



May Be Canonized

A day of prayer for the canonization cause of Kateri Tekakwitha, the Indian girl born in Auriesville, N.Y., in 1656, has been scheduled for Sept. 5. The observance was proclaimed by Bishop Edwin B. Broderick of Albany, who is honorary vice-postulator of the cause. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first North American Indian from New York State to be a candidate for canonization. Her baptism and conversion in 1675 caused much opposition in her village and she was forced to flee to a Christian Indian village on the St. Lawrence River. Affectionately known as the Lily of the Mohawks, she died in 1680 at the age of 24. Shown is a statue on the main door of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. (RNS)

Group Presses For New Bishops In Netherlands

Amsterdam, The Netherlands —(NC)— A new Dutch ultra-traditionalist group has threatened to ask Pope Paul VI for new bishops in this country if the present ones do not renounce the conclusions of the Dutch national pastoral council, which called for optional celibacy for priests.

The St. Willibrord Foundation, established by two conservative priests to work for the "purification of the Roman Catholic Church in the Netherlands from the errors" of the pastoral council, said the Dutch bishops—long regarded as the most progressive in the Church—must obey the Pope.

The founding priests, Fathers Winand Kotte, A.A., and Edward Krekelberg, S.J., both at odds with their superiors, have also demanded a revision of the controversial New Dutch Catechism.

The two priests said the St. Willibrord Foundation is a national community of Dutch Catholics who want to be "unconditionally loyal to the authority of the Pope and who want to work for the purification of the Roman Catholic Church in the Netherlands of the errors of the Dutch national pastoral council."

U.N. To Face China Question

United Nations—(NC)—The United Nations General Assembly will again be asked to take up the question of the representation of Red China, when it convenes its 25th session Sept. 15.

The request again comes from 13 countries. Cambodia is no longer associated with the request; Iraq and the Sudan are.

Last year the decision to consider the question was adopted by a vote of 71 to 48.

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Michigan Demos Favor Abortion, Oppose Parochialism

Grand Rapids —(NC)— The Michigan Democratic Party has approved a platform which favors relaxed abortion laws and opposes state aid to nonpublic schools.

Other platform planks call for an immediate cease fire in

the Vietnam war, plus withdrawal of all U.S. troops by December and amnesty for deserters, draft dodgers and political prisoners.

In addition to adopting the platform for the Nov. 3 elections, the convention Aug. 22-23

nominated candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, and other state offices. State Sen. Sander Levin won the nomination for governor; Mayor Edward H. McNamara of Livonia, for lieutenant governor.

At the last session of the leg-

islature, Sen. Levin voted in favor of relaxing the state's abortion laws. McNamara told a press conference here that he regards abortion as "a private matter between parents, not to be legislated for or be legislated against by the state."

"If I had to vote now, it would be 'no,'" McNamara added.

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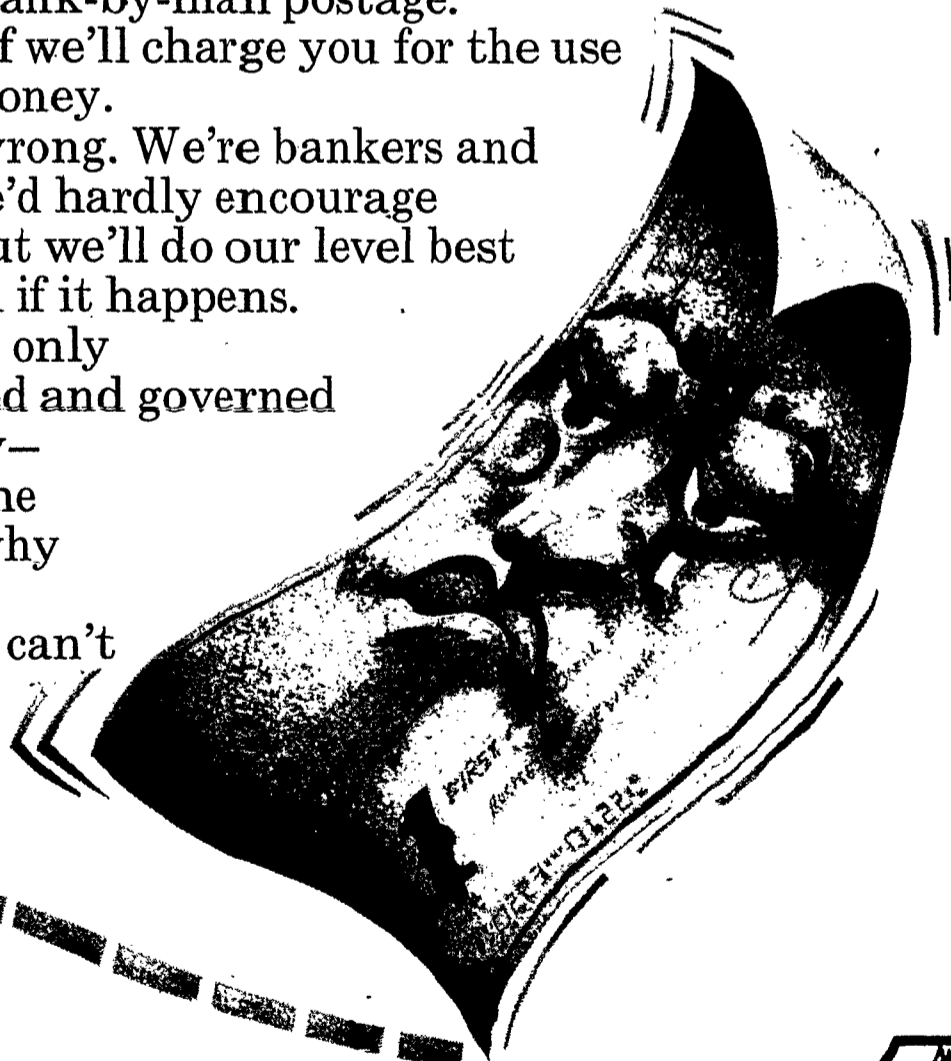
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