



Undiscouraged by hundreds yet to wash, Sue Thompson, junior at Bishop Kearney plugs away at refurbishing water damaged chairs in Immaculate Heart parking lot.

Painted Post Church Shows Damage

Painted Post — In this Southern Tier village, where at least 15 feet of flooding waters did their damage, the traffic lights are now working. The gasoline pumps are all in order, and the town is beginning to resemble a town once more.

But at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, much evidence of the flood still remains. On July 12, 10 Volunteers from St. Paul's Church in Webster were cleaning up and washing down. Chairs from the basement were being finished with linseed oil, and the last of the ruined pews were taken out of the church. The cellar was still flooded. The ceiling tile in the school had all fallen. A garage belonging to a neigh-

boring house floated to within inches of the school. All the floors in the rectory were buckled beyond repair.

Father Harold Rogers, pastor there, was forced to move out of the rectory when the flood hit. He pointed out that the water level in the church reached about 11 feet.

He had been saying Mass in the parking lot for the past few weeks, but he hoped to use Immaculate's school very soon. He said no estimate had yet been made on the extent of the damage.

Father Rogers praised those who had volunteered to clean

up. Besides those from St. Paul's, there were volunteers from Ovid, Penn Yan, the Bradford and Romulus fire departments, Youth Emergency Services (YES), and especially the parishioners of Immaculate Heart. Father Thomas Brennan helped in supplying Father Rogers with vestments.

Father Rogers expects to move into a trailer soon. He said he had no idea of how long it would be before the church could be restored. Although the cleanup work was well under way, the visible damage was still great. Yet, Father Rogers said, "This is only a quarter of the picture of what it was." — Randisi.

Northern Ireland

All-Out Civil War Looms

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Within minutes of the IRA announcement, two gunmen blew up the post office in the small town of Jonesborough on the border of the Irish Republic. And within hours of the announcement, five civilians had died, including a 13-year-old girl. A sixth body, that of a man believed to be a Roman Catholic priest, was found in Belfast. The police said that about 10 persons had been hospitalized with gun shot wounds.

Seven bombs went off in Belfast and Londonderry and troops came under heavy fire at several posts. Three soldiers were wounded.

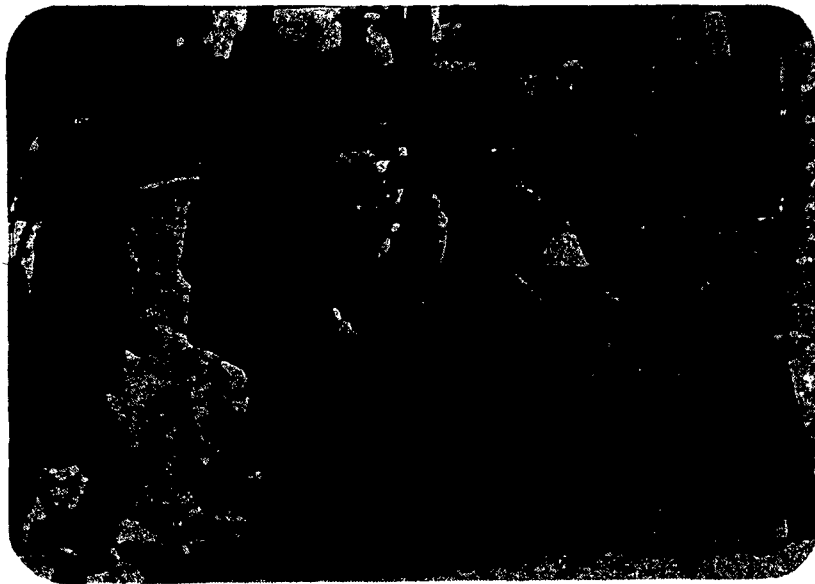
A Protestant spokesman here said, "We are very close to civil war."

The IRA "Provisionals" cease-fire, which came into force on June 26, followed intense pres-

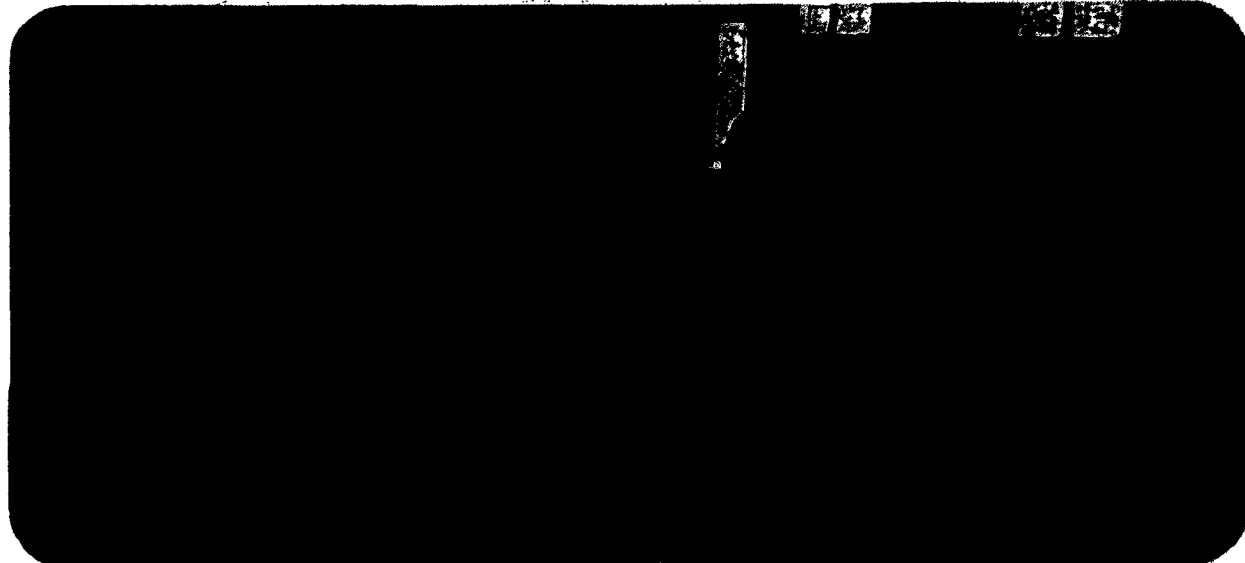
sure within the Roman Catholic community to end their campaign of terror bombing and sniping. Three weeks earlier, the IRA's "Official" wing — the vaguely Marxist-oriented group from whom the "Provisionals" split in 1970 — had called a cease-fire because of "the growing danger of sectarian conflict."

