



Long, Long Trail A-Winding

Children, mostly orphans, line a road waiting for food near a government relief station on Bhola Island, East Pakistan, one of the worst hit areas during the recent cyclone-tidal wave. Medical authorities fear widespread starvation now threatens the disaster area. (RNS Photograph).

Abortion Law Restrictions Proposed by N.Y. Senator

Sen. Edward J. Speno of East Meadow, has prefiled three bills in Albany to revise the abortion law enacted at the last session of the Legislature.

"In almost six months since the law was enacted," Sen. Speno said, "it has demonstrated that there are abuses under the new law that need to be regulated. Many non-residents are coming into this state for the sole purpose of securing abortions and unless curtailed for the foreseeable future, New York will become a haven for abortion mills."

Sen. Speno, who voted for the reform of the abortion law, said, "my vote reflected my concern for the thousands of women who were injured and killed by the activities of the backroom abortionists. We cannot stand idly by and see the revision of the law produce those same conditions. A woman has a right to expect the same quality of medical care for an abortion that she would get for any other surgical procedure and the law must guarantee this."

Sen. Speno's proposals would require that abortions be performed only in accredited hospitals and would not permit them in a doctor's office or a clinic which is not a component part of a hospital, and would limit the time during which an abortion might be performed to 12 weeks.

"I am willing to abide by the decisions of the medical profession," Sen. Speno said. "Hospitals and medical associations all over the state are making the determination that abortions

performed after the 12th week fall into a far more serious category than those performed before that time and are dangerous to the life of the woman. Therefore, I believe that the decision to perform the abortion should be a medical one and not left for an unusually long period solely to the discretion of the patient."

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