

The Working Class... Unheard



TEXT AND PHOTOS
BY LAURENCE E. KEEFE

"The working man is afraid to send his kid to college today," Msgr. Geno Baroni of the U.S. bishops' urban task force told the North East Area Development convention on Sunday.

"The working man says to himself, 'I bought my kid new clothes, new shoes — and now he's going to come back without any shoes, with no clothes?' And maybe he's afraid his kid won't come back at all."

In a rapid, crackling and funny speech to NEAD delegates, Msgr. Baroni talked about the neglected plight of urban working class as they live on the "new frontier."

The "new frontier," as Msgr. Baroni defined it, lies in the disintegrating communities of American urban centers and the "changing neighborhoods" on the edge of minority group ghettos.

Msgr. Baroni drew heavily on his personal background, having grown up in an ethnic community, to illustrate the chief theme of his talk, that the assimilation of ethnic groups into the American establishment has worked only too well.

"We bought the American dream, hook, line and sinker," said Msgr. Baroni. "And now the people who have left the old communities for the suburbs and joined the establishment find that they don't have any say about how it's run."

On crime and the issue of law and order, Msgr. Baroni said the election of a "hard-line" mayor in Philadelphia, Frank L. Rizzo, came about because the "liberals gave the people no choice. Crime is a real issue, you can't ignore it, and you can't just give it to the reactionaries."

The anomie and rootlessness in America today, said Msgr. Baroni, punctuating his talk with frequent, sharp gestures, results from the division of the society into the upper-middle

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Senator Foresees Abortion Repeal

By CARMEN VIGLUCCI

Declaring that the majority of the citizens of New York State are in complete opposition to abortion on demand, State Sen. James Donovan predicted Sunday that the present abortion law will be repealed "perhaps by 1973."

The senator told more than 200 persons at the Holiday Inn in Rochester that "those who endeavor to label the pro-life movement as solely Catholic will be sadly awakened to learn that the majority of citizens find it (the law) distasteful."

Sen. Donovan, the leading opponent of the liberalized abortion law in the Legislature has introduced a repeal bill which would reinstate the former strict abortion law in the state.

He recommended two courses of action for those opposed to liberalized for abortion:

- Start a campaign to require the State Legislature to take action to determine when human life does begin;
- Institute a taxpayers revolt against the use of tax moneys to finance abortions through the Medicaid program.

Claiming that textbooks used by the state show life beginning at conception, the senator said that it was time to force the State Legislature to open investigation as to when human life really begins "and then we will submit our case."

As for taxes, Sen. Donovan says "we go against our beliefs when we pay tax money to support it (abortion)."

In answer to a question, he said he felt that there was "a good chance" for the Legislature to repeal the law but that he didn't know what Gov. Rockefeller would do when the repeal reached his desk.

To another question, he replied that he "got little help" from Rochester area senators in his fight to repeal the law.

Citing the passage of the law as a "tragedy" which has led to the "extermination of 200,000 human beings" he nonetheless found some room for optimism.

"Opposed to abortion," he listed President Nixon, Sen. James Buckley, Billy Graham, Adlai Stevenson III and Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

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Pottery Tankards Basic To New Abbey Church

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Anything can jolly well happen during a department store trade fair. Like a white robed English monk selling pottery.

Father Fabian Binyon, from Priknash Abbey, Gloucester, England, is an authority on the mugs and tankards made in the Benedictine pottery workshops.

The pottery was established to help pay for a new abbey church and monastery which the monks are building with their own hands.

The clay from the building site is turned by the monks, and 20 lay craftsmen, into jugs resembling pewter tankards.

Father Fabian has been a monk for 21 years, but the seclusion of the cloister has not honed away his sociability. He chats eagerly and easily with shoppers.

One well-dressed elderly man approaching very obviously wanted to talk to him, but very obviously didn't speak many words of English. Father Fabian quickly asked where he was from. The man replied Naples and Father Fabian's English accent turned into well spoken Italian.

When the man walked away, satisfied with his talk with the monk from England, Father Fabian explained that his own mother had come from Naples.

Before joining the Benedictines, Fabian Binyon was an



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interior decorator. His plans for becoming an architect were thwarted by the declaration of World War II. After the war, and the death of many he loved, he entered the monastery.

The Benedictines have used his talents well. He is very personable and easy to talk with, so he is guest master of the abbey and conducts many retreats.

When asked about the feeling of English clergy on the question of celibacy, he replied:

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H.D. Aids Day Care Center

The Yates, Ontario, Seneca Task Force of the Campaign for Human Development granted funds to the Yates Day Care Center last week.

The check for \$800 was to assist in the establishment of this child center in Penn Yan.

The money will be used as

partial payment for the staff and for the development of the program serving Yates County.

Mrs. Jacqueline McCormick of Geneva noted that the task force had made a previous commitment to the Summer Headstart Program in Canandaigua and was awaiting final approval on proposals from the COMAC

organization of Geneva and the Rushville Clinic.

Last year's collection in November totaled over \$8,000 for the three county area. Close to \$3,000 was kept for needs in the local area. The Task Force has worked to evaluate proposals which have totaled over \$12,000.

Other members of the task force besides Mrs. McCormick are: Mrs. Adelaide Moore, Mrs. Dorothy Everest, Sister Kathleen Kirchner, Mr. Richard Lang, and Father Kevin Murphy.

Holy Childhood Ceremony Bears Promise of Spring

A ceremony forecasting the springtime bloom of a new tulip in Rochester was held at Holy Childhood School Nov. 8.

The large red and yellow tulip, named for the late Cardinal Richard Cushing of Boston, is being used there to raise funds for his favorite enterprise, the schooling of exceptional children.

In token of the gift of thousands of the bulbs to the Monroe County Parks Department, Alvan Grant, director, received a few of them from the hand of nine-year-old Sheila O'Hara

and Louise Marie Hickey, 12. He said there would be plantings in Highland Park at the Al Sigi Center, Association for Retarded Children, and the Foreman Center in Fairport.

The bulbs were obtained through the efforts of Sheila's grandmother, Mrs. John T. O'Hara of Dorchester Road, board member and longtime supporter of Holy Childhood School. They were given by Louis J. Leber, president of Breck's of Boston, the company that had the bulb developed in Holland.

Bishop Endorses Blood Program

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan recently called diocesan pastors' attention to the American Red Cross appeal for blood.

In response to a letter written by Mrs. Mary Ainsworth, field representative for the Rochester-Monroe County blood program, the bishop told pastors, "I shall appreciate your cooperation in any way you see fitting."

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