



### ALL IN THE FAMILY Sarah Child

After a two-week vacation stint in which we made one trip of about 150 miles and two somewhat shorter trips, all-by car, I have come to the conclusion that some changes in our national habits have to be made.

For years now the alarmists have been telling us that there are too many people in this country and that if we don't all want to die from crowding, starvation etc., etc., we must make a concerted effort to keep the population from growing.

I do not like scare tactics — not from Zero Population Growth movements or any other. Particularly I don't like scare tactics when only half-truths are told.

And the half-truth is that this country is certainly crowded as you would certainly have found out if you were on the road during July or August. THE WHOLE TRUTH: BUT, ONLY ON THE EAST AND WEST COASTS.

A government-sponsored survey has pointed out that the center of our great country is relatively free of people. Thus our problem is concentration of population rather than over-population.

And nowhere is this more evident than during the two months of July and August, traditional vacation months for the people of the United States.

I have no figures at my disposal but I am inclined to think three fourths of all families in the U.S. are on the move during those two months. There is good reason why. For some parts of the country, it is the only time they can be reasonably sure of warm weather. For many families it is the only two months their children are out of school. For others, traveling during July and August means getting away from jobs that are more unbearable during the hottest months of the

year than others. And for some it is merely a matter of habit.

After sitting at a gasoline station for 25 minutes in line on a Friday afternoon, after bucking traffic that included huge swaying camper vans which persisted in using passing lanes to travel in, after being frightened again and again of that most dangerous highway animal the double-humped, piggy-back trailer-truck, of traffic jams beyond compare, I would like to see a new national trend.

Before our children were in school we took vacations in June and September. We have also taken them out for a couple days at a time in recent years. Some of the best vacations we have ever had were in the off season on the Maine coast and a Virginia island.

I would love to vacation again during those months. I'll bet thousands of others would, too, if given the opportunity. To accomplish this means several changes on the national level. One, to educate people that frequently there are more comfortable and beautiful days in June and September than in July and August. Second it will mean a rotating school year. Finally it will mean warning tourist resorts that the influx will be distributed over four months rather than two, a situation to be much desired by those who make a living from it.

### Conable Gets Petitions on Right to Life

Members of the Rochester Right to Life Committee, led by William P. Polito, chairman, presented petitions bearing some 45,000 names to Rep. Barber Conable last week at the new Federal Building.

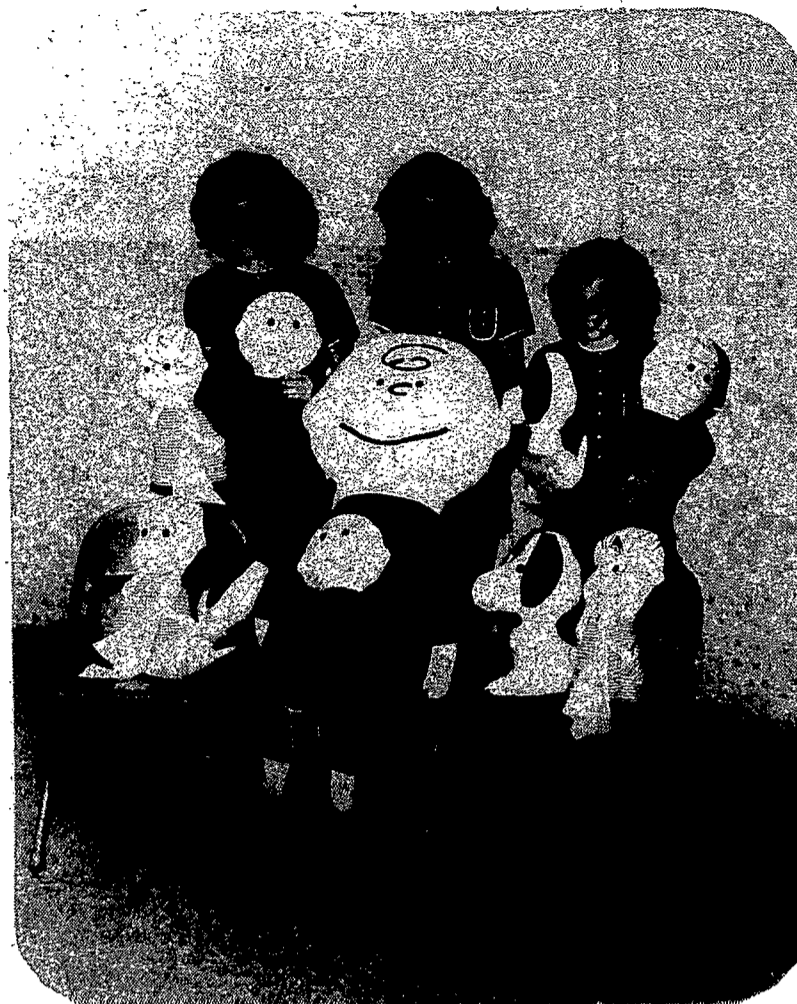
The petitions call for the enactment of an amendment extending the protection of the Constitution to all "human beings," including unborn babies.

The petition drive was conducted by the Right to Life committee over a two-week period and is in concert with a national movement seeking to counteract results of the Supreme Court decision barring states from interfering with abortions.

### Priest Named Head of OHD

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — An innercity pastor who once reorganized and directed Catholic Charities for the Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., diocese was named executive director of the U.S. Bishops' Campaign for Human Development, the Church's domestic anti-poverty effort.

He is Father Lawrence J. McNamara, a native of Chicago who has served in Kansas City for 20 years. Effective Sept. 1, he replaces Father Robert V. Monticello who was OHD executive director until last December when he was named Associate General Secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference.



### Country Fair

Beth Ann, Colleen and Amy McBride pose with members of the Peanuts gang which will be featured at one of the booths of the 20th annual Country Fair, slated at St. Pius Tenth Church, Aug. 25 and 26. The girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McBride of Pine Knoll Drive. Other features of the fair include a ham supper which will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday and from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets available at the door.

### CDA to Note Bicentennial

San Juan, P.R. [RNS] — Plans to observe the nation's bicentennial in 1976 and the 75th anniversary of the Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) in 1978 were made at the semi-annual meeting of the CDA National Board here.

Mary C. Kanane of Union, N.J., national regent of the 200,000-member organization, was authorized to name a committee to plan the bicentennial observance, which will take place during the group's New Orleans convention in July 1976. The observance will stress patriotism and the founding of the nation.

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