

Flooded Schools May Be Denied Federal Aid

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With the likelihood that no federal aid will be forthcoming, the serious possibility exists that up to 900 Catholic students will be unable to return to parochial schools in Elmira and Corning come September.

Father Albert Shamon, diocesan vicar for education, said that the budget for the 1972-73 school year for Chemung County Catholic schools (Elmira) called for \$468,000 and that it now appears that member schools of the consolidated school system will be able to raise only about half of that.

That would mean that quite apart from the actual physical damage delivered by the flood, there will be only money enough for about half of the present 1,900 Elmira students, even with physical facilities available for all.

In Corning, St. Vincent's has been virtually wiped out. Estimates run as high as 80 per cent in attempts to ascertain the number of parishioners who will either go elsewhere or be unable to assist the parish in any way.

St. Vincent's presently has 230 students. Father Thomas Brennan, pastor of St. Mary's, has said that they could take many of these students, but how many will even remain in town is doubtful.

"Not only the actual damage, and the necessary repairs, must be figured," said Father Shamon, "but also the fact that industry has been hurt, businesses ruined, and people are just not going to have any money to contribute toward rebuilding."

Of the eight parishes that contribute to the budget for the Elmira schools, only St. Casimir's and Our Lady of Lourdes were left intact by the flood, said Father Shamon.

Elmira Catholic school officials were told recently that federal aid would be available only to public schools damaged by the flood and that they could get all they need.

Father Shamon and Father Daniel Brent, diocesan superintendent of schools, released a statement last week deploring the failure of the federal system

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Civil War Looms In Northern Ireland

Belfast — (RNS) — The specter of all-out civil war once again looms over Northern Ireland.

The militant "Provisional" wing of the outlaw Irish Republican Army (IRA) announced on July 9 that it was ending its 13-day cease-fire and would resume its "offensive" action in Ulster.

Since the IRA called off its ceasefire 36 persons have been killed. Three years of violence have claimed 444 lives in Ulster.

The statement was issued in Dublin, the capital of the Irish Republic, headquarters of the

IRA, and in Belfast, after shooting broke out in Belfast between IRA gunmen and British troops.

The IRA accused British soldiers of breaking the truce "without warning."

William Whitelaw, British secretary of state for Northern Ireland since Britain assumed direct control there last March, denied that troops had broken the ceasefire. He said that the soldiers "were fired upon and only returned the fire when under attack."

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The Long Wait

Photo by Laurence E. Keefe

Mrs. Alice Seymour sits on cot in gymnasium of St. Casimir's, Elmira, while waiting out the long hours in the evacuation center. Like many others left homeless by the flood, she could only wait with her three children for assistance from outside to make possible even the beginning of a new life.

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Extensive reporting on the Southern Tier flood damage continues in this issue of the Courier-Journal but we are returning to our normal format.

The Bishop concludes his two-part series on marital fidelity and his "Pastoral Perspective" is back in its usual Page 3 position.

In the centerfold this week, photojournalist Laurence E. Keefe takes readers to Perkinsville's Kennedy House, a place where troubled youngsters get a chance at a new start in life.

When he recently named his all-time baseball stars, President Nixon caused quite a stir among fans and now the Courier's controversial sports columnist George Beahon offers some caustic comment on the President's selections. Page 15.

Meanwhile television columnist Pat Costa explains on Page 13 why she was not exactly "floored" by the

goings-on at the Democratic national convention, as seen via the tube.

On the news front away from the flood, the Monroe County Legislature has approved the establishment of more mobile means, including new sites, for the registration of voters. Barbara Moynihan has the story on Page 8.