The IRA did stop its bombings and its sniping at soldiers. But the province has been wracked by a wave of assassinations of both Protestants and Catholics as extremists in both camps turned to settling deadly scores.

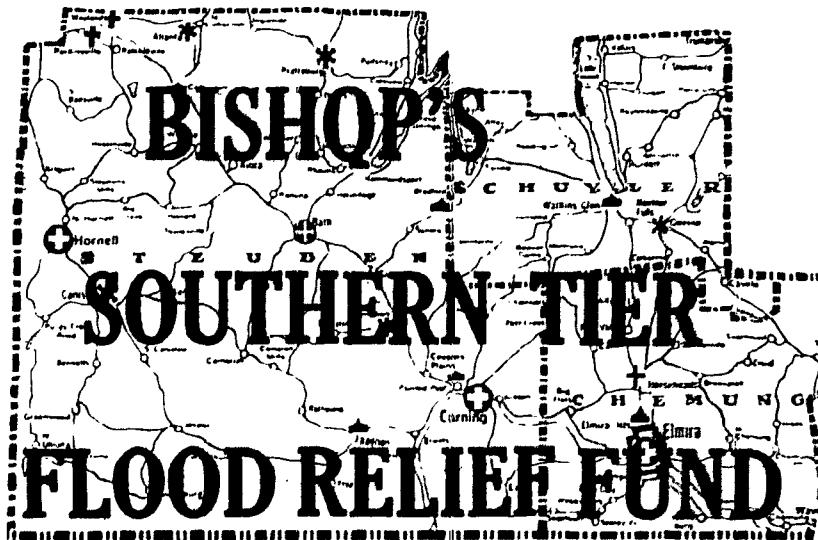
Before the break in the truce, four more persons were found shot to death in Belfast — three Protestants and one Catholic — all showing, police said, "all the marks of executions." Their deaths brought to 17 the number of persons killed since the June 26 cease-fire.



A group of Irish youngsters bombard a British armored car with stones in Armagh, Northern Ireland. (RNS)



Pushing a ruined pew out of Immaculate Heart of Mary church, Painted Post, volunteer eighth grader David Cressman of Fairport, and ninth grader Michael Douglass picking up wood chips, were like many who came South to help.



Evacuees at St. Casimir's Federal Aid

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to come to the aid of the schools. The educators asked:

"How long will the un-American shibboleth 'separation of Church and state' be used to cloak glaring un-American discrimination and injustice?"

In commenting on the plight of the schools, Father Shamon added that the loss of books and material represented still another problem.

"Thousands of books have been lost," he said, "and at St. Peter and Paul's all the material for the first and second grades is gone. None of this loss is reimbursable for the elementary schools. Such reimbursement is available for seventh and eighth grades (St. Patrick's) but only for textbooks. St. Patrick's has lost its entire library of 6,000 volumes and that is not reimbursable."

Elmira — St. Casimir's on the north side of Elmira has been feeding and sheltering flood victims and volunteers since the flood began. Sister Joan Cawley has been coordinating the operation there. On July 14, they still had 30 evacuees.

Sister Joan said that the people have been "very helpful" in cooperating with the relief program. "There have been no skirmishes among the people, which has helped us a lot."

Sister Joan, her assistant, Anna Kamas, and the other Sisters and staff had been working both night and day. The Red Cross is now working there at night, so that the others can get some deserved rest.

Sleeping facilities for evacuees are in the St. Casimir school gymnasium. The Red Cross has donated cots and St. Cecelia's has given mattresses. The water

is fine now and there are adequate showers and bathroom facilities.

Sister Joan also commended the volunteers. "One family from Canada came down to spend their vacation helping us. A lot of young people from Rochester and other areas hitchhiked down with their sleeping bags and stayed with us for a couple of days."

Sister Joan thanked Father Henry Adamski for opening up his parish to the victims.

Elsewhere in Elmira, smaller scale relief operations are continuing. At Notre Dame High School, on the south side, Sister Augustine, RSM, is coordinating a volunteer program. St. Cecelia's sisters are providing transportation, clothing, and food, primarily under the Red Cross voucher slip program. — Randisi



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