

High School Administrators Hear of Legislation Issues

By JOAN M. SMITH

The Rochester Catholic Diocesan Association of Secondary School Administrators (RCDASSA) met at Cardinal Mooné High School on Jan. 14 to hear Brother Peter Pontollilo, chairman of the Catholic School Administrators of New York State (CSAANYS).

Brother Pontollilo spoke of the strategy, work and struggles to get bills concerning private education passed by the State Legislature. Due to the involved efforts of the CSAANYS along with three other organizations — the State Bishops' Committee, the State Federation of Catholic School Parents, the State Council of Catholic School Superintendents — Brother Peter em-

phasized, "the legislators are now realizing they are not dealing just with church hierarchy but a combined force of administrators and parents."

Brother Peter also discussed the First Amendment of the Constitution, and its interpretation regarding education in the United States. He urged the administrators to use the association's unit study on "The First Amendment and Freedom of Religion in Education."

The booklet, he said, "is the first of its kind, and it is useless if it isn't being used in the schools." He explained, "the study goes back into history, and re-investigates errors being taught in the schools" (regarding the Constitution, separation of church and state, religious freedom).

During their business meeting the administrators concentrated on defining job descriptions for a newly proposed position assistant superintendent for secondary schools of Rochester. The person selected for this proposed office will act as liaison between Bishop Hogan, the diocesan office and the high schools.

The association's approval of the job criteria cleared the way for the recommendation to be forwarded to the bishop. The various job duties outlined were to represent the Catholic secondary schools at city, county, and state level meetings; attend diocesan planning sessions in education; coordinate the public relations efforts of the high schools.

A few of the qualifications for the position included a Master's degree, preferably in education; 10 years teaching and administrative experience at the secondary level; current involvement in administrative work.

The manuals also provide the reader with the assurance that each item described has been tested and proved "effective."

Next time you read about a booby trap going off in a car in London or Belfast, or a bazooka attack against an airplane at Rome or Paris, or if the terror tactics come closer to home, you can have the satisfaction of knowing your tax money paid for the books which show people how to do these things.

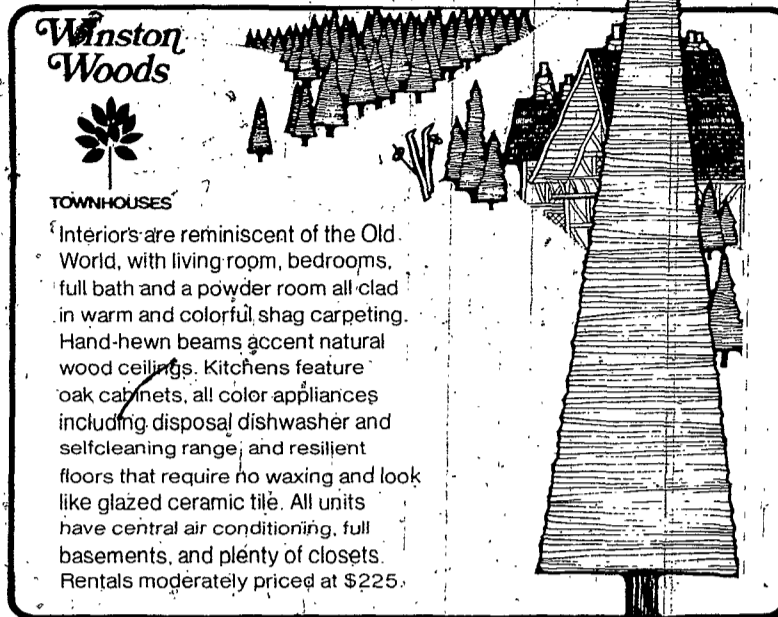
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TOWARD TOMORROW



Fr. Henry Atwell

Have you ever wondered how IRA and other terrorists learned to make their letter bombs, their booby traps, their wristwatch timing devices?

Maybe you thought it must be those Communists who, we've been told, are always stirring up trouble.

An article in a recent issue of the Manchester Guardian reports that the culprit is good old ever peace-loving USA!

US Army field manuals which describe in detail how to construct dozens of different types of terrorist weapons are openly on sale in Britain. Guardian reporters had no difficulty locating and purchasing the books. British military authorities confirm that these books form the basis of IRA training in Ireland. Terrorists in other nations have already access to these manuals and the style of their terror tactics is quite the same as the IRA.

The books are published by the "headquarters" of the US Army Department. One book specializes in booby traps. In 135 pages, nearly 100 different sorts of booby traps are precisely detailed. A second book is much more extensive, 234 pages, and includes its own chapter on booby traps — and tells how these terror devices "add to the confusion of the enemy, inflict casualties, destroy material and lower morale."

The IRA has made considerable use of booby traps — buildings, automobiles — and found they are very effective for the purposes described in the American Army manual.

A 19-page section in one of the books explains how terrorists, without any standard military equipment, can manufacture weapons using common everyday materials. You never need be without a bomb.

Finally, for the casual reader's information, there is a whole page which explains how to make a letter bomb.

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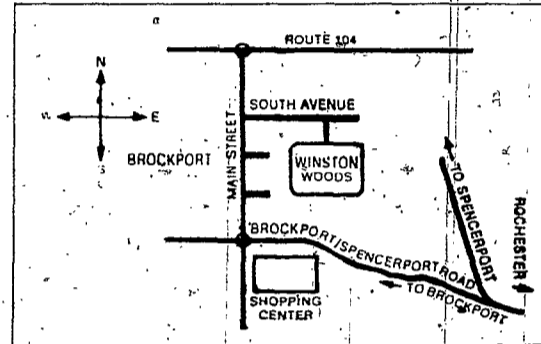
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