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Jesuits May Quit Bolivia

La Paz, Bolivia - (NC) - The Society of Jesus has threatened to leave Bolivia unless three deported Jesuits are allowed to return to their posts here.

A spokesman here said the community had made this decision because they believed Fathers Jose Prats, Pedro Negre, and Federico Aguillo had been expelled because of their activities in the field of social justice.

The expelled priests and two other deported clergymen-Oblate Father Maurice Lefevre and a Methodist, the Rev. Anibal Guzman-were flown to Salta, Argentina. Three of the five are Spanish nationals, Father Lefevre is a Canadian and Father Prats was born in Spain but is a nationalized Bolivian.

All of the clergymen had been fasting in Bolivia for more than a week in hopes of persuading authorities to return the bodies of slain guerrillas to their families. The government charged them with "disturbing public order" and claimed that a hunger strike amounted to attempted suicide, anoher crime.

Argentine Priests Released

Buenos Aires, Argentina—(NC)—Fathers Carlos Mujica and Hernan Benitez, accused of praising a crime and inciting to violence, were freed by a federal judge who ruled there was "no merit" in detaining them.

If convicted, the priests could have been sentenced to three years in prison. The charges stemmed from eulogies they gave at the funeral of two youths who had been sought in the kidnappingmurder of a former president.

According to police, the priests not only eulogized Carlos Gustavo Ramus, 22, and Luis Abal Medina, 23—killed in a gun battle with police—but eulogized their crimes as well.

Coadjutor Archbishop Juan Carlos Aramburu of Buenos Aires had suspended Father Mujica for 30 days because of statements he allegedly made at the funeral Mass. The Mass, the archbishop said "caused grave scandal."

Michigan Court Upholds Non-public School Aid

Lansing, Mich. — (RNS) — Michigan's state Supreme Court upheld as constitutional a law providing \$22 million in state funds for non-public school students.

The court, in a 4 to 3 ruling, found "no conflict" between the law authorizing state aid for 280,000 non-public school students in Michigan "and the and federal constitutions."

In effect, the court, by a 5 to 2 vote, refused to accept an appeal of a lower court rul-

ing that the amendment known as proposal "C"-must be placed on the Nov. 3 ballot.

"The \$22 million non-public school aid package was part of a \$969.3 million state school assistance bill for the 1970-71 school year, passed by the legislature in July.

The law allows the state to existing provisions of the state pay up to 50 percent of the salaries of non-public school teachers who teach "secular" subjects and provides for an increase to 75 per cent in

Group Organized To Marshall **'Blaine'** Support

Endicott — (RNS) — Delegates to the first New York State Conference on Church and State pledged to wage an active campaign to preserve the state's constitutional ban on aid to parochial schools.

About 75 delegates from chapters of Americans United for Separation of Church and State throughout the state took the action in anticipaion of a 1971 referendum on Article XI, Section 3, the so-called "Blaine Amendment."

The delegates voted to launch, "at the earliest possi-ble moment," a court case to test the new law which gives aid through payment for staterequired administration processes to church-related schools.

Delegates voted to form a New York State Federation of Americans United chapter and named Charles H. Sumner of Rochester as the first chairman.

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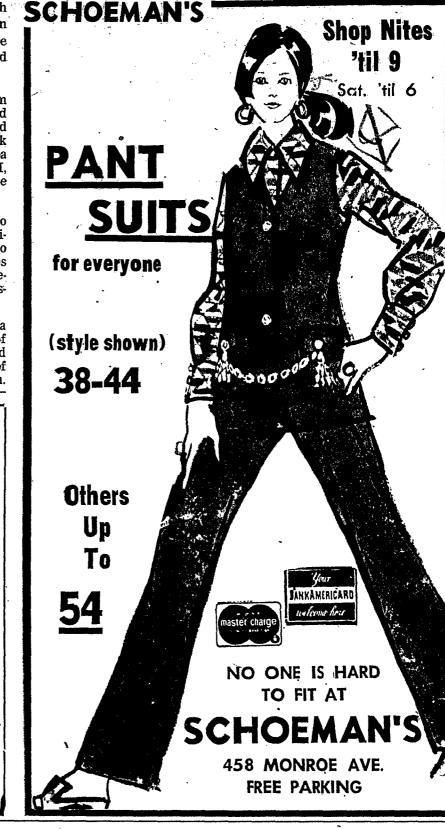
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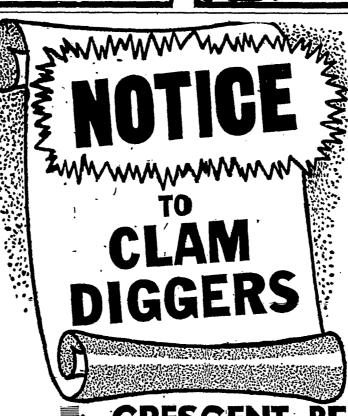
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