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## Cubans Arrive Faster Than Expected

By John Dash

Cuban refugees are arriving in the City of Rochester faster than the refugee resettlement agencies are adequately able to deal with them, according to reports made last week at a committee meeting for the ecumenical Cuban/Haitian Emergency Relief Appeal.

Neither the Catholic Family Center nor the Church World Service here have accurate tabs on the number of persons seeking resettlement in the area.

According to Angelina Boella of the CFC, the situation is in large measure due to the fact that a number of refugees are bypassing the agencies as are family and individual sponsors.

In the case of Haitians, a somewhat celebrated case in recent days involved the arrival of Haitian farmworkers who discovered no work in the area when they arrived. Dr. John Walker of the Office of Black Ministries said, however, that the group had already been in the U.S. for several years and had immigrant status. Although this, technically, did not put them under theegis of the emergency appeal group, he said that his office was actively integrating the remaining members of the Haitian band into the Rochester community and work force.

As of that meeting, nearly a third of the appeal's goal had been contributed. Father Joseph Reinhart, chief of the office through which the monies are being collected, said that \$11,754

had already arrived at the 123 East Ave. address. He further said that, from the Catholic community, 18 parishes had already taken up an appeal collection and had submitted the results.

On both the state and national levels, the curiosities of immigration bureaucracy were also pointed out in papers distributed by Catherine Wobus of the CFC. In a letter dated July 7 from Barbara Blum, commissioner of the state Department of Social Services, note was made that "Cuban entrants who arrived in the United States during the period April 21 to June 19, 1980 and who are in Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) proceedings as of June 19, 1980, and all Haitians who are in INS proceedings as of June 19, 1980, will have their status in the United States reviewed every six months. They will receive the INS status: 'Cuban/Haitian Entrants (Status Pending).'"

"Individuals in this group are considered to be permanently residing in the United States under the color of the law."

Having such status, the letter read, Cubans and Haitians are eligible for a number of welfare programs, but payment for those programs, because the Cubans and Haitians "are not classified as refugees and are consequently not eligible for the 100 percent federally financed services under the Refugee Act," will have to be worked out according to a complex formula involving "normal federal/state/local matching" funds.

