

Haitian Refugee Update

Fort Drum Plan Scrapped Minors at Ray Brook?

By John Dash

Last week's announcement that the removal of thousands of Haitian refugees now in detention around the country to Fort Drum would likely not take place, was greeted by John Walker as due to the "positive pressure concentrated on the government" by black and "progressive white" groups, the bishops of the U.S. and especially the efforts of the Diocese of Rochester.

Last fall, the Reagan administration aired its intention to concentrate Haitian refugees at Fort Drum, just outside of Watertown, where the winter temperatures drop to 20 degrees below zero and the snowfall is remarkably heavy.

Walker, executive director of the Office of Black Ministries and a chief mover in the Haitian Refugee Committee, also said that the announcement of the government's rescinding of its intention came shortly after the news from Poland of the declaration of martial law.

The U.S. government, he said, saw in the Polish situation "the opportunity to publicize the tyranny of Polish communism," and to prepare the American people for welcoming refugees from



that country. However, he said, the Haitian refugees, fleeing the same sort of conditions in Haiti, required the government to abandon its previous plans.

He said last week that he anticipates a "general amnesty" and release from incarceration for all Haitians "at the top of the year."

Diocesan Catholic Charities, working with an "understanding" that there are minors incarcerated among the Haitian refugees at Ray Brook, the federal penitentiary near Saranac Lake, has asked the regional chief of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to release such youngsters either to their families or to foster care.

In a letter to Stanley E. McKinley, regional commissioner of INS, Maurice J. Tierney, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, stated, "Our understanding is that there are still minors at Ray Brook, which is contrary to our whole spirit as American people."

"I understand," he wrote, "the principle that minors cannot be released until relatives accept them ... but, if INS cannot locate those relatives in this country, another principle states that the minors should be released into foster care of some kind ... family or institutional."

"INS seems indifferent to the cause of the minors, which I do not understand ... that is why they need your help in becoming released," Tierney wrote.

The question has been a thorny one for some time. The administration of Ray Brook stated in September that records indicate there are no minors there.

However, Tierney said last week, Charities is operating on the "intimation that there still are minors in the facility," because of communications received from McKinley himself.

In other developments, Father Charles Mulligan, reported progress last week on the establishment of a statewide, interfaith office to coordinate services for Haitian refugees.

The diocesan director of the Division of Social

Ministries said that a meeting, chaired by Bishop Anthony J. Bevilacqua, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Migration and Refugee Services organization, was held in November to discuss, among other things, setting up such an office.

Father Mulligan said that those who attended the meeting have drafted a "mission statement," an outline with a religious flavor, of what work that office would do.

The duties listed in the draft include promotion within congregations, parishes and synagogues of an understanding of and identification with the plight of Haitian refugees now in prison, in light of the religious heritage of each group; encouraging communication and cooperation among groups serving the needs of Haitians in prisons, and doing the same for statewide groups involved with the Haitians; coordinating advocacy at the state and federal level by members of the meeting group and others on the Haitians' behalf.

Walker reported last week that 17 speakers addressed a rally for the refugees at New

Bethel Church earlier this month. The speakers, he said, represented a broad cross section of ethnic and religious affiliation. In addition, a campaign of letter-writing has been launched by his office, by the United Church Ministry and the Marcus Garvey Memorial Black Solidarity Committee, asking individuals to communicate their views on the Haitians' situation to congressmen and to President Reagan.

The Catholic Family Center, to which the job of resettling a number of Haitian refugees has fallen in recent months, has issued a draft of a budget for next year.

In that draft, it is stated that the CFC aided about 50 Haitian men, women and children in 1980-81. Thirty adults, the CFC said, have elected to stay in Rochester, 21 of whom are working, three attending high school full-time, and six (including mothers and pregnant women), while not working, are attending part-time English or vocational classes.

The CFC identified its services as including help in finding shelter and clothing, short-term financial assistance for food and shelter, transportation, and

help in dealing with public agencies, transportation and translation in dealing with health providers, personal counseling, job development and help in securing employment.

Those Haitians who have chosen not to remain in the Rochester area "have generally been migrant workers who return to Florida or New York City when the crop season is over," the draft said.

"Based on 1980-81 experience, CFC can expect 30 to 50 new Haitian entrants to request services of some sort in 1982," the draft stated. "Most can be expected to return to a rural migrant area or to New York City or Florida after a short time. Some may choose to remain and settle here. The CFC has programs in place to help entrants obtain services and find employment and the Haitians would be able to make use of these services."

However, "Catholic Family Center and the Community Committee on Cubans and Haitians would have to respond differently to any extraordinary influx of Haitians resulting from the proximity of Fort Drum and its scheduled use as a holding center for up to 4,000 Haitians," the draft noted.



