



Peace delegates received some hope in the office of Sen. Jacob Javits.

'Frustrating' Day for Pilgrims

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action not only "inhumane" but risky as regards relations with the U.S.S.R. and China. He feels the President may have left himself "over a barrel" for his Moscow visit, saying "he might make concessions he has no reason to make" because of the election year necessity of having a successful summit.

The first visit of the day, to Sen. James Buckley's office, turned out to be disappointing for the delegation.

"They shrugged us off," was how Bishop Spears described the hour-long meeting with two representatives of Sen. Buckley.

Bishop Hogan described the responses of Roger Levy, Sen. Buckley's administrative assistant and Dr. William Schneider,

Peace Delegation

Bishop Hogan, Bishop Spears, Rabbi Herbert Bronstein, Temple B'rith Kodosh; Rev. Robert H. Rowsam, superintendent of the Rochester District, United Methodist Church; Rev. A. Claire Potter, executive of the Genesee Valley Association, United Church of Christ, Rev. Carl Smith, executive presbyter of the Genesee Valley Presbytery, Rev. Fred Gotwald, assistant to the president of the Upper New York Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, the Rev. Murphy Greer of Aeon Baptist Church representative of the Rochester Area Minister's Conference, Father Henry Atwell, executive director of the Genesee Ecumenical Ministry, the Rev. Richard Gilbert of Unitarian First Church.

the senator's legislative assistant, as "pat answers."

The five members who were allowed to meet with the Buckley aides, were seated in the reception area of the senator's office. Bishop Hogan termed this failure of Sen. Buckley to provide any other meeting place "symbolic" of the reception given to the delegation.

The five members who met with Buckley's representatives were Bishops Hogan and Spears, Richard Gilbert, Unitarian First Church, Winton Road; Mr. Greer and Mr. Smith.

Bishop Hogan said, "We were speaking on different wave lengths — they were talking tactics, games." But he added, "There is no possibility of a just war any more."

A Buckley aide reported that the senator's mail was running 6-1 against the President's action.

In greeting the delegation, Rep. Frank Horton stressed the President's "sincere commitment to getting us out."

The most serious impact of the President's terms, in Horton's views, are that they are the first offered that do not set up preconditions for the political future of South Vietnam.

He cited two reasons for the U.S. to stay in Vietnam.

- To get our forces out safely.
- Return of our POWs.

The congressman said he felt "undue criticism" can add to the present crisis and cause "the whole gamble to go down the drain."

He said that earlier his mail was predominately against the President's action but that lately it had evened out.

Father Henry Atwell told Horton that we are near civil war in this country.

"You're not telling me anything," replied Horton.

Bishop Hogan cited the "cordial reception" afforded by Horton but said that Horton was most concerned with "tactics" and added, "that's probably what we'll get from everyone."

The delegation next visited Rep. Barber Conable who declared that "the politics of this are all on the other side" from President Nixon.

"The issue in Vietnam," said Conable, "is whether the U.S. is going to continue to fulfill a world role and fill it effectively with authoritarian states."

The bishop saw "a little bit of a breakthrough" in regard to Conable and said he felt that all three (Horton, Conable and Buckley) felt hemmed in by the President.

The delegation received a supportive send off from about 50 people at the Rochester airport Monday morning at 7 when they left on their peace mission.

They were met at Washington National Airport by Father P. David Finks, a Rochester diocese priest stationed there. The delegation was then briefed on anti-war legislation pending in Congress by Jonathan Newkirk, co-director of the Quaker Emergency Action of the American Friends Service Committee, in preparation for their meeting with the Buckley aides.

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Abortion Repeal Vote

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Senate for:
McGowan.
Senate against:
Day, Laverne, Powers, Smith.

Pro-Life Leaders:

'We Have Just Begun to Fight'

By CARMEN VIGLUCCI

Albany — Despite pleas from pro-life leaders not to act hastily, Gov. Rockefeller quickly followed through on his threat to veto the abortion repeal voted last week by the State Legislature.

In his veto message the governor denounced "the extremes of personal vilification and political coercion brought to bear on members of the Legislature."

Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York immediately expressed his regret at the governor's decision: "Today is a day of great sorrow and regret for us and for so many men and women of goodwill in our state."

Meanwhile pro-life leaders seem undaunted by the governor's action and see a measure of victory in the turnabout by the Legislature. They see the events as a beginning rather than an end.

Speaking before the governor's veto, Mrs. Jeanne Sweeney, who along with her husband Dr. Thomas Sweeney, is co-chairman of the area Right of Life Committee, said, "The abortion mentality is still with us. We have a long, hard fight and most of it will be in the area of educating people to the danger of abortion."

Father Robert Collins, head of the diocesan Family Life Bureau, was "very pleased" by the legislative vote, but also cited the continuing role of pro-life groups.

Speaking prior to the governor's veto, he said:

"No matter what the governor does, we're not through fighting. We are not just anti-abortion but we are pro-life. We will be devoting more time to helping anyone, married or unmarried, who is pregnant and troubled by it so they will be able to bring new life into the world that will be appreciated and wanted."

As for the significance of the right-to-life campaign itself, Father Collins said "it was an education for all who took part. It showed that legislators can be moved when the people get together, plan and take action."

Also speaking when it was still

unclear what action Gov. Rockefeller would take, Mrs. Sweeney declared that "the abortion mentality still exists in large segments of our population" and tied this to "erosion in family life" which we must correct.

She said the anti-abortion campaign has shown that the "value system that concerns the use of reproductive organs has been purposely broken down, I think, to encourage family planning. I'm not against family planning but I am against taking human reproduction out of a framework of morality."

Mrs. Sweeney sees "education of the clergy, the Religious and all teachers in Catholic schools" on abortion a necessity. "They simply do not understand the issue as well as they should. It is a complex issue even for doctors and lawyers but it is a specific issue and many theological people tend to deal in generalities," she said.

While Mrs. Sweeney's tenor was one of restrained satisfaction, James Sanderson of the State Catholic Committee in Albany was openly enthusiastic over the 79-68 Assembly vote and 30-27 Senate vote by which the repealer was passed.

"It is cause for jubilation," said Sanderson. "We have turned this thing around whether Gov. Rockefeller signs it into law or not. It is simply great to see what right-to-life people have done and it will be helpful throughout the country."

The repealer came out on the short end among the votes of diocesan legislators. Our Assemblymen voted to retain the law by 8 to 5, and senators by 4 to 1.

Governor Vetoes Anti-Busing Bill

Albany — Legislation which would bar busing of the public school schedule to achieve racial integration was vetoed by Gov. Rockefeller Sunday night.

The governor rejected the bill as unconstitutional because it was similar to legislation he approved last year and which federal courts turned down.

\$47 Million OK'd For Private Schools

Albany — An amend non-public school aid bill which would provide up to \$47 million in state funds for private schools was passed by the Legislature last week.

The bill originally passed the Senate as a \$33 million package but was amended and passed again without debate. It had passed the Assembly earlier the same day and awaits action by Gov. Rockefeller who has announced his intention to sign it.

According to the New York Times, the bill would provide \$4 million a year for maintenance and repairs of nonpublic school buildings, \$5 million to \$25 million in tuition assistance to low-income families with children in private schools and \$10 million to \$15 million in income tax benefits to families whose gross income is less than \$25,000 a year and who pay at least \$50 a year in taxes.

In addition, the Times said, it would provide up to \$3 million in

aid to districts that have to enroll students from nonpublic schools that are forced to close and an indeterminate amount for acquisition by the public sector of nonpublic school buildings that are forced to close.

The income tax exclusion was one of the additions to the original bill. The exclusion would be deducted from the parents' state income tax return each year and would amount to up to \$1,000 for each child (up to three children) enrolled in Grades 1 through 12. The amount is reduced as income increases. Families earning less than \$9,000 would be eligible for the full exclusion, which would be about \$50 for child.

The amended version deletes references to tax credits, which were thought to be unconstitutional. Court challenges, however, are imminent.

In 1970 and 1971, the bill was passed by the Legislature but was vetoed by Rockefeller. It was then turned down by federal courts.