

1,000 Picket Governor For Parent Aid Bill

New York — (RNS) — More than 1,000 students, teachers and parents representing a Brooklyn Catholic high school demonstrated in front of Gov. Rockefeller's Manhattan office

Orthodox Rabbi Assails Abortion

New York — (RNS) — A leading Orthodox Jewish spokesman declared here in a statement to Jewish women that abortion is a "flagrant violation" of basic religious and ethical principles of Judaism.

Despite legalization by the state, he said, abortion is "doubly sinful and repugnant" because the unborn child is innocent and defenseless.

Rabbi Meyer Cohen, executive director of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, made the statement in a special instruction to Jewish women in behalf of the rabbinical organization.

Rabbi Cohen, elaborating on the statement, said that "mere human legislation" cannot change the sacred status of life, especially an unborn child.

He described abortions as "transgressions against religion and against humanity," adding that when sanctioned by the state the act of abortion takes on an additional "aspect of evil."

"It undermines the very basis of society's regard for the sanctity of human life," the rabbi declared.

A&P Seion Supports Black Protest

New York — (RNS) — Operation Breadbasket has received the support of Huntington Hartford, whose grandfather founded the A&P food stores, in its campaign against alleged racial discrimination by the company's present officials.

Hartford and other members of his family reportedly have retained 25 per cent of the stock in the giant food outlet.

In a press conference here, he threatened a proxy fight if the company continued to refuse to negotiate with Operation Breadbasket on a national level.

Operation Breadbasket, part of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, launched a black boycott of A&P stores in more than a dozen cities in early 1971. William J. Kane, president of the company, was asked to meet with black representatives to discuss hiring and promotion policies among other issues.

Kane, who will become chairman of the A&P board in April, refused. The company denied all charges but said negotiations could take place only with regional managers.

Pueblo Weekly Goes Monthly

Pueblo, Colo. — (RNS) — Dateline Colorado, the newsweekly of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pueblo, will publish only once a month beginning in April. Because of financial problems and "to take some of the financial strain off hard-pressed parishes and their priests," the newspaper will halt weekly distribution with the issue dated Friday, March 26.

Under a new policy, the newspaper will be distributed free as a monthly to the 25,000 Catholic families in the diocese. An annual free-will offering of \$1 will be asked of each family to defray costs.

here urging support for a non-public school parent-aid bill pending in the New York Legislature.

"Don't crucify our schools!" and "Parent aid now!" were some of the slogans uttered by the protesters from Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, who were backing the Speno-Lerner bill now in committee at Albany.

Gov. Rockefeller registered his opposition to this particular bill some weeks ago, but said later that he favored state financial assistance to non-public schools which, he said, are undergoing a "greater crisis" than public schools.

The predominantly student group was led by Brother Baldwin Peter, principal of Bishop Loughlin, who expressed fear that Catholic schools are going to be priced out of existence.

He said rising costs have required raises in tuition from \$600 this year to \$700 next, recalling that only 12 years ago the tuition at Bishop Loughlin was \$50 a year.

"We are being forced to price ourselves out of the range of middle class and lower middle class people we have traditionally served," said the principal. He added that for more than 100 years the school has served Catholics from lower income areas.

The student leaders expressed fear and concern for the future of their school as well as others in the Brooklyn diocese, Brother Peter disclosed.

In a statement issued at the demonstration, the school leaders said they believed the Speno-Lerner bill is constitutional because it follows along the lines of New York's scholar incentive plan which has given assistance to college students for 12 years. They also cited the child benefit theory in the Allen textbook case in 1968, upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.



Having Her Say

Mrs. Patricia Buckley Bozell expresses her view during a Washington, D.C. press conference the day after she attempted to slap women's lib militant Ti-Grace Atkinson during the latter's speech at Catholic University of America. Mrs. Bozell is the sister of Sen. James Buckley and wife of L. Brent Bozell, editor of the conservative Catholic magazine, Triumph. During Miss Atkinson's speech, in which she stated that the Virgin Mary was more "used" than if she had given normal birth, Mrs. Bozell shouted "I can't let her say that" and ran across the stage to slap the speaker. She swung, but apparently struck the microphone instead. (RNS)

Illinois Rejects Abortion Bill

Springfield, Ill. — (RNS) — Legislation aimed at legalizing abortion in Illinois was dealt a lethal blow by the state's House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee which voted, 12-6, to reject a bill allowing abortions during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

The action followed more than three hours of testimony and debate. It was the first time in the history of the recent abortion reform movement in Illinois that such legislation has received a major setback in committee.

Whitney Young Praised

New York — (RNS) — Justice and equality — the two great themes in the life of the late Whitney M. Young Jr. — were the themes of his funeral service in New York's Riverside church.

Government officials, civil rights and religious leaders, and representatives of the business and industrial world gathered to honor Mr. Young, former executive director of the National Urban League.

An overflow crowd estimated at 3,000 filled the chapel.

At the service which featured Negro spirituals played on the church's huge organ, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president emeritus of Morehouse College in Atlanta, lauded Mr. Young's choice of social work as a career as a conscious decision on how best he could serve his people.

"Whitney Young told people the truth," said Dr. Mays, "and believed that black and white people cannot delude one another and survive."

Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York sat in the chancel of the neo-gothic structure, accompanied by his secretary, Msgr. Eugene Clark and a black priest, Father Emerson Moore. Dr. David M. Hunter, deputy general secretary of the National Council of Churches; and Dr. Jon Regier, of the NCC's department of Christian Life Mission represented the NCC at the services.

The official Washington delegation to the rites included Atty. Gen. John Mitchell, Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin, Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans, Secretary of Labor James Hodgson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development George Romney, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliot Richardson, and Secretary of Transportation John Volpe.

Senators Edmund Muskie, George McGovern, Hubert Humphrey, Edward Brooke, Jacob Javits, Clifford Case, James Buckley, Richard Schweiker,

and Edward Kennedy were also part of the Washington delegation.

Other dignitaries attending were Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Bunche, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clark, W. Averell Harriman, Andrew Heiskell, Roy Innis, Mayor John V. Lindsay, Justice Thurgood Marshall, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Bayard Rustin and Mayor Carl Stokes of Cleveland.

Church Council Does Turnabout On Hope Award

New York — (RNS) — An invitation to comedian Bob Hope to accept the 1971 Family of Man Award will be withdrawn, according to action taken by the annual assembly of the Council of Churches of the City of New York.

The decision carried with it the stipulation that the honor be extended posthumously to Whitney Young, the late leader of the National Urban League.

Given annually by the Council — formerly the Protestant Council — the award became a matter of floor debate at what is usually a routine annual business meeting.

The award issue was not on the agenda, but it had earlier been made a matter of controversy when the Rev. Richard Neuhaus, a Lutheran pastor in Brooklyn, protested reports that the honor was to be extended to Mr. Hope.

The Brooklyn pastor is chairman of an interreligious clergy coalition and several of his colleagues in that group were present. Mr. Neuhaus is also a leader of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, an anti-war group.

Delegates voted by a "substantial majority" according to the council office, to withdraw the offer to Mr. Hope.



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