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Father Groppi Renews Appeal

Chicago -(RNS) - Father James Groppi of Milwaukee will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court a ruling that he must go toprison for contempt of the Wisconsin legislature.

The ruling made here recently by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed an earlier U.S. District Court decision in Wisconsin that declared the state legislature could not jail a citizen without affording him the opportunity to face his accusers.

Father Groppi was cited for contempt and sentenced to six months by the legislature in Madison for leading a welfare demonstration in 1969. The citation was based on a 1848 law never before used.

"I don't understand," said Father Groppi. "Had I had a trial of some sort and been sent to jail it wouldn't have bothered me so much."

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New York — (NC) — The New York archdiocesan board of education has affirmed that American education is basically a moral enterprise.

A statement from the board's 14 members also pointed out that New York's Catholic schools have traditionally had a special role in the care of the poor, especially immigrants.

The schools now have 25 percent of the city's elementary school children, and 56 percent of those in Manhattan's parochial schools are either black or Puerto Rican, the statement said.

Board members praised the efforts of New York's vast public school system and suggested that the two systems cooperate.

Abortion Wins in Washington

Seattle-(RNS)-Referendum 20, Washington State's controversial abortion measure was approved in the general election.

The measure allows abortions to be performed in accredited hospitals by a licensed physician through the fourth month of pregnancy. An emergency provision permits abortions in places other than hospitals if a physician decides immediate termination is necessary and hospital facilities are not available.

A 90-day residency in the state of Washington is required. Also required is the permission of the father if he is living with the pregnant woman. Women under 18 must have the consent of a parent or guardian. The bill permits medical personnel to refrain from participating in abortion cases for personal or religious reasons.

Referendum 20 was placed on the ballot by a signature campaign initiated by the Washington Citizens for Abortion Reform.

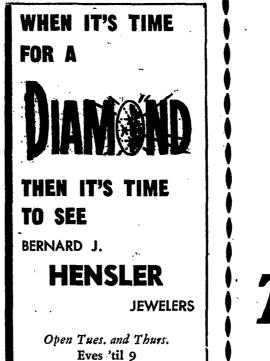
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Chile's President Blessed

Santiago-(RNS)-The first official act of Chile's new President, Salvador Allende Gossens, a Marxist, was to go to Santiago's Roman Catholic cathedral and receive the blessing of the country's

JESUIT GENERAL IN PORTUGAL

Lisbon — (RNS) — Father Pedro Arrupe, superior general of the Society of Jesus, arrived here on his first official tour of Portugal's Jesuit institutions and houses of study. Before leaving Rome, the Jesuit head said the main purpose of his visit to Portugal was to deal with "pressing problems" facing Portuguese Jesuits.



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religious leaders. The hemisphere's first freely-elected Marxist president took office here, Nov. 3.

Before a joint meeting of the Congress, Dr. Allende swore to "maintain the integrity and independence of the nation and keep and obey the constitution." Then, wearing the red, white and blue presidential sash, the new President walked two blocks to the cathedral through streets streaming with confetti. Raul Cardinal Silva Henriquez, Archibshop of Santiago, led representatives of 25 Christian Churches and a rabbi in an ecumenical service of thanksgiving. The ceremony ended with a collective blessing of President Allende and his government.

President Allende, 62, a portly, bespectacled physician, had tried three times for the country's highest office as a member of the Socialist party. This time he triumphed through a leftwing coalition that included his own party, the Communist party, the non-Marxist but leftwing Radical Party, and a splinter group from the Christian Democratic Party.

Mass Funeral for Fire Victims

St. Laurent-Du-Pont, France—(RNS)—A Catholic priest, a Protestant minister, a rabbi, and a Moslem mufti conducted a funeral service for 142 young persons who perished in a dance hall fire here Nov. 1.

A simple altar, marked by a cross and four candles, was set up for the brief ceremony in the local school gymnasium, where long rows of varnished wooden coffins rested on chairs.

In addition to the 142 victims for whom services were held, two others died later of burns. All were between the ages of 17 and 25, and only 110 could be positively identified.

S. Africa Deports 2 Anglicans

Capetown, South Africa — The deportation of two Anglican priests has aroused criticism of the government not only within their own church but also in the usually pro-government Dutch Reformed Church.

Father Robert Mercer's South African citizenship was withdrawn through a legal maneuver that enabled the government to force him out of the country. He was accused of writing a pamphlet in favor of World Council of Churches grants to organizations fighting racism. Father Bernard Chamberlain was charged similarly, but church spokesmen said that he had taken no part in the production or circulation of the pamphlet.

A letter of protest signed by 101 Anglican clergymen declared the government action against the two showed "gross injustice and disturbing prejudice."

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