal's statement said:

"I have read the bill carefully. While I do not question certain of its features or the good intentions of some who sponsored and voted for it, I have strong moral, religious, and social objections to the bill as a whole.

"My objections are based on the fact that I see in it a huge and costly effort on the part of some of those agencies and departments with whom the bill originated, to entrench this country still more deeply and irreversibly in a contraceptive mentality and way of life which I consider morally wrong and socially harmful.

Women Balk At Factory's 'Family Plan'

London — (RNS) — Fifty women employed at a glove-making factory in central England staged a walkout to protest publicity given to a family-planning scheme introduced by the management.

Officials of the Tarantella firm in Walsall had announced a program in which contraceptive advice and materials would be provided by the company to 16-year-old trainees.

The scheme was aimed at preventing trained girls from becoming pregnant and leaving their jobs, according to Tarantella management. They said \$2,400 was required to train each girl.

Women employees who staged the one-day walkout charged that the project was a "slur" on their morals. "People who know you work at Tarantella now think you are tarts," one complained. The women first learned of the scheme through reports in local papers.

Tarantella officials have apologized to the women for the publicity. However, they explained that the scheme had been lauded by the Family Planning Association, which had offered to send representatives to speak to the trainees.

Australia Plans Permanent Deacons

Sydney, Australia — (RNS) — Australia's Roman Catholic bishops will establish a permanent diaconate to help overcome shortages of priests.

Auxiliary Bishop Edward Kelly of Sydney, spokesman for the Bishops' Conference, said that the provision would allow married men, holding down secular jobs, to be ordained deacons and carry out certain specified pastoral functions, other than those reserved for priests.

College Unable To Raise Funds

Worcester, Mass. — (RNS) — Assumption College has announced it will return \$500,000 to the federal government because it is unable to raise funds for its share of an expansion project.

Southern Diocese Speeds Integration

LaFayette, La. — (RNS) — The Roman Catholic bishop here has directed an end to all dual-black and white-school situations in the diocesan educational system for the 1971-72 school year, lopping a year off the projected cutoff date. In May, the diocesan school board mandated the pairing of 11 schools in 1971 and the remainder in 1972, but Bishop Maurice Schlexnayder said in a letter read at all churches of the diocese Aug. 16, that total integration would have to be accomplished by September, 1971, a year from now.

Pope Receives U.S. Methodists

Castelgandolfo — (NC) — Pope Paul VI welcomed a group of 50 Tennessee Methodists Aug. 13, and urged patience, humility and hope in striving for Christian unity.

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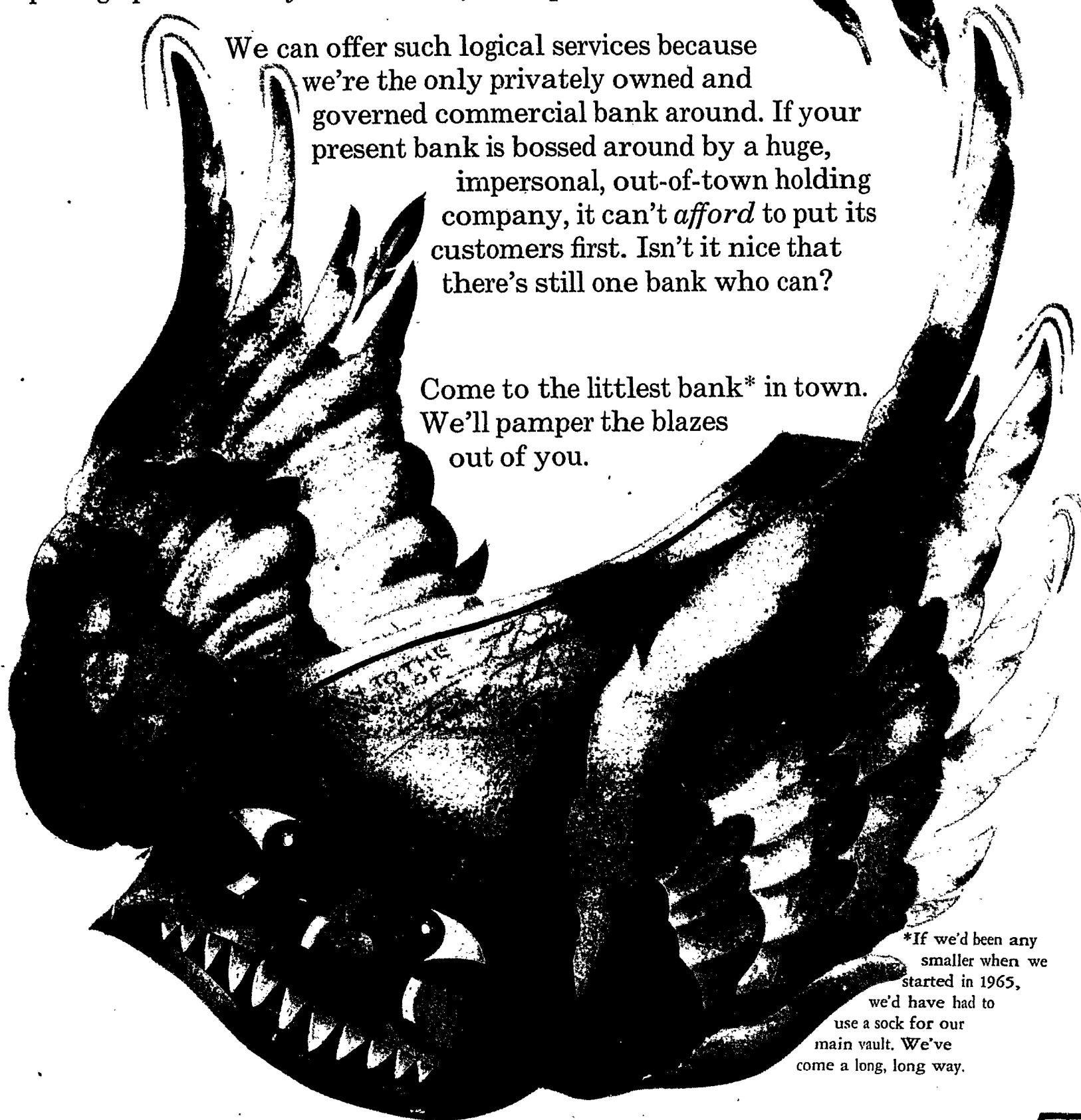
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