Catholic Charismatics

MONROE COUNTY WESTERN REGION

Bread of Life Community — Mike Haugh 626 Bennington Dr. Rochester 14616. 663 4386. Community Center, Sunday

Blessed Name of Jesus — Ed and Marge Caffey, 36 Sharon Dr. Rochester 14626. 225 0378. Monday, 8 p.m.

Chadash — Warren and Helen Lynch, 830 Clarkson Hamlin Road, Hamlin 14464. 964 2498. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Community of Love Prayer Group — Donna Brongo, 50 Lexington Pkwy. Rochester 14624. 247 4396. St. Helen's School library, Monday, 8 p.m. alternates weeks w/St. Theodore's

Glory of Yahweh Ministries Robert and Betty Anichino, 111 Brittain Cir. Spencerport 14559. 352 9037

Holy Cross Prayer Group — Dan and Betty Jerzak, 288 Beach Ave. Rochester 14612. 621 7418. Holy Cross School, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Holy Rosary — Fred Montros, 133 Dove St. Rochester 14613

Joy in Jesus Prayer Group — Al Howe 38 Short Hills Dr. Hilton 14468. 392 9450. St. Leo's School of Religion, Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Martha and Mary Prayer Group — Elizabeth Van DeWalt, 1001 N. Greece Road, Rochester 14626. 225 5587. Thursday

Nativity Prayer Group — John Miller, 125 West Ave., Brockport 14420. 637 9367. Nativity Parish Center, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Philippians — Patricia Amato, 268 Morrow Dr. Rochester 14616. 621 5605

Reachout — Ron and Annie Klein, 14 Clearview Dr. Spencerport 14559. 352 1526. Thursday, 8 p.m.

MONROE COUNTY EASTERN REGION

Sacred Heart of Jesus — Al Fleischer, 97 Morrow Dr. Rochester 14616. 663 8865. St. Lawrence, first Friday Mass and Friday Prayer Group, 8 p.m.

St. Augustine Prayer Group — Bill and Marianne Gustafson, 169 Rugby Ave., Rochester 14619. 235 7128. school auditorium, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo — John and Dorothy Taffner, 131 Rae Dr., Rochester 14626. 227 5579. Convent Chapel, Thursday, 8 p.m.

St. Christopher's — Dave and Marianne Beatson, 5070 Ridge Road W. Spencerport 14559. 352 1524. Parish Center, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

St. Columba's — Dorothy Rappleyea, 13 Alpine Lane, Caledonia 14423. 538 6303. rectory, Saturday, 8 p.m.

St. Pius X Prayer Community — Joan McTigue, 1015 Paul Road, Rochester 14624. 889 2134. library, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Living Water Prayer Group — Ellen Coffey, 85 Normandale Dr., Rochester 14624. 436 4492. St. Theodore's School AV room, Monday, 8 p.m. alternates weeks w/St. Helen's

The New Commandment Prayer Group — George Frank, 209 Nantucket Road, Rochester 14626. 225 8185. St. John's (Greece), Blue Room, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

MONROE COUNTY EASTERN REGION

Bethlehem Prayer Community — Joseph Aman, 460 Hollywood Blvd., Webster 14580. 671 7297. St. Rita's, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Christ the King — Tom and Sue Groul, 20 Old North Hill, Rochester 14617. 544 9442. Christ the King, Monday, 8 p.m.

Christ the Redeemer — Max and Connie Hogenes, 39 Brooktree Dr., Penfield 14526. 586 8164. Tuesday, 8 p.m. (first Tuesday at Church of the Assumption)

Church of the Annunciation — Mary Cappadonia, 149 Blakeslee St., Rochester 14609. 467 3780; church rectory, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Emmanuel — Judy Costello, 132 Illinois St., Rochester 14609. 654 9597. St. John's Convent, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Glory of the Risen Lord — Joyce White, 973 Peartree Lane, Webster 14580. 872 5462. St. Paul's, Thursday, 8 p.m.

Good Shepherd — Fran Thomas, 6 Cedarhurst Dr., West Henrietta 14586. 334 7377. Good Shepherd, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Spirit — Gordon Massacra, 125 Brookfield, Rochester 14610. 482 9049. Holy Spirit, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

House of Prayer for All People — Armand Tanguay, 311 Tobey Road, Pittsford 14534. 381 1949. Friday, 8 p.m.

Joyful Noise unto the Lord — Lynn Barrett, 49 Sherwood Ave., Webster 14580. 872 3043. Holy Trinity, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Light of Christ — William and Diane Knittle, 17 Cross Ridge Road, Pittsford 14534. 586 9116. St. Louis Manse, Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Peace of Christ — Dick and Pat Pelino, 18 Nettlecreek Road, Fairport 14450. 223 2857. Friday, 8 p.m.

