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Sen. Orrin Hatch

Speaking at Rochester Chamber of Commerce last Fall.

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## Hatch on The Hatch Bill

**'If we all stand up and fight and express ourselves, we might very well get it through this year.'**

Analysis of Hatch Amendment, Page 11

The Hatch Amendment "explodes the myth carefully nurtured by the pro-abortion people, that the majority of people in this country support their position," the author of the measure said in telephone interview last week.

**An exclusive interview with Sen. Orrin Hatch by John Dash, Courier-Journal news editor.**

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), speaking from his office in Salt Lake City, said, "My amendment puts those who advocate abortion on demand on the defensive," rather than the other way around, as demonstrated in earlier attempts to rectify situation following the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision of 1973.

Last Fall, the U.S. bishops agreed to push the Hatch amendment, which states, "A right to abortion is not secured by this constitution. The Congress and the several

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## Postal Hike to Cost Courier-Journal 85G

By Joan Smith

Action by the U.S. Postal Service on Dec. 23 to impose mailing increases on nonprofit publications on Jan. 10 of this year that were originally intended for 1987 has caused shock waves throughout the Catholic press.

"The more than 80 per cent increase for the Courier-Journal imposed by President Reagan, the Congress and the Postal Service represents a devastating blow to all nonprofit mail users," said Anthony J. Costello, publisher and general manager of the Courier.

"We believe that we should pay our fair share for our use of the Postal Service," Costello said, "and we have been doing just that. In recent years our postal bill has increased by 400 percent and we have been preparing for another 100 percent increase over the next five years.

"But for anyone to think that publications such as ours can get by with paying another \$85,000 on top of an annual bill already swollen to \$80,000 is preposterous. Something will have to give," he said.

"We are part of a nonprofit system," he continued, "that includes not only religious newspapers but also that represents many charitable and voluntary organizations such as the March of Dimes, the American Lung Association, etc. It has been my understanding that part of Reaganomics is that the private sector had to do it itself with little help from the government. This action will stifle those very efforts by the many worthwhile voluntary organizations helping the downtrodden of our nation."

Concerning the Courier-



Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Rep. Frank Horton, center, met with management of the Courier-Journal last week to discuss the sudden jump in the postal subsidy. Anthony J. Costello, publisher and general manager, right, and Carmen J. Viglucci, editor, explained the gravity of the situation for nonprofit newspapers.

Journal, Costello said, "Obviously many economies will be necessary without affecting our editorial product. I ask for the support of pastors, parish councils and most particularly our readership during these troubles. It makes it doubly difficult for the Courier because we just had a subscription increase of \$2.20 a year which included covering a 25 percent increase in mailing costs as predicted by Congress and the Postal Service. Instead we were hit with this monstrous jump without warning."

"It's a terrible thing to do to religious newspapers," said James Doyle, executive director of the Catholic Press Association.

Wesley Brush, general manager of the Catholic Sun in Syracuse said, "The advocacy press will bear the brunt with the effect much of it will go out of business," and he went on to say, "without seeming to do so the postal service will wipe out second class mailers and silence votes."

Rep. Frank Horton, 34th District, told Courier-Journal management last Friday that he was very concerned over the subsidy development. In a special statement, he said, "It is important that no sector of society be asked to bear a disproportionate share of budget reductions."

The action that has caused a financial crisis for Catholic publications is a complicated one. The federal subsidy legislation for postal service funds has been in jeopardy under the Reagan ad-

## Horton Statement

In response to severe economic challenges facing the federal government and its operations, the Congress approved legislation last summer designed to reduce federal spending. The Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981 mandated substantial reduction in a wide range of programs and agencies, including the U.S. Postal Service.

As a result of action proposed by the administration and approved by both houses of Congress, the Postal Service was directed to increase postal rates. The annual subsidy for nonprofit and other preferred mailers was reduced by approximately 25 percent, the same percentage applied to most federal programs.

The House Post Office Committee shares the concern expressed by many of my colleagues and me over the impact the subsidy reduction has had and will have on nonprofit groups. As a result, the committee began hearings in December on the effect of the cutbacks. These hearings will resume on Jan. 28 and will continue into February and March. In a letter to Post Office Committee Chairman Ford, I urged that nonprofit groups be given every opportunity to present their views to the committee. At a time when the private sector is being asked to bear some of the burdens previously borne by the federal government, it is important that no sector of society be asked to bear a disproportionate share of budget reductions.

administration's budget slashing. It was the President's veto in November of the continuing resolution that provides these funds followed by his signing the final resolution in December which contained no such funds for users of second, third, and fourth class mail, that mandated the Post Office to take action.

According to Milton Kotzin, director of Special Mailing Classification at the Rochester Post Office, a graduated step process was introduced "to relieve the undue pressure" of such postal increases. The steps, he said, could have taken 16 years to complete, but he explained that since the increases were

dependent on legislation dealing with what subsidy amounts would be granted, a number of steps could be skipped. And that is what happened. Increases escalated from what would have been a 15-20 percent increase to an overwhelming 50 to 140 percent.

The Courier-Journal's mailing expenses alone will jump more than 80 percent, from a cost of \$1,406.92 to \$2,542.49. And this from a postal expense of approximately \$750 in 1977.

The mailing expenses for the The Evangelist in Albany,

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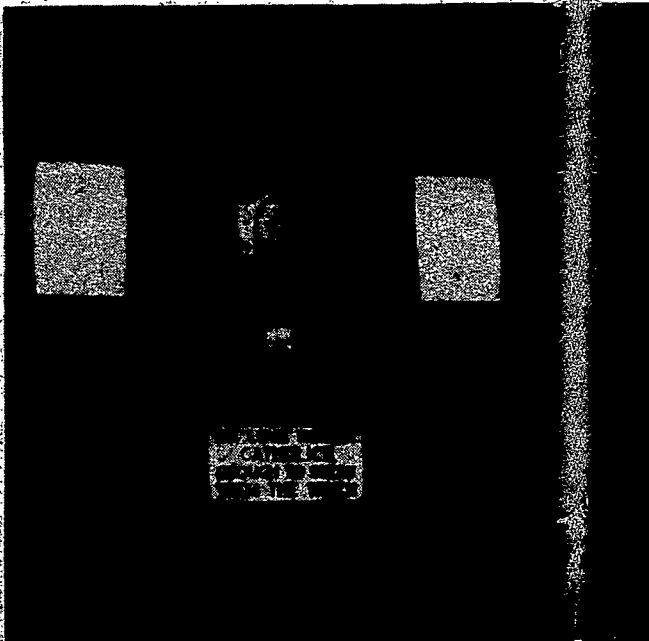
## With Love