

# Bishops Ready War on Poverty

Chicago — (RNS) — The nation's Catholic bishops formally launched their fund-raising and educational campaign to "break the hellish circle of poverty" in the U.S. and gave it "top priority" on the national, diocesan and parish levels.

At a press conference here, Auxiliary Bishop Michael Dempsey of Chicago, national director of the Campaign for Human Development, announced that he is looking for a "minimum" of \$50 million, as "only the first target of a continuing effort" to obtain seed money for self-help poverty programs.

New developments mentioned were the formation of a National Commission on Human Development to oversee allocation of the national fund, and a stipulation that "one of every four dollars raised" will be retained at the diocesan level to support local programs. Six regional meetings with diocesan campaign directors were scheduled.

John Cardinal Dearden of Detroit said that "we have asked all dioceses to set their objectives high, taking as their minimum goals their best previous performance in any national collection."

The cardinal, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the U.S. Catholic Conference, said the 1970 campaign will end Nov. 22 with the national collection in churches throughout the country.

Bishop Dempsey said that among the programs aided will be voter registration, community organization, non-profit housing, community-run schools, credit unions and rural cooperatives, industrial development,



AUX. BISHOP DEMPSEY

job training and placement programs.

"Projects to be given the highest priority," he said, "are those presently not funded through other institutions or agencies, or those in need of additional funds not presently available."

As part of the educational effort of the campaign, aimed at dispelling the "myths" associated with poverty, an all-media drive is being conducted by Robert Beusse, director of the Communications Department of the USCC.

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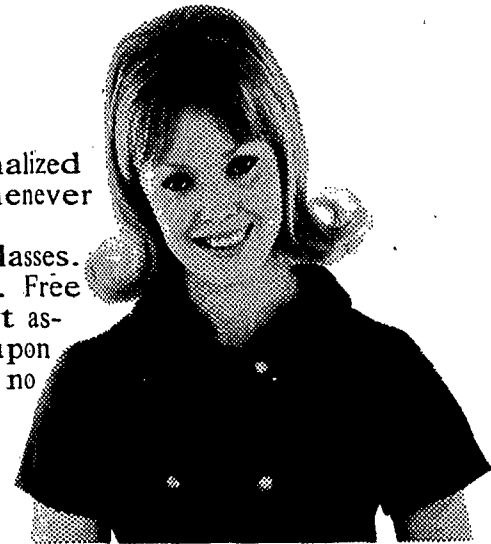
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## Brent Bozell On Probation

Washington —(NC)— Three Catholic activists, arrested after a clash with police during an anti-abortion rally here, have received six months suspended jail sentences with three years probation.

The defendants included L. Brent Bozell, 44, editor of Triumph Magazine, a conservative Catholic monthly. They were convicted earlier this month of unlawful entry, destroying private property and assaulting guards and police. Witnesses has testified that Bozell assaulted a police officer with a five-foot wooden cross he was carrying during the demonstration.

Charges stem from a (June 6) rally organized by Action for Life — a temporary committee of Washington area Catholics— protesting abortion policies in area hospitals. Sons of Thunder, a Catholic youth group whose members wear red berets and khaki uniforms, with rosary beads around their necks, were also represented at the rally.

## Pope Sends Aid To Jordanians

Vatican City — (NC)—Pope Paul VI has given \$50,000 to Caritas Internationalis for aid to victims who were caught in the "tragic situation" of the Jordanian conflict.

The Pope wrote a letter to Msgr. Jean Rodhain, Caritas director, urging him to use the money on the Pope's behalf "to aid the unfortunate victims of this drama."

Thousands were killed, wounded and left homeless as a result of the battle between Arab guerrillas and Jordanian troops.

# ABORTION ON DEMAND

—became legal in New York State July 1, 1970.

—resulted in over 11,000 abortions in New York City alone during the first 7 Weeks. (Three women died having legal abortions in the first 20 days).

—totaled 557 in Monroe County in the first two months all for non-medical reasons. (Predicated yearly total is 3,336).

—aggravates the shortage of obstetricians by making the specialty less attractive to recently graduated physicians, many of whom find abortion distasteful.

—increase the number of cases of venereal disease by encouraging increased promiscuity.

—deprives the unborn child of his right to life. "The child in the womb cannot picket, demonstrate or even vote. But his civil right to live is entitled to the protection of the law." The Vanishing Right to Live, Charles E. Rice, Professor of Law, New York.

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