

### Watch over Belfast

Armed with an automatic rifle, a British trooper maintains watch over the predominantly Roman Catholic New Lodge area of Belfast. (RNS)

# **Abortion No Answer**

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

A feminist and former proponent of abortion, who is now president of Minnesota's Citizens Concerned for Life, Inc. feels abortion is a very shallow approach to equal rights

'It is totally inconsistent to yell for equal rights and then yell for abortion, We must be con-cerned with all human rights," said Marjory Mecklenburg, who was in Rochester and Elmira last week as part of the diocesan Conference of Concern for the Unborn.

Mrs. Mecklenburg, mother of four, wife of an obstetriciangynecologist - family planning expert, is an anti-abortionist with a positive approach.

She addresses herself to the problems facing the pregnant woman who needs help and understanding. Such a woman is especially vulnerable, and might be railroaded, the speaker said, through the "abortion mill" by husband or boyfriend reluctant to accept responsibility for the offspring, or by welfare work-ers and bureaucrats who can withhold or grant aid at will.

She tells of her own conversion from pro to anti abortion: Most people who favor abortion law repeal do not do so because they view abortion as intrinsically good, or because they relish destruction of unborn human life.

"They cast their votes for the right to abort because they have empathy for women and the problems they may face in continuing to carry a baby. In a world that often doesn't seem to care, their solution to the prolem of unsafe illegal abortion is to remove the road blocks and

a child with physical or mental defect, and mandatory insurance coverage for all women, regardless of marital status, who were enrolled for at least nine months in a policy that included maternity benefits.

Work was also done to provide for mandatory Rubella -testing and vaccination, and a system of birth insurance is being explored that would insure participating families for the expenses they would incur if they should have a defective child needing special attention.

She was also one of many in Mineapolis responsible for get-ting the classification "illegiti-mate" removed from birth certificates, something she considers one of the many things needed "to improve society's attitude toward the unwed mother and her child."

When asked how she fits her bi-monthly lecture trips into her own family's schedule she says: It's not easy. I make sure my children know what this is about. It is the most important battle to me for shaping the future of our society. I do it for my children.

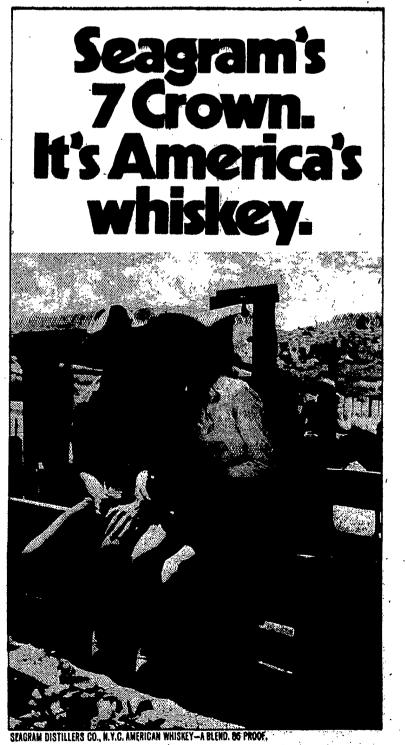
nounce his support for aid- to 'parochial and bona fide nonpublic schools. Gordon Tech is the largest Roman Catholic school in Chicago with an enrollment of about 2,800 and an annual operating budget in the neighborhood of

## Pope Now 75, No Resignation

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As the pontiff went about the business of a routine day, cables and letters offering birthday wishes poured into the Vatican. One of the first such messages came from Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia.

In the last year the Pope several times publicly has said that he was tired and was feeling more and more the awesome burdens of the office he holds. However. on several occasions he publicly announced that he would not step down because he did not feel a Pope had the right to abdicate his responsibilities.



# School Aid Stand Same: McGovern

heart of Democratic strength in Chicago — the European ethnic

areas on the near northwest side

The limitations of the tax cred-

it approach to school aid were

candidly acknowledged by Sen.

"It is true," he observed, "that

Nonetheless, he felt that there would be indirect benefits even

for those who did not have

tax credits only help those par-

ents who are taxpayers.'

of the city.

McGovern.

viewed here by Religious News Service, Sen. George McGovern stated that there "is really no difference" between his position on aid to parochial schools and that of his Republican opponent, President Richard Nixon.

The only conceivable difference, according to the Democratic presidential candidate, is that he would support "paro-chiaid" only if the courts found it to be constitutional, while Mr. Nixon would "probably try to change the Constitution."

President Nixon has indicated for some time now that he favors federal aid to help the financially hard-pressed parochial schools. The Republican party platform adopted in Miami Beach reaffirmed this position and came out in favor of a system of "granting income tax credits" as "one way" of aiding non-public schools.

Sen. McGovern spoke earlier before an enthusiastic audience of students and faculty at Gordon Technical High School in Chicago.

He used the occasion to an-

#### Willkes and Mrs. Mecklenburg for presenting their views. "The issue," he said "is not pro-life versus anti-life legislation. The issue is life itself, the most pre-

cious gift we have received from God, the gift which makes us God-like." He then outlined some pro-

posals that would "give pro-life attitudes to our people and inspire them to work for . . . the community of love.

One of the proposals was to

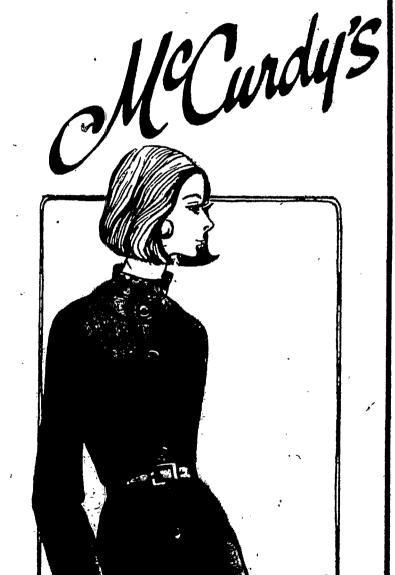
Milwaukee, (RNS) - Inter- \$1.5 million. It is located in the enough income to pay taxes if for no other reason than that the schools would be financially able to continue to provide scholarship aid to needy students.

> In an interview, the Democratic standard bearer intimated that he had not considered methods other than the tax credit idea because of potential constitu-tional difficulties. He said that he did not want to change the constitution-and would drop his support of even the tax credit approach if the courts ruled against

# **Pro-Life Conference** (Continued from Page 1)

include-pro-life material in the Catholic schools and religious education courses. Father Collins explained that this could be achieved through "Education in Love," the diocesan sex education series. He also said that the Sex Education Curriculum Committee will work on supplementary material for "Education in Love" "to deal with other is-sucs."

The Sex Education Curriculum Committee is chaired by Dr. Gerard T. Guerinot, MD.



#### make it easily accessible and less dangerous.'

This was how Mrs. Mecklenburg, who describes herself as a liberal, Methodist woman, felt until, she said, she realized that the fetus is a living person, and became concerned for the implications permissive abor-tion might create for women and society.

Speaking from four years' experience as the prime initiator in alternatives to abortion in Minnesota, Mrs. Mecklenburg tells what else can and needs to be done.

Her efforts have gone into supportive and preventive services.

She was a founding member of Minneapolis' Birthright, the first one in this country. The idea for such volunteer crisis counseling services which provide the confidential one-to-one help and, friendship desperate pregnant women need, originated in Toronto in 1968.

Many supportive alternatives have come out of Minnesota's legislature, where Mrs. Mecklenburg served as a volunteer lobbyist during 1969 and 1971 sessions

The bills she has worked on and seen passed include: extra aid to families who would adopt Courier-Journal

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