St. Ambrose — Bob and Ruth Dodge, 46 Empire Blvd., Rochester 14609. 288 2930. St. Ambrose, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Life in the Spirit — Joseph J. Marotta, 454 Carter St., Rochester 14621. 544 2172. St. Andrew's, Thursday, 8 p.m.

St. Anne's — Ann Siehle, 61 Doncaster Road, Rochester 14623. 424 1841. St. Anne's, Thursday, 8 p.m.

St. Cecilia's — Joyce Mieltski, 50 Sandors Cir., Rochester 14622. 342 5785. Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

St. Jerome's — Kay Danetti, 323 Magnolia Ave., East Rochester 14445. 586 0347. St. Jerome's, Monday, 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's — Evelyn Bushwood, 6972 Knickerbocker Road, Ontario 14519. Religious Education Bldg., Thursday, 8 p.m.

St. Philip Neri — Joseph Marmo, 110 Rustic St., Rochester 14609. 338 7708. St. Philip Neri, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

CENTRAL REGION WEST

Bath St. Mary's Prayer Community — Mrs. Mary Giblin, 6856 Lakeview Ter., Bath 14810. (607) 776-6726. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Mass, 8 p.m. meeting.

Conesus Word of God Prayer Group — Virginia Flaherty, Conesus-Springwater Road, Conesus 14435. 669 2654. Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Hornell St. Ann's — Harry Fillmore, Seneca Road N., Hornell 14843. (607) 324-3680. Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Livonia Mt. Moriah Prayer Group — Mike and Sue West, 3407 Rochester Road, Lakeville 14480. 346 5498. St. Joseph's Church, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Lima People of Joy — Mrs. Jeah LaBore, 2675 Poplar Hill, Lima 14485. 346 3290. Thursday, 1 p.m.

Mt. Morris St. Patrick's Prayer Group — Dick Shifino, 57 Case St., Mt. Morris 14510. 658 4562. school basement, Thursday, 8 p.m.

Naples St. Januarius — Father Charles McCarthy, 180 N. Main St., Naples 14512. 374 2414. rectory, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

CENTRAL REGION EAST

Canandaigua St. Mary's Prayer Community — John Cochol, 238 Pleasant St., Canandaigua 14424. 394 8974. chapel, Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.

Newark Little Flock Prayer Group — Will and Linda Trout, 114 Ford St., Newark 14513. (315) 331 7697. St. Michael's, Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Penn Yan Prayer Group — Henri Demaras, 112 Glencoe Ave., Penn Yan 14527. (315) 536-2432. private homes, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Seneca Falls Maranatha Prayer Group — Wallace and Lucy Briggs, 7 Pinehurst Dr., Seneca Falls 13148. (315) 568-8112. St. Patrick's school, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.

Victor Spirit of Life — Sheila Cody, 1240 McMahon Road, Victor 14564. 924 3833. Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Waterloo St. Mary's Prayer Group — Lottie Angelo, 700 Waterloo Road, Waterloo 13165. (315) 539-3308. Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

SOUTHERN TIER

Corning The Anawim Community — House of Prayer, 161 State St., Corning 14830. (607) 936-4965. St. Mary's House of Prayer, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Elmira St. Mary's Prayer Group — Mr. and Mrs. Bill DeNico, 404 Bonaview, Elmira 14901. (607) 733-0926. Marian Center, Sunday, 8 p.m.

St. Patrick's Prayer Group — Mrs. Angie Rice, 501 Columbia St., Elmira 14901. (607) 732-0926. St. Anthony's nursery, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Horseheads One in Love Prayer Group — Sally O. Ryan, 232 Bluejay Dr., Horseheads 14845. (607) 739-5514. St. Mary Our Mother school, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Ithaca Charismatic Prayer Group — Karen Lawrence, 128 Eddy St., Apt. 2, Ithaca 14850. (607) 277-0622. G. 22 Anabel Taylor Hall, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Inmaculate Conception — Mary Kohm, 313 Warren Pl., Ithaca 14850. (607) 273-1353. school, Thursday, 8 p.m.

Newfield Newfield Christian Community — Norman Burlew, 1185 Trembull Cors. Road, Newfield 14867. (607) 564-7724. Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Owego St. Patrick's Prayer Group — Jim Ross, Balkou Road, Owego 13827. school, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. also first Saturday Mass.

Waverly Heart of Christ Prayer Group — Mrs. Lois Cullinan, 530 Fulton St., Waverly 14892. (607) 565-7867. St. James school, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Watkins Glen St. Mary's Prayer Group — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morin, 110 N. Jackson St., Watkins Glen 14891. (607) 535-6683. school, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

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