

# 4A — A Plan to Reduce Caseload of Courts

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What's your reaction to a center that cuts down the case load in the local criminal courts, and is dedicated to solving disputes without violence?

If you think it's a good idea, then you agree with the reason behind bringing the National Center for Dispute Settlement to the city.

The center's court program is called Arbitration As An Alternative, or 4-A, and allows both parties in certain misdemeanor cases, such as harassment, to talk about their grievances with an arbitrator appointed by the center, rather than proceeding with criminal prosecution.

Joseph B. Stulberg, director of the center, said they're "especially interested in those cases where the persons involved have a continuing relationship.

"We don't take cases where someone is robbed or harmed by a total stranger. Those go through the regular criminal court proceedings," he added.

The program has been approved and endorsed by Harry Goldman, presiding justice of the

Fourth Department of the New York State Appellate Division, for use in Rochester.

The Rochester center, which is one of eight branch offices throughout the country opened with the help of the national office in Washington D.C., is located at 36 W. Main St.

Although the center has been in existence since July 10, it officially opened Sept. 10.

"However," said Stulberg, "we had about 15 cases referred to us through the courts before we officially opened. Of those, some were handled by myself or the arbitrators who came from Washington to help us get set up, and others are still pending."

According to Stulberg, the National Center for Dispute Settlement was born in the aftermath of the urban riots of the sixties.

It's an offspring of the American Arbitration Association headquartered in New York City, which only handles problems between labor and management.

"The dispute center was established to see if the labor-management approach to mediating problems would be

applicable to urban problems," said Stulberg.

Dispute arbitrators for the center are community volunteers who are paid \$25 for each case they handle. Stulberg said there are no special educational or occupational qualifications needed to volunteer.

"We're looking for a cross section of people from the community who are interested in solving problems non-violently, and who can be impartial while at the same time not totally insensitive to the person's feelings," he said.

"We want people who have taken a stand on something sometimes, so we know they're alive, but controversial figures couldn't come across as impartial," he added.

Arbitrators at the center have the power to issue an arbitration award. This means that it's agreed before the session starts that if both sides cannot reach an agreement, the arbitrator will issue a decision that's binding after he's heard the facts.

Stulberg said that decision, if violated, can be enforced in the courts. If the complainant can furnish proof that it has been violated, the judge can make the arbitration award a court order.

The first group of volunteers, numbering about 25, have just completed the first training session composed of two weekend group sessions taught by arbitrators from the national headquarters.

But training does not end there, said Stulberg. Each volunteer will have followup sessions on an individual basis.

Because the national office could not give financial help, funds to operate the Rochester center came from a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA), a division

of the United States Justice Department.

However, Stulberg is quick to point out that the center is nonprofit and nongovernment.

"Although LEAA has provided the initial funding, it does not run our operation," he said. "Ultimately we have to become financially self-sufficient."

Stulberg said that although the center was formed because of urban problems, it was not just for the poor or for individuals.

"Community groups simply have not had a great deal of experience in negotiating. We hope to make ourselves and our services known to the community," he said.

"In addition to our 4-A program, we're a resource for supplying third party neutrals to various kinds of disputes, whether they're individual or group

conflicts, or whether they're referred to us through the courts or not," he said.

"We'll also conduct training sessions for the community in the techniques of negotiating," he added.

4-A cases come to the center via the complaint clerk's office at the criminal courts. After the complainant has told his story, the clerk advises him of the center and asks if he would like the matter settled out of court.

If the complainant agrees, the facts go to the District Attorney's Office, where it's decided if the matter can be settled using an arbitrator. If it can, the case is turned over to the center.

There is no charge for the 4-A, or court cases. However, if a community group wishes to have an arbitrator, a fee would be negotiated before the discussion began.

## Charismatics List Prayer Meetings

The following is a list of meetings and Masses sponsored by area Catholics in the Charismatic Renewal.

