

Parent Aid Commended

Teacher Corps Plan Assailed

Albany—A top spokesman for nonpublic schools took a strong stand for parent aid and against the teacher corps proposal being discussed in the Legislature.

"A political gimmick with possible disaster as a result," said J. Alan Davitt, executive secretary of the State Council of Catholic School Superintendents about the Teacher Corps proposal.

The plan, as it is being discussed, would provide salary aid to non-public school teachers of secular subjects in certain urban areas. Details are not available since the proposal is presently in the form of a trial balloon.

"I hate to puncture any balloon that might help the non-public school students," Davitt said, "but this one deserves it."

Among the reasons he opposes the program:

1. Similar legislation is being

tested for constitutionality before the Supreme Court. Until a decision is reached (not likely until June) one doesn't know if the legislation is constitutional.

2. A perfectly acceptable and constitutional program is available in parent-aid. Modeled after the scholar incentive program and the GI Bill of Rights it provides equal protection and opportunity for all. It is constitutional, he says.

3. Problems of administration are monumental. Difficulties include such questions as: are the teachers under the jurisdiction of the nonpublic school, the public school district or the state? Are they included in the New York State retirement program? What about tenure? Whom do the teachers negotiate with in collective bargaining?

4. Costs of the parent aid approach are comparable but there are no constitutional, ad-

ministrative headaches. Approximately \$50-70 million in either case would be the first year costs of the program of aid.

The question of costs was raised when opponents of parent aid legislation tacked a \$150 million first year cost on the bill.

"Laughable," said Davitt. "Out of whole cloth and no where near the mark. Based on present tuition figures and present average income of non-public school parents (both of which are figured in the Parent Air program) the first year cost of Parent aid would not reach \$75 million, as an outside top figure."

Bill Introduced For Churches Hit by Bombs

Because of the bombings of five churches and synagogues in Rochester late last year, Assemblyman Raymond J. Lill of Rochester has introduced legislation providing loans to any house of worship similarly damaged in the future.

He asked legislation that would make available low-interest loans for any uninsured or un-reimbursed losses sustained because of criminal acts, as a means of rebuilding the damaged or destroyed building.

Lill said: "Churches, synagogues and other houses of worship throughout the state have been the targets of wanton destroyers of our Judeo-Christian heritage. Many such religious institutions may be financially unable to restore themselves to active community life as a result of such acts. In order to enable such religious institutions to rebuild and continue to contribute to community life, this legislation is offered."

During a rash of bombings of public, private and religious buildings last November and December, two Negro churches and three synagogues were damaged. Sen. Roy Goodman, Republican of Manhattan, where similar incidents have occurred, is sponsoring the bill in the Senate.

WAR MOVIE

"You don't Have to Buy War, Mrs. Smith," a movie starring Bess Myerson Grant and produced by Another Mother For Peace, a national anti-war organization, will be shown every half-hour at the Rochester YWCA, Thursday, March 11, 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Right-to-Life Group Supports Two Bills

Albany—The state Right to Life Committee urges support for two of the bills presently in the Legislature which will restore the protections of the abortion law to both mother and unborn child.

"There are thousands of people across the state," said Edward J. Golden, state Right to Life chairman, "who are supporting a restoration of the protections that were in the law. In order to concentrate our efforts we are urging they join together to support Senate 20 (Sen. J.H. Donovan of Washington Mills in Oneida County) and Assembly 2774 (Assemblyman E.F. Crawford of Oswego in Oswego County)."

Donovan strongly opposed the liberalized bill last year; Crawford, chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the Assembly, has several bills aimed at restricting the destruction of the unborn.

Concentrating on these two bills, Golden feels, will help focus attention on the issue. "If the Codes Committee chairmen and the Health Committee chairmen in both senate and assembly hear from the public about these bills... then we've

got a good chance of getting them out for debate. That's where they should be.

"Since the abortion law passed by so slim a margin last year... certainly this year the people of the state ought to be able to know where their representatives stand on this issue."

Golden urged letters to:

Chairman, Senate Codes Committee

(Sen. Speno who recently died was chairman of the committee.)

Sen. Tarky Lombardi
Chairman, Senate Health Committee

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Urging Senate 20 and Assembly 2774 be brought out of Committee for a vote.

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POETRY FINALIST

Mary Klingler, a Mercy High senior, has been named a finalist in the eighth annual Nancy Thorp Memorial Poetry Contest conducted by Hollins College, Roanoke, Va. Her poem was one

of 770 submitted by students from 24 high schools east of the Mississippi.

Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Klingler of Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

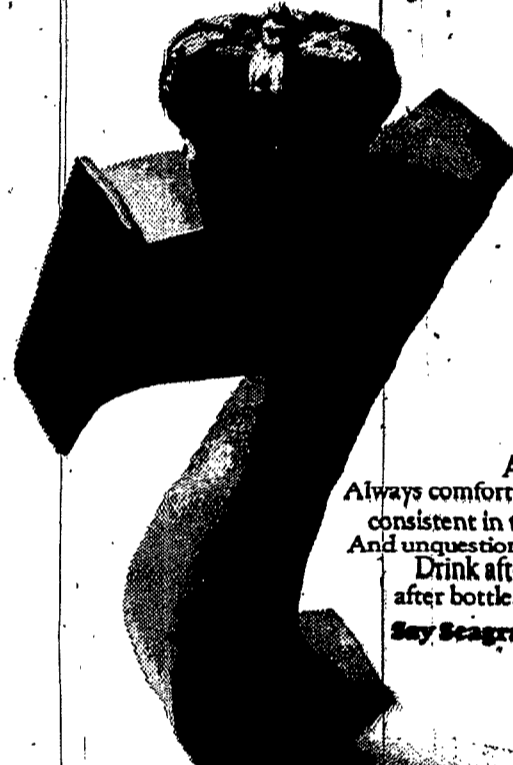


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