



IRA Demonstrates

Lying on the ground, a British soldier is stoned by rioters during demonstration against the visit of Queen Elizabeth to Belfast on Aug. 10. Supporters of the outlawed Irish Republic Army (IRA) were protesting against the "presence of a foreign queen." (RNS)

1977-78 School Budget Includes Busing Funds

BY JOAN M. SMITH

The Rochester City School Board, meeting in emergency session on Wednesday, Aug. 10, reversed its Aug. 4 decision to eliminate various programs including non-public school transportation outside the city.

The vote change met with smiles and sighs of relief from the public and diocesan school officials. "The board," stated Sister Roberta Tierney, superintendent of diocesan schools, "made the best decision under the circumstances."

In reference to the hanging municipal overburden fund aid, amounting to \$2.2 million which the State Legislature has not authorized, Sister indicated she didn't believe in spending money that wasn't available. But it is her opinion that Gov. Hugh Carey's assurances that the payments would be forthcoming were valid.

She also emphasized a point made by board member Louis DeAngelo that unless changes are made in the state aid formula the municipal overburden issue would con-

tinue to nettle budget negotiations in years to come.

The voting session of Aug. 10 ended a hectic five months of budget battles which began in March when the school board announced its proposed cuts. One of the biggest items to be cut was transportation funds (\$441,000, 90 per cent of which is reimbursed by the state) for parochial and private school students attending school outside of the city. This announcement and the ensuing endorsement, in April, of the

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FATHER MAXWELL

Two Priests Die Fathers Donoghue, Maxwell

Two priests of the Rochester Diocese, both retired from regular pastoral work, died on the same day—Aug. 8, 1977.

Father John L. Maxwell, 75, pastor emeritus of St. Vincent de Paul in Churchville, collapsed and died on the Oak Hill golf course that Monday afternoon. Father Francis E. Donoghue, whose health had limited him to part-time work for many years, died in the

morning at Genesee Hospital, after an illness of several weeks. He was 65 years old.

Father Maxwell's funeral was at St. Vincent's, where he had lived since his retirement five years ago. Father Donoghue's was at Holy Rosary, his home parish.

For each of them, Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty offered, in

Carey's Surprise

St. Joseph's OB Unit To Remain Open

By MARTIN TOOMBS
Southern Tier Editor

Elmira - Gov. Hugh L. Carey surprised a crowd attending a park dedication here last Tuesday by announcing that St. Joseph's Hospital would be granted permission to retain a 10-bed obstetrical unit under a religious waiver.

The announcement ended an emotional struggle that began during Holy Week when the hospital first

appealed for public support for its obstetrics unit, then under scrutiny by a state advisory agency.

Carey made the announcement Aug. 10 during a visit to Elmira to dedicate the Mark Twain Riverfront Park and to attend a Democratic picnic. An announcement concerning St. Joseph's application for a waiver of penalties as a religious-sponsored health facility had been expected later this month.

Sister Martha Gersbach, hospital administrator, released a statement expressing "her pleasure with Governor Carey's surprise announcement."

In making the decision known, Carey commented on the petitions collected by the hospital during the last week in July that accompanied the formal waiver request. "When citizens get 10,000

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Santiago Revisited

Court Substantiates Courier-Journal Account

Early in 1976, an account of government-sponsored violence and repression in Santiago, Chile, came to the world press from London, after the return there of a woman physician who had spent several months in a Chilean prison. The case of Dr. Sheila Cassidy provoked a vigorous protest from the British government, which withdrew its ambassador after her release.

Last Spring, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and his travelling companions, visiting diocesan missions in South America, stayed in the house where Dr. Cassidy had been ambushed as a suspected friend of fugitive revolutionaries. The Rochester delegation's hosts, the Columban Fathers, explained the presence of bullet holes in walls and woodwork. At the request of Anthony J. Costello, general manager of the Courier-Journal, one of the priests taped an eyewitness account of the shooting death of their housekeeper and the arrest of the British doctor.

This story appeared in the Courier May 25, 1977, headlined "Terror in Santiago: Columban Priest Tells of Police Raid, Slaying."

The events, in brief, of that terrifying night, were the murder, apparently by

mistake, of the housekeeper and the arrest of the doctor, who was at the Columban Center looking after a nun in its infirmary. The accompaniment of machine gun fire was attributed to the government's report to gunmen sheltered in the priests' house.

Later, it was brought out that Dr. Cassidy had dressed the wounds of a man the government was after, and the secret police had raided the Columban Center on the chance that this man was hidden there.

Last week, Religious News Service forwarded a report from Santiago on the latest and perhaps final development in the case.

"A military court ruled here," the story began, "that nothing substantiated charges by Chilean secret police that Irish Columban Fathers had harbored fugitives in their residence which led to a raid in which the priests' housekeeper was killed."

"At the same time, the court refused to hear testimony from the secret police agents involved in the raid and did not fix any blame for the housekeeper's death, even though the court held that no one inside the residence was armed."

"The court ruled that reports of investigators established that no shots were fired from inside the house during the raid. And despite ruling that the woman's death was homicide, the case was suspended because the court could not determine who was responsible."

The court found no evidence, the story said, that the Columban Fathers had a clinic for fugitives in their residence, and it was established that Dr. Cassidy was there to treat a U.S. nun.

The secret police adventure took place on Nov.

1, 1975. An introduction to the Columban priest's narrative that the Courier published in May included the editor's observation that "it is a tale of terror, reflecting what it's like to live in a police state, without freedom of the press."

It may be that we shall hear no more through normal channels about the loose ends left by the military court.

Vatican: No To Lefebvre

Vatican City (RNS) — The Vatican said it denied a request from French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre asking for a peace-making visit with Pope Paul VI.

The Vatican revealed that it had received a communication from the dissident prelate on July 25. It quoted only the archbishop's request for an interview without witnesses "to aid the return to a normal situation, beneficial for the Church and for the salvation of souls."

The Vatican said the Pope will not grant the archbishop's request for a meeting until he "shows a truly ecclesial attitude of obedience, without reservation or conditions."

Back to School

With the approach of September, schools are gearing up to receive the influx of students, new and old. Over the course of the summer many changes have taken place in diocesan educational institutions, and already existing programs have been strengthened.

The Courier-Journal this week publishes its annual Back to School supplement highlighting our schools in news and features. Back to School begins on Page 1-A.



FATHER DONOGHUE

concelebration, the Mass of Christ the High Priest on the

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