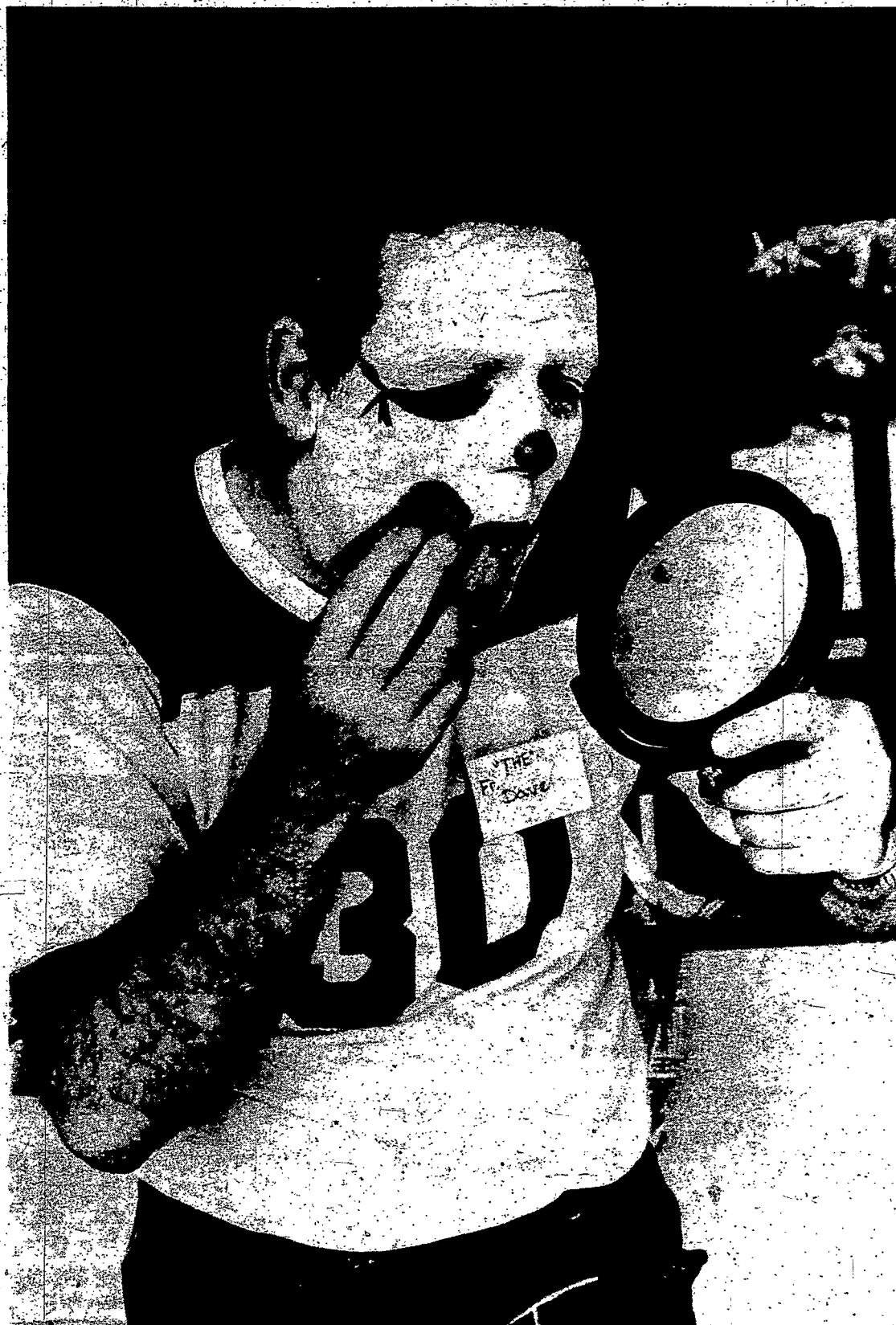


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## A Clown for Jesus

Is this man clowning around? Yes, he is . . . but with a serious purpose. Father David Mura, spiritual director of Teen Seminar, uses the clown technique to serve his youth ministry. Story and other photos on Page 8.

## Resignations Launch Anti-Abortion Effort

By Martin Toombs

Waterloo — Efforts are underway in Seneca County to change the abortion policy at Taylor-Brown Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

Since 1970, 4,008 abortions have been performed at the hospital, a figure which nears that of Waterloo's population.

Local abortion critics have long scored the hospital's

abortion activities, and that issue came to the boiling point in June when four hospital board members resigned following the defeat of a resolution which would have severely restricted the abortions in the facility.

Leading the protest was George Souhan, who offered the resolution which would have allowed abortions only if the health, well-being or life of the mother were in danger.

The motion failed in a 10 to 5 vote; Souhan has said that it was the eighth time in eight years the motion had been defeated.

The meeting, June 24, was Souhan's last as board president, a position he held for two and a half years. A Seneca Falls businessman and an unsuccessful candidate for a state Senate seat in 1978, Souhan was followed in his resignation by John J. Grela

of Vanick, Veronica Maher of Ovid, and Richard Orsini of Seneca Falls.

Taylor-Brown has been the site of picketing over the abortion issue. Pickets opposing abortion have been in front of the hospital frequently on weekends. And on July 11, 20 pickets carried signs supporting the hospital's current policy.

Since the resignations, a

group calling itself "Citizens for a Respected Hospital" has been formed, and has begun a campaign of advertisements in the Finger Lakes Times publicizing its position. Father Albert Shamon, St. Mary's, Waterloo, pastor, and a member of the group, reported that about 20 people are participating, and they have supplied the money spent on the campaign so far. Outside donations also have been received, he noted.

The first advertisement appeared July 14, stating that:

"Taylor-Brown is in jeopardy. The state government would desire nothing better than to close it. Already it has closed the obstetrical department and deprived this community of the good services the hospital has rendered over the years. Its financial status at present is

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