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New York a Las Vegas? Don't Bet on It

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New York City, which may soon become the biggest financial bust among the major cities, is being urged by upstate Sen. Earl W. Brydges to become the biggest Las Vegas on earth. His philosophy is that New York, city and state, is already legally in the horse racing business and soon will permit off-track betting (including bets on Florida results), and operates a rich lottery. So why not go the distance?

Why not have gambling halls, open betting on sports events, throw the hoodlums out of the numbers business; in short, move in ahead of the mobs and harvest the ever-abundant crop of suckers?

This would take a lot of doing, including a

referendum in which both the suckers and non-suckers would have a say about what kind of town and state they want to live and raise their children in. The soonest this proposition could come to a boil would be 1972 or '74. From the tone of Mayor Lindsay's recent cries, induced partly by demands from city employees and the 1.2 million now on relief here, and Gov. Rockefeller's state of the state message, New York may have been padlocked by the marshals by the time the referendum comes along.

But if by some cataclysmic economic collapse New York becomes "open" it will not be a simple case of shearing the lambs, selling the wool and giving them back a little more grass to chew. There are many potential problems flowing out of such a state of affairs, but the following few may surface:

The criminal mobs and corrupt elements within

the ranks of the many law enforcement agencies would never take such a law lying down. They'd find a dozen ways to see to it that their regular customers who have made them affluent and powerful continued to "play" through them — not the squares at Albany and in the city halls.

Force, extortion, blackmail and murder are only a few of the measures these people could and probably would take to keep their suckers in line, and prevent them from legally doing business that would sweeten the almost empty coffers.

Countless thousands of employees would have to be hired to police the betting kiosks, the casinos and other wagering places. And then hundreds more to watch the watchmen, not to mention dozens more (these at especially high salaries) to watch the watchers of the watchmen. Future governors,

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\$100,000 Contributed

13 Priests Named To Evaluate Use Of Development Aid

Thirteen diocesan priests were named by the Pastoral Office last week as directors of areas that forces to evaluate use of the recently collected Human Development Campaign funds.

More than \$100,000 was obtained from collections in all diocesan churches Nov. 15 as part of a nationwide campaign by U.S. bishops aimed at "a continuous financial and educational effort to break the chain of the hellish circle of want that enslaves millions of our fellow Americans."

The selected regional task forces will be responsible for evaluating proposals for local funding, monitoring the campaign's educational phase, identifying the needs of the poor in their area and seeking funding from additional sources.

Task forces in the diocese and priests assigned are as follows:

Cayuga-Tompkins Counties — Father Charles F. Mulligan, assistant at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Ithaca; Father Philip Billotte, assistant at Sacred Heart, Auburn; Father Lewis Brown, assistant at St. Alphonsus, Auburn.

Chemung-Schuyler-Tioga — Father Roy J. Kiggins, assistant at Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira; Father David C. Kunz, assistant at St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads.

Livingston-Steuben — Father Henry Atwell, pastor of St. Agnes, Avon; Father John M. Mulligan, assistant at St. Patrick's, Corning.

Monroe-Wayne — Father William Amann, assistant at Our Lady of Mercy, Greece; Father John Skvorak, assistant at St. Francis Xavier, Rochester; Father James Schwartz, assistant

at St. Theodore, Greece; Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM, Cap., St. Bernard's Seminary faculty.

Ontario-Seneca-Yates — Father David B. Callahan, assistant at St. Patrick, Seneca Falls; Father Kevin P. Murphy, assistant at St. Mary's, Canandaigua.

Fisher to Go Coeducational

Women students will be admitted to St. John Fisher College in September, 1971, the Board of Trustees of the college announced yesterday.

The college will also raise tuition by \$150 to \$1775 a year the trustees declared, and students housing costs will go up to \$1150 annually.

A joint statement from Robert V. Wegman, chairman of the board and Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, president, revealed that the decision to go coed was the result of many months of surveys and discussion with area schools. Fisher is the last male college in the state to admit women students.

Officials of St. John Fisher and Nazareth College, which have had a cooperative program of studies since 1961, have agreed that the program will continue.

Sister Helen Daniel, SSJ, president of Nazareth, noted that Fisher College's enrollment of women is not expected to have an long-range effect on the program at Nazareth, but that there had not been sufficient time to estimate the short-range effect. It would appear, she added, that competitive recruiting might result in increased expense.



—Photo by Jim Laragy

Sitting Pretty

Pretty Alicia Burton, a 5-year-old pupil at St. Lucy's School is the picture of contentment as she waits for the new dental hygienist to clean her teeth in the "Smilemobile." See the story on page 17.

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Pastors Discuss Education Report

How did pastors react to the first report of the diocesan Task Force on Education?

Cecelia Viggo discussed the report with several and learned that their opinions covered a wide range — from approval, through "maybe" and all the way to disapproval.

Her story is on Page 5.

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