



Pint-Size Prisoner

A South Vietnamese child who went to prison when Saigon authorities arrested his mother for alleged subversive activities, looks up at towering guards and their weapons at Bien Hoa Air Base near Saigon. He and his mother were among civilians exchanged in a prisoner swap. [RNS].

New Organization Launched To Aid Lake Area Dwellers

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

For four months, lakeside property owners have been carrying on a lonely, frustrating battle against the persistent, raging waters of Lake Ontario.

Erase Reduction In Poverty Aid, Legislature Asked

Albany — "I don't see how they can go home without passing this bill," said James A. Cashen about legislation being considered which repeals the 10 per cent cut in grants to needy adults and children and restores aid to the 1970 level.

Cashen is executive secretary of the State Council of Catholic Charities.

The bill, S. 2865, is entitled Increase Aid for Home Relief. It should be called "restore aid," Cashen said, since the aid was cut by the 1971 legislature.

"The needy in our state do not receive help at a 1973 level of cost but at 90 per cent of a 1970 level. And that 1970 level was established on the basis of statistics and costs made in 1969.

"I would urge," said Cashen, "that the legislature realistically assess what it costs to live for everybody these days, and provide a level of support for the needy that is consistent with 1973 needs and prices."

In a companion letter to the legislature from the State Catholic Committee, Charles J. Tobin Jr., committee secretary, urged restoring the 10 per cent cut as a step in the right direction, but stated it would not be enough.

"We urge the legislature," said Tobin, "to reverse the decline of the purchasing power of the funds supplied the aged, blind and disabled by:

- updating the standard of minimal need to reflect the 1973 price of things;

- paying welfare grants commensurate with the new standard;

- requiring annual repricing of the items in the standard and adjustment of the welfare grants accordingly."

Now they are assured a sustained stream of volunteers, an organization standing by in case of an emergency and a united forum to keep their concerns before governmental agencies.

Last week, Dean Ashton, a jaycee from Ogden who has been active in flood relief work since January, was named coordinator of a newly formed Lake Ontario Flood Relief Coordinating Committee (LOFRCC).

LOFRCC represents 14 agencies active in relief work including Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, Monroe County Junior Chamber of Commerce, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and community agencies from the towns affected.

The new organization got an initial funding of \$5,000 from the Office of Human Development, The Genesee Valley Presbytery and the Geneva Presbytery.

The funds will be used for personnel salaries, (35 staffers are stationed at LOFRCC headquarters, 2984 Dewey Ave., a parish house donated by Bethany Presbyterian Church) as well as for building materials. "Tools of organization and tools to deliver service," is how Father Mulligan, OHD director, described the new organization.

Since this is the first attempt at an organized effort against flood damage caused by the lake,

Ashton's term is for three months. While the "problem is longer than three months," Ashton commented, "the success of the program will be evaluated then, since nothing like this has been done before."

Ashton estimated that more than 2,000 emergency calls have been answered since March. Most recently, calls coming in ask for advice on dike building, where to file for federal loans, and how to prepare a house against further water damage.

The whole idea of the effort is to avoid "what happened last summer in the Southern Tier," Ashton said.

If you are a lakeside resident with a question or in need of help, the number of the new flood relief headquarters is 865-5030 or 865-5031, or call one of the satellite headquarters located in the town halls of Parma, Irondequoit, Webster, Hamlin and Greece.

Keeping Tabs

Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake will hold open house Sunday, June 3, from 2 to 6 p.m., to give families an opportunity to look over the site and talk with staff members. A chicken barbecue, will be offered all afternoon.

An Irish party is scheduled for Saturday night, May 26, 9-1:30, at Mother of Sorrows hall, Mt. Read and Latta. The Desmond Penrose dancers and The Rising, folk singers, are on the program. Tickets, at \$5 a couple, are available through Art and Louise Walters, 621-1307.

Court Our Lady of the Cenacle, CDA, gave a family picnic Sunday at Mendon Ponds, with Mrs. Gerald Sullivan in charge of entertainment.

The Men's Club of Holy Ghost Church has elected Robert Sheldrick, president; Bob Buhman, vice president; Jack Risesick, secretary, and Bill O'Neil, treasurer.

Members of the 80th Seton Branch will hold their monthly meeting at 8:30 tonight at the home of Mrs. James Kraft of Mareeta Road.

June 1 is the reservation deadline for the St. Philip Neri Womens Club installation banquet. Members are invited to bring their friends to the dinner, at 6:30 p.m. June 13 at Pittsford Tavern on the Mall. Chairmen are Mary Cordaro, 482-2400, and Rosalie Iannuzo, 288-3781.

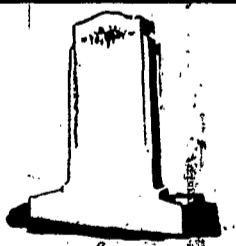
Good quality used housewares and clothing will be offered at a sale Thursday, June 7, at St. Francis Xavier School, 316 Bay St., 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Father Francis Kleehammer, founding pastor of St. Rita's, West Webster, will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination on June 10. A public reception will be given in his honor tomorrow, May 24, 7:30-10, at Sweet's Party House, Holt Road, Webster.

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