

What Do You Think

About Gun Control?

By CHARLES RANDISI

The recent assassination attempt on George Wallace has once again stirred up talk on stricter gun control laws and their enforcement.

To get some views, I went to St. Rita's Fiesta in Webster and asked, "What do you think of gun control?"

Richard Costello, chairman of the fiesta, said, "I'm a sportsman myself, so I have mixed emotions. I feel that a person must be a proven citizen before he can buy a gun, and he must have no convictions and no record. A voucher should also be present before anyone can obtain a hunting license."

"I think the idea of gun control is ridiculous," said Thomas O'Connor. "There can be no such thing as long as there are guns. And you can never do away with guns. There are plenty of weapons coming in just from Vietnam. Gun control is mostly a lot of idealistic talk."

He also said he would like to see "stiffer" enforcement of present laws "for people who break the laws."

William Osbourne said that the idea of owning weapons was more or less a strictly American idea. He said that it comes from the concept of the frontier, and the necessity of defending oneself.

"England, for example has no frontier," he said. "That's why the bobbies don't carry guns. The right to carry a gun in America is not really a built-in liberty. It just seems that way. However, gun control laws are non-enforceable. If a criminal needs a gun, he will get it."

His wife, Helen, said, "It's a shame that it's easier now to buy a gun than it is to get a driver's license."

Irene Calendo said, "I'm all for control, 100 per cent. I don't think that an ordinary person should be allowed to walk in off the street and purchase a gun. He should have to pass some sort of test. Our present laws are insufficient."

"Other states have better laws than New York," said Sylvia Taverrite. "Florida, I think, uses a system of checks and crosschecks on a person buying a gun. Periodic registration of weapons, perhaps every year, would also help."

Jerry Kohlmeier, a policeman, disagreed with that. "I think that New York's laws are excellent, provided they are properly administered. We should have the same type nationwide. Personally, I think that there can be no control over shotguns and rifles. But the availability of smaller, concealable weapons, like hand guns, should be restricted."



Official Landmark

Joining the mayor in placing plaque on Our Lady of Victory Church, designating it a city landmark are, from left to right, Dr. Rowland L. Collins, president of the Preservation Board, Urban G. Kress, city councilman, and Father Paul J. Gibbons, pastor. "The Little French Church", as it is referred to, was one of seven structures recently honored with official designation as city landmarks as selected by the Rochester Preservation Board.

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It's Graduation Time For 2,000 High Schoolers

The Catholic high schools of the diocese graduate more than 2,000 students this month at 10 commencement ceremonies that started last weekend and will run through Monday, June 26.

First to receive their diplomas were 222 girls from Our Lady of Mercy, who assembled in the Eastman Theatre Friday, June 16. Father Charles Mulligan of the Human Development Office addressed them.

On the following evening, 160 boys from McQuaid Jesuit High School had graduation at the theatre. They heard a talk by Dr. William B. Walsh of Washington, D.C., founder and president of Project HOPE.

Also on Friday evening, St. Joseph's Business High School graduated 57 girls in the final phase of its closing. Retired Bishop James E. Kearney presented the diplomas and spoke in cere-

monies at St. Monica's, where the last senior class has been instructed since September. The four-year school for girls closed its Franklin Street doors last June.

The commencement calendar this week lists St. Agnes at the Eastman Theatre at 8:15 p.m. tomorrow, June 22. Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will address a class of 163 girls.

On Friday, the 23rd, Notre Dame High School in Elmira will graduate 121 at 8 p.m. in the school. Father John S. Hayes of Aurora will speak.

At 11 o'clock Saturday morning, June 24, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will present diplomas to 326 graduates of Cardinal Mooney High School, in the Eastman Theatre.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, 375 from

Bishop Kearney High School will receive their diplomas from Bishop Hickey, at the War Memorial.

De Sales of Geneva will have commencement Sunday afternoon, at 3, at the school. Mass will be celebrated for the 100 graduates at 11 a.m. at St. Francis Church. Father Albert Shamon, vicar for education, will be the graduation speaker.

Also scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday is the Aquinas Institute graduation, at the St. John Fisher College athletic center. A class of 260 will hear Dr. Leroy Good, president of Monroe Community College.

Final ceremony is the Nazareth Academy graduation at 8 p.m. Monday, June 26, at the Eastman Theatre. Bishop Hickey will hand out 220 diplomas and address the class.

Bishop Hogan Urges New Look at Education

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vicar for education, introduced the subject by saying that adult and children's religious education must merge.

Father Robert Collins, the new director of the Religious Education Office, said, "We feel that the approach of two divisions of religious education is fragmented and that an integrated approach would be more effective."

Sister Michael Lappetito of the Religious Education Office and Marie Lynch of the Interim Diocesan Education Commission also spoke on the subject.

Father Albert Shamon, vicar for education, asked that each region begin this month to reassess its education structure, and have three alternative programs outlined by June 1973.

"We must face the practical questions. Shall we keep the status quo or restructure? The real test of faith," Father Shamon added, "will be pooling finances."

Sister Mary Bonaventure Hall, RSM, submitted a proposal from the Sister's Council, requesting the establishment of a Counseling Center for diocesan Sisters, Brothers and priests.

A committee formed by the Sister's Council discovered there is a need for counseling "to assist in resolving personal and vocational difficulties of the individual religious," Sister Bonaventure informed the priests.

The proposal, that was complete with budget breakdown, will be considered at the next meeting.

Donald Prange, of the Ecu-

menical Concern for Peace and Justice, paid another visit. He and other representatives of the social action group attended the priests' February meeting to request continuing dialogue and to urge increased training for religious and laity in peace and justice. He made a similar request last week.

Prange told the priests, Churches need to serve more than the utilitarian needs of its people, explaining they must take the more radical message of Christ and practice it.

The council reacted positively, for the most part, to Prange's message. Msgr. George Cocuzzi, president, answered for the group, saying that the Bishop has indicated his willingness to share his concern over abuses that came to light in Attica and continue in Vietnam.

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