



The 'Face' of the IRA

An armed member of the Irish Republican Army wears a face mask as he stands guard at a sandbagged gun emplacement in the Bogside area of Londonderry. It was the first time that the emplacement had been manned by masked men. The IRA polices much of the Bogside area, keeping regular police and British soldiers out. (RNS)

30,000 Students Protest in Albany

New York — (RNS) — An estimated 30,000 Catholic school students and their parents, waving posters and chanting "SOS — Save our Schools," marched outside Gov. Rockefeller's office here, demanding state aid for parochial schools showing their support for the governor's attempts to secure it.

They came in buses from most of the 200 elementary schools of the Diocese of Brooklyn, representing nearly 200,000 students. For nearly four hours they streamed past the governor's office, school after school, chanting and waving their own home-

Cardinal Asks Quick Appeal

New York — (RNS) — A 2-to-1 ruling by a special three judge federal panel halting New York State's \$28 million mandated services allocation to non-public schools was challenged by Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York as an "erroneous" and "unjust" deprivation.

He urged a stay and a quick appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The decision declaring the 1970 New York law unconstitutional barred all direct payments to non-public schools that reimbursed them for regents testing and record-keeping as mandated by the state.

made posters and school banners.

"We want to show Gov. Rockefeller that he has a tremendous grassroots support for his attempts to secure state aid for the parochial schools," said Albert J. Millus, president of the Diocesan Federation of Home School Associations, Brooklyn, which sponsored the rally.

"We appreciate the governor's efforts," he said. "We want to encourage him and urge him to continue his campaign to get aid to non-public schools."

Anthony Talco, a parent and one of the directors of the march, explained that the students at the rally were 6th, 7th and 8th graders. "It's not a holiday for them — they're going right back to the school as soon as they've made their march," he said.

As the marchers streamed past the governor's office, many of them dropped postcards addressed to the governor in mail bags set up outside the office. The cards carried the message "SOS, Save our schools." Post office letter carriers at the site said the marchers filled nine mail bags with about 20,000 postcards.

One of the liveliest contingents of marchers was a predominantly black group from St. Francis of Assisi school in Brooklyn. They chanted: "For God's sake, why don't you give more money to the schools?"

"We're very happy with the results, the rally was a tremendous success," said Father Walter J. Vetro, moderator of the Diocesan Federation. Representatives of the federation's Parent Aid Action Committee, which initiated the rally, are preparing a list of statements to present to Gov. Rockefeller as the next step in their campaign to gain state aid.

Abortion Law

Rocky for Amending But Not Repealing

Albany — (RNS) — As efforts for repeal of the state's liberalized abortion law increased, Gov. Rockefeller disclosed here that he favored amending the present law by shortening the period for legal abortions by eight weeks — from 24 weeks to 16 weeks.

However, most anti-abortion spokesmen, especially for Roman Catholics and various Right to Life groups, demand total repeal of the liberalized law. They hold that all abortion is "anti-life, immoral" and "murder."

Gov. Rockefeller, on record as stating he would veto any attempt by the Legislature to repeal the liberalized law, did say he would approve an amendment "to reduce the period during which an elective abortion may be legally performed from 24 to 16 weeks."

"After nearly two years' experience under the state's abortion law and consultation with the State Health Department and State Public Health Council, I have concluded that a modification in the present law is desirable," he announced.

Meanwhile, pressures from anti-abortion and pro-abortion forces continue to mount.

Bishop Francis A. Mugavero of the Roman Catholic Brooklyn diocese made an urgent appeal to the State Legislature asking that the Donovan-Crawford bill — which would, in effect, repeal the present law — be brought

out of the codes committees of both the Assembly and Senate.

"The issue should be submitted to a democratic process," he said. "I have trust that our legislators would face the abortion issue objectively with courage and with the knowledge that this practice is seriously undermining the moral vitality of our society."

On the other hand, the New York State Council of Churches reiterated its support of the 1970 liberalized abortion law, declaring that "the loss to mankind of the freedom to make decisions, fallible or infallible, denies the redemptive love of God."

However, the Council said it would "look at measures that would not be restrictive of the decision but supportive of the process of redemption."

In recent weeks, supporters of abortion repeal in the Legislature claimed they could win passage of their bill if it came to the floor. The Donovan-Crawford bill, if passed, would reinstate the old law which permitted abortions only to save the mother's life.

Opponents of repeal admit that legislators, most of whom are seeking re-election this year, are under heavy pressure to pass the Donovan-Crawford bill, or at least vote for some revision of the present law. Thus far, all bills asking repeal of the 1970 law have been locked in committee.

3 Judge Court Voids Mandated Services Aid

(Continued from Page 1) unfavorable to private schools stems from a Supreme Court ruling that struck down the first Pennsylvania aid plan for non-public schools through the purchase of educational services.

Salvatore Musso, deputy superintendent of diocesan schools, characterized the latest ruling as a "grave disappointment" in that it deprives "children attending nonpublic schools a small reimbursement of costs mandated by the state."

Across the state the mandated services payments total \$28 million a year. The first half had already been paid before the federal court enjoined any further payments.

Judge Lasker in his majority opinion stated that the act was caught in an "insoluble dilemma" that made it unconstitutional.

Proper administration of the

disputed law would require the state to impose a system of surveillance and control to assure that the funds were not used for religious purposes, but such a system would create excessive governmental entanglement with religion, according to Judge Lasker.

"The dilemma we have outlined is insoluble," he wrote, continuing.

"Either the statute fails because a system of surveillance and control would create excessive entanglement or without such a system the schools would be free to use funds for religious purposes. The constitution is breached whichever route is chosen."

In his four-page dissent Judge Palmieri said that he "deplored the incalculable and irreversible harm which will be done by this decision."

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