



Laying On Of Hands.

Bishop James E. Walsh, the 80-year-old Maryknoll missionary who spent 12 years in a Red China prison, places his hands on the head of a deacon as he ordains 14 young men to the missionary priesthood. (RNS)

Legislative Session Extended, Key Bills Are Still in Doubt

Albany—Amid conflicting reports on such church-oriented issues as aid to nonpublic schools and abortion the State Legislature appeared headed toward an extended session as of Courier-Journal presstime.

The state body was still considering some 600 to 700 bills as it narrowed down to its annual closing mad rush to adjournment.

Among issues of paramount importance to Courier-Journal readers is aid to private schools. Sources in Albany indicate that the Speno-Lerner Bill, providing aid to parents of pupils attending nonpublic schools, is apparently dead.

In its place, Gov. Rockefeller aides and legislative leaders seem to have agreed on a formula for extending \$33 million aid to nonpublic schools, including \$5 million for inner city schools.

The aid formula, computed on a daily pupil attendance plus a weighted factor for impoverished areas, is based on non-religious educational services.

On an annual basis, the plan would extend \$15 million to the state's 592,000 pupils in nonpublic elementary schools, \$13 million to the 188,000 secondary students, plus \$5 million for 105,000 who are in poor, generally urban areas.

The formula provides for 15 cents a day or \$27 a year for each elementary school pupil; 40 cents a day or \$72 a year for each student in impoverished areas; \$54 a year for each student in impoverished areas, as defined by Title IV of the Federal Higher Education Assistance Act.

The additional aid would be

extended in addition to the \$70 million now given annually to nonpublic schools through mandated services, bus service, and textbooks.

The State Catholic Committee, representing the state's bishops, have reacted with "regret" at the new proposal.

"In unprecedented fashion," the committee said, "we have supported the parent-aid concept. Tuition reimbursement is a viable response to our problem; we do not find the present proposal adequate to our need."

"We pledge that the parent-aid issue will be proposed to the next legislative session and we expect that it will be afforded due consideration."

Bills to repeal the present abortion bill likewise have become wrapped in confusion in the waning days of the session.

Apparently a bill introduced by Sen. Earl Brydges, the majority leader, has replaced the long-debated proposal by Sen. Donovan to repeal the present liberal measure. Because of Sen. Brydges' prominence, his bill seemed likely to reach the floor. Its fate, however, is in doubt.

Mission Singers Ordained

The Mission Singers, who write the Music Bag were ordained to the priesthood May 11 at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Conn.

Ordained were John O'Reilly, Joseph Valentine (chief writer of the column), Jack Coyne, Don Middendorf and Robert Cassidy. One other member of the group, Brother Tom Troxell, is continuing his studies for the priesthood.

They will all continue their work in the St. Louis poverty area where they live. They will continue giving concerts around the country to support their work, and they will continue writing as part of their apostolate of communicating with young people.

CANADA PILGRIMAGE

A five-day pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre's shrine in Quebec, Our Lady of the Cape and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal will leave from St. Michael's Church, Newark, Monday, Aug. 2. For reservations call Mrs. C. DeRycke (315) 331-3859.

KEYSTONE CLUB

The Keystone Club of the Gates Police Department will hold a Spring Dance, Saturday, June 5, 8 p.m. — 1:30 a.m. in Holy Ghost Church hall.

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Welfare Reform Bill Hit as Inadequate

Washington, D.C. —(RNS)—The amended version of the Nixon Administration's welfare reform bill was termed inadequate, inequitable, and unacceptable in many of its provisions by the Roman Catholic Church's top spokesman on welfare problems.

Msgr. Lawrence J. Corcoran, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities (NCCC) here, said one of the "most objectionable" parts of the bill is the requirement that mothers who have children over 6 must register for and accept work.

He noted that by July 1974 this will apply to all mothers of children over 3.

"This requirement must be changed," he declared.

Msgr. Corcoran observed that while the bill provides some "beneficial changes" in the welfare system, it "falls short in regard to some needed provisions and includes some that are unacceptable."

"Probably the most inadequate provision, or absence of it, in the new measure," said Msgr. Corcoran, "is lack of any requirement that the state must supplement the federal floor of benefits."

"There is some encouragement, but no requirements," he added, observing that there is nothing to assure that the states will continue to contribute through supplement benefits. He speculated that with

states in financial trouble, many will either cut out or decrease benefits.

The NCCC official pointed out that the basic benefits for an aged couple are the same (\$2,400) as for a family of four. "This is an inequity and should be corrected," he said. "The amounts provided in the family assistance programs are inadequate."

Among the beneficial aspects of the new bill, Msgr. Corcoran listed the fact that the welfare system will become fundamentally a federal program, adding that "this is a much needed improvement and provides one of the major incentives for supporting the bill."

He also praised benefits for the working poor, job training, work incentives and the bill's treatment of the question of suitability of work and wages, provisions for social services, day care and vocational rehabilitation.

Commenting on the 5 per cent Social Security increase contained in the bill, Msgr. Corcoran said "even this increase is minimal and a great jump is needed . . . to provide for those, depending on social security for their primary or entire income."

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 BUS 311—Statistics I (3) E
 BUS 321—Marketing (3) E
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 BUS 451L—Computer Laboratory (2) E
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