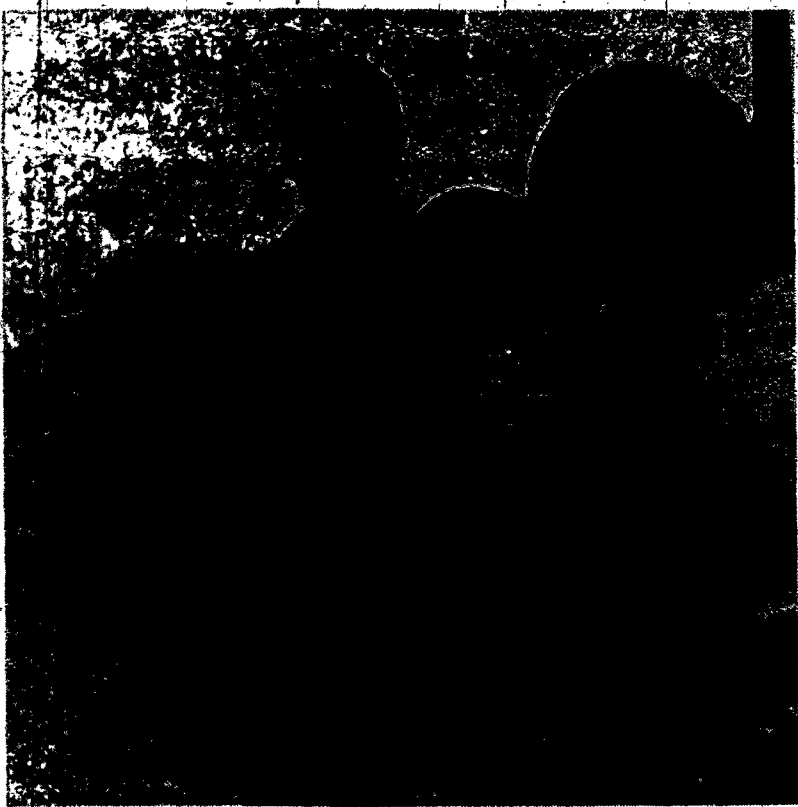


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Kapp Does His Thing

Joe Kapp, the Boston Patriot's high-priced quarterback gets into a touch football game with teammates and former drug addicts at Project Turnabout, a drug rehabilitation center in Massachusetts. Also present for a talk with former addicts and a sandlot game were Daryl Johnson, Ed Philpott, Ron Berger. (RNS)

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'Selective' CO Law Suggested

Washington, D.C. —(RNS)— The door is now open for Congress to recognize the right of "selective" conscientious objection in legislation the General secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference said here.

Bishop Joseph L. Bernardin commented on the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that the present draft law does not exempt selective COs.

He pointed out that both the U.S. Catholic bishops and the U.S. Catholic Conference, the bishops' action arm, for some time have taken the position that the law should recognize the rights of selective COs. He said this was the stand of the bishops in their 1968 national pastoral letter and the stand repeated recently in testimony on draft law revision submitted to Congress this month in behalf of the Catholic conference.

Kissinger Sees 'Conspirators'

Washington, D.C. —(RNS)— An unprecedented meeting between the supposed target of a bizarre kidnap plot and three alleged co-conspirators took place in the White House, according to a well-known Washington columnist.

Henry A. Kissinger, national security adviser to President Nixon, was host to a "trio of peace militants" and for more than an hour "discussed war, peace and individual responsibility," columnist Mary McGrory wrote March 12.

Those who met with Kissinger were Thomas Davidson, son of an Episcopal bishop and a peace organizer; William Davidson, a Quaker and professor of physics at Haverford (Pa.) College; and Sister Beverly Bell of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. All were named co-conspirators in the alleged plot to kidnap Mr. Kissinger and blow up heating systems of federal buildings in Washington. Those actually indicted include Father Philip Berrigan, and two other priests, an ex-priest and a nun.

Said Miss McGrory of Mr. Kissinger's role in the meeting: "Possibly his reception of the three citizens considered 'dangerous radicals' by the Attorney General (John Mitchell) was his way of giving a different perspective to the 'plot' of which he was supposed to be the victim."

