

Church Work Cited For Irish Peace

London — (RNS) — Protestant and Catholic Churches in Northern Ireland have played a greater role than is generally conceded in preventing total civil war, according to the Rev. Andrew Weir, general secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He was quoted at length in the Baptist Times, a London publication.

Mr. Weir reported that Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist leaders had maintained regular contacts during the months of turmoil and periodically issued joint appeals for

peace and justice. The Irish Council of Churches (Protestant) and the Irish Catholic hierarchy have named a joint group on reconciliation.

"The main contribution of the church, however, . . . has been in the continuing witness of so many clergy and laity in their own parishes," Mr. Weir said. University chaplains and leaders of youth ministries, he continued, have been particularly active in building respect between Protestant and Catholic communities.



Vocation Campaign

Barbara Bodnar, a copywriter at Hartford's radio station WPOP who helps create commercials for the "Join the God Squad" campaign, places a sticker on the back of a car. The fast-growing "God Squad" campaign started when Father Edmund S. Nadolny, communications director of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford, issued a challenge to members of an advertising club to create an ecumenical program with vocations as the theme. (RNS)



'CHILD'S PLAY' AT MARYMOUNT

TARRYTOWN, N.Y. — (RNS) — Camera crews and film technicians moved about the halls

of Marymount High School during much of December, not producing a publicity film for the Catholic high school but working on scenes from the movie, "Child's Play." Based on the Broadway play by Robert Marasco, the film is slated to be released next summer. Directed by Sidney Lumet and produced by David Merrick, the movie stars Robert Preston and James Mason.

As the camera (top) records a scene from the film, actor James Mason, driven to desperation, contemplates suicide on the roof of Marymount High School. Note that a rope has been tied to him to prevent any accidents. The producers found Marymount, a private school for girls operated by the religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, an ideal place for the film, which deals with violence and terror at a Catholic boys' prep school in England.

John Weyland (bottom), drama coach at nearby Marymount College and a sometimes actor, is joined by some of the high school girls as he watches a scene being filmed. Weyland plays the role of Father Mozian, headmaster of the boys' school, in the movie. "Child's Play" is his fifth movie and his biggest part to date.

Business In the Diocese

Staff Sergeant Martin Deutsch recently reported for duty as an inventory management supervisor at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, N.Y.

Deutsch is a graduate of Aquinas Institute and is married to the former Sandra Denman of Spencer.

FLAG PRESENTED

Horseheads — St. Mary Our Mother Regional Elementary School here will be the recipient of an American flag presented Feb. 6 by the Horseheads Council No. 6158 of the Knights of Columbus.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Elmira — A retreat for women will be held at the Villa of Our Lady of the Poconos from May 19 to the 21st. Advance registration is now open for the weekend program. Further information can be obtained by calling Miss Mary FitzGerald at 607-734-7439.

PARISH COUNCIL

Red Creek — The Parish Council of St. Thomas Church met Jan. 16. The 12 new members are Ansel Carroll, Marcia Carroll, Joseph Albano, Bernard Craine, Schlyer Scutt, Bernard Harrington, Leo Lunkenheimer, James Schneible, Betty LaRocque, Jane Hall, Jan Peeters, and Edward Furlotti.

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