Pentecostal meetings are held on Mondays at the homes of: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunning, 159 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Chili Center; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lynch, Hamlin-Clarkson Town Line Rd., Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Klaus Schulz, 156 N. Greece Rd., Hilton.

On Tuesdays, Mr. and Mrs. William Buechel, 3681 Lake Avenue, Rochester.

On Wednesdays, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahaney, 479 Covewood Blvd., W. Webster.

On Thursdays, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hauser, 1570 Culver Rd., Rochester.

On Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. John Donnelly, 9 Ellicott St., Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. James Reid, 113 Amity St., Spencerport; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wollschlaeger, 350 N. Winton Rd., Rochester.

Weekly prayer meetings are held at St. Peter and Paul Church at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at St. Theodore Church at 8 p.m. on Mondays.

Mass is celebrated at 8 p.m. every First Friday at St. Lawrence Church and at 7:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Persons wishing to be included in this list should contact Mrs. June Borreggine at 458-5365 or Mrs. Shelby Reid 352-4324.

## Arrupe Summons Jesuit Assembly

Rome [RNS] — The 32nd General Congregation of the Society of Jesus will open in Rome Dec. 1, 1974, according to an announcement made by Jesuit Superior General, Very Rev. Pedro Arrupe.

The Congregation, which is the highest authority and only legislative body for some 30,000 Jesuits throughout the world, last met in 1966.

About 240 delegates, the majority of whom will be elected representatives of various Jesuit "provinces" or regions, will attend the sessions of the 1974 assembly.

According to norms set down by St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit Order, and approved by Pope Paul III in 1540, either of two reasons justify calling a General Congregation: the election of a new superior general on the death of his predecessor, or "very serious matters pertaining to the whole Society."

In a letter addressed to all major Jesuit superiors, Father Arrupe cited the second reason laid down by St. Ignatius as the justification for his calling the 1974 Congregation.

Observing that in the seven years since the last General Congregation "changes in the Church and the world" had had great and extensive " repercussions" on the Jesuit order, Father Arrupe said he judged it "necessary" to "submit the present state of the order to the deeply realistic and open consideration of its highest governing body."

The Jesuit general said he was summoning the order's 32nd General Congregation "to reflect on the past, and examine the new problems of the present."

Without dictating any specific agenda for the Congregation — the agenda will depend largely on proposals made by the different Jesuit provinces — Father Arrupe singled out two areas for the Congregation's consideration, which, he said, struck him as "vital topics" for discussion and action: Jesuit "poverty" and Jesuit "unity."

Like all other religious orders in the Church, members of the Society of Jesus take a vow of poverty. While essential elements of the vow entail the voluntary relinquishing of an individual's right of ownership and autonomy in control of material goods, details in the practice of the vow vary from one religious order to another.

Referring to the Jesuit vow of poverty, Father Arrupe remarked that in recent years "apostolic poverty has suffered a variety of deviations," and that "certain abuses" had arisen in the "practical application of the norms set forth by the 31st General Congregation."

On "unity of purpose and action" in the Society of Jesus, the Jesuit general said he thought it was "perhaps under greater strain today, even though possibilities of personal contact and communication have multiplied: regional differences can be more keenly felt when they are closer at hand."

## St. George Priests To Be Replaced

The two Franciscan priests in charge of St. George's Lithuanian Church have been reassigned by their order to a Lithuanian parish in Toronto, effective Oct. 15.

Father Augustine Simanavicius, who came here in March, 1972, was named pastor of the Hudson Avenue church last November, and Father Eugene Jurgutis has been his associate since that time.

Their places will be taken by father John Dyburys, now at St. Anthony's Monastery in Ken-

nebunkport, Me., and Father Gabriel Baltrusaitis, of St. Anthony's High School in Kennebunkport. The Maine coast town is headquarters of their organization, the Lithuanian Franciscan Vicariate of St. Casimir.

The vicariate contracted with the diocese in February, 1972, to supply the Rochester parish. The Pastoral Office, announcing the changes this week, pointed out that its only function in the proceedings is to ratify choices made by the vicariate.



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