Students Set Up Abortion Fund

Orono, Me. — (RNS) — A first-in-the-nation loan fund to assist co-eds in obtaining legal abortions in New York State has been established at the University of Maine, it was reported here by George Chalmers, president of the Student Senate.

He stated the students decided "to make this their own concern and set something up to help members of the student community." It was understood that officials of the 8,000-student university had taken a "hands-off" attitude in the matter since no university funds were involved.

Gov. Kenneth M. Curtis, a Protestant whose wife is a Catholic, commented: "As a citizen, I'm not pleased with it. I'm not for making it easy to get an abortion. People are going to suffer for taking the easy way out. There's some room in Maine for liberalizing the abortion law, but I'm really opposed to total reform."

Tax Cut Proposed as School Aid

St. Paul, Minn. — (RNS) — Parents of pupils in private and parochial schools would be allowed to make substantial cuts in their state income tax payments under bills introduced in the Minnesota Legislature.

The measure would permit parents to reduce their tax due in 1972 by \$50 for each child in a private kindergarten, \$100 for each child in a private elementary school and \$140 for each child in a private high school.

Minnesota law now permits parents a deduction of up to \$200 for private and parochial education when figuring the amount of money to be taxed.

Bishop Leads War Protest

Newport, R.I. — (RNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Bernard M. Kelly of Providence led some 400 persons in prayers for peace outside the naval base here while President Nixon was addressing a group of newly-commissioned Navy officers. Reportedly, it was the first time that a Catholic bishop had demonstrated against a President.

At the same time, about 1,000 construction workers were staging a protest against the President's suspension of the 1931 Davis-Bacon Act which required the payment of union wages to all workers on a federal project.

Mr. Nixon addressed a graduating class that included his son-in-law, Ens. David Eisenhower.

Bishop Kelly explained that he and other organizers of the anti-war protest "felt compelled to speak out on behalf of the helpless people who are being bombed out of their homes." He said they all viewed the Laos action as "just another escalation."

The 400 at the peace service included about 20 priests and 15 "identifiable" nuns.

Lenten Services

Held on Train

Syosset, N.Y. — (RNS) — Worship services aimed at "watching the rhythm of the commuter" were conducted on the Long Island Railroad by a United Church of Christ minister.

The rear car of the 7:38, a.m., Syosset-Jamaica train was a "Commuters Lenten Special" for services March 9, 16, and 23.

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Help for Ex-Priests Urged

Vatican City —(RNS)— Restating limits on the ministry of former priests, the Vatican urged bishops and superiors of religious orders to give them every possible assistance "to obtain a living."

Instructions from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith have forbidden ex-priests from performing any priestly duties except (as is already allowed by Canon Law) hearing a deathbed confession when no other priest is available. Renewing an earlier ban the instructions forbid ex-priests to conduct any kind of liturgical service "in a celebration before the people... preaching, or performing a pastoral function, having charge of any church administration, spiritual direction or teaching in a seminary."

Pope Repeats Call for Peace

Vatican City —(RNS)— Pope Paul VI has appealed again for peace in the Mid-East and Indo-China.

Addressing Romans and pilgrims gathered recently in St. Peter's Square the pontiff said:

"Our hearts feels the violence, suffering, destruction of these scenes of war.

"We implore the national leaders involved in these conflicts to carry out their agreement to find a new, honorable international balance."

On the Middle East situation, the pontiff claimed a special duty to speak "on behalf of Christianity as a whole" for recognition of the "special residence of Christians in that troubled country, and of the status of Jerusalem."

Pope Sends Gift To Bible Society

New York —(RNS)—A facsimile of one of the earliest copies of the Greek New Testament has been given to the American Bible Society by Pope Paul VI.

The original of "Codex Vaticanus" a 4th Century New Testament manuscript, is in the Vatican library. Jan Cardinal Wilibrand, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, presented the facsimile on behalf of Pope Paul.

The gift, he said, "is a sign of the Pope's continuing interest in getting done a job that was called for by the Second Vatican Council: making the Scriptures easily available to people everywhere in their own language, in collaboration with other Christians."



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