

# Nixon Youth Report Draws Sharp Rebuke

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The Nixon administration recently published its response to the White House Conference on Youth, held one year ago, in the form of a 400-page encyclopedia of what it was doing, or had not done, on the issues of greatest concern to America's youth.

Jeff Gustavson, a member of the environmental task force of the 1971 White House youth conference, has called the response of the Nixon administration to the conference's proposals "stale banter."

A January 1972 graduate of Churchville-Chili High School, Gustavson is presently doing research on cystic fibrosis at Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine, in preparation for entering pre-med at Harvard in September. In a telephone interview last week he said:

"Since my principal discontent with the Nixon administration's policy is on the continuation of the war and the questions of social policy are peripheral, I expect to be severely disappointed when I have a chance to read the response."

The administration, according to Gustavson, rejected "all three proposals of major importance" made by the youth conference, which he listed as an immediate withdrawal of United States land, sea and air forces from the Indochina fighting; a ceiling on the defense budget; and amnesty for those who have refused induction.

Two threads ran through the youth conference proposals, Gustavson said. One is that youth is a minority group, and the other is that the opinion of youth on the major issues of the world is not peculiar to them alone.

"Seeing youth as a minority group is petty and trivial," declared Gustavson, and he charged the administration with having "blown up" this aspect of the conference.

"The only reason Nixon is giving our proposals so much attention," in Gustavson's opinion, "is because this is an elec-

tion year, and he wants to appeal to the 18-year-old vote."

In response to the White House contention that it was hiring youth for advisory and decision-making panels, Gustavson commented, "Putting young people on government boards is all right, but it seems petty to me."

"The reason the environmental task force proposed the limit on Pentagon spending," Gustavson said, "was that a political system which realizes the need for ecological planning will realize also that it cannot continue with a war spending program."

The effect of the ecological crisis, said Gustavson, will be that, "sovereign nations are not going to be sovereign much longer."

## SSND Sisters To Meet Here

The 800 School Sisters of Notre Dame who teach in New England, New York and New Jersey will send delegates to Rochester this weekend for a provincial Chapter of Affairs. Meetings will be held at St. Boniface May 5-7.

Chapter delegates are charged with exploring and evaluating current apostolic projects of the Wilton Province and of planning for the future. The group meets monthly, once a year in the Rochester area.

Nearly 100 members of the order staff 10 schools in Rochester. Sister M. Theodoric of Holy Redeemer School is an official delegate. Alternate delegates include Sister M. Ignatius and Sister M. Bernice of Bishop Kearney High School, Sister M. Stephana, principal of St. Margaret Mary, and Sister M. Roberta, principal of St. Philip Neri.

### FIRST FRIDAY

Father Joseph Dorsey CSB, executive vice president of St. John Fisher College will speak at the First Friday Club's luncheon, May 5. The luncheon will be at noon at the Top of the Plaza Restaurant.



## A Time To Sing

It will be a "Time to Sing" when the Concert Chorale of the Sisters of St. Joseph presents its spring concert on May 5, 6 and 7 in the auditorium of St. Agnes High School.

The concert program draws on the periods throughout man's lifetime which are closely linked with musical expression, according to Chorale Director Sister Virginia Hogan. "We'll explore, with our audience, how music helps to celebrate our times of joy, comfort us in our times of sorrow, and breathe life into our dreams."

A segment titled "a time to make believe" will introduce a special children's chorus. The youngsters will alternate with Chorale members in a medley of tunes from the film, "Hans Christian Andersen": "Thumbelina," "Wonderful Copenhagen," and "The King's New Clothes."

A "time to be comforted" will feature soloist Sister Josepha Kennedy singing Negro spirituals; and an unusual church selection, "Christ, the Light of Nations," with accompaniment by bongoes, bass and organ, will represent a "time to praise."

Performance times are 8:15 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6 and 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 7.

Proceeds from the performances benefit a special education fund which trains members of the religious community for their careers of service in education, nursing and social welfare.



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## Anti-Abortion View From Scientific Basis

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mother from giving birth. However, we do understand the logic of needing to take a life in order to save a life. If a case arose in which we knew the mother would die at childbirth, we would favor an abortion."

Pregnancies as a result of rape, they said, are extremely rare. "With proper education," Mrs. Willke said, "all women could learn that quick treatment at a hospital after rape will always prevent a pregnancy."

Of all reasons for abortion, the Willkes cited rubella as "the most ghastly."

"Only one of every six babies born to mothers who had rubella is defective," Dr. Willke explained. "And only 1.5 per cent are not correctable to normal. So giving abortions for rubella is like saying, 'We will kill five normal babies so that a sixth one, no matter how slight his defects are, can be prevented from entering society.'"

"We see no difference between the killing of imperfect humans and Hitler's master race philosophy, which killed so many Jews because of their supposed inferiority."

Regarding the mental health of the mother, the Willkes suggested that there is a higher suicide rate among women who have had abortions than among

women who have been refused abortions.

There is also the danger of sterility after an abortion. "one in 10 abortions results in sterility of the mother," Dr. Willke said. "Further, at Stanford's medical center, one of eight D&C abortions tears the cervical muscle beyond repair."

Ultimately, the Willkes see two sides to the abortion question. "On the one hand," reasoned Dr. Willke, "We have a mother's social problems, and on the other hand we have the life of a baby."

"We see a direct tie-in with killing the pre-born for social reasons and killing the post-born for the same social reasons, as Hitler did."

Mrs. Willke continued, saying that pro-abortion laws opt for a "death philosophy of killing the problems, rather than a life philosophy of solving them."

They would like to see some "positive legislation" passed, such as granting subsidies for adoptive families, and better insurance coverage for defective children.

"There are more than 400 anti-abortion groups in the U.S. and Canada," Dr. Willke said. "We are encouraged by these grass roots movements to end abortion."

## Dinner-Dance To Benefit Holy Childhood

On Sunday May 7, the Tenth Annual Buffet Dinner and Dance for the benefit of the School of the Holy Childhood will be held at the Hospitality House, 2226 Penfield Road, Fairport.

The School conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph for the training of exceptional children regardless of race, color or creed, is completely supported by voluntary contributions. The Sisters are attempting to raise funds to move the school into new quarters, donated by Bishop Hogan, at the former King's Prep on Buffalo Road.

There will be a cocktail hour from 5 to 6, dinner will be served from 6 to 8 followed by dancing to the music of Len Hawley's orchestra. Tickets are available at the School.

Mr. and Mrs. James Deisenroth, the proprietors of the Hospitality House, are kindly donating half of their proceeds from the affair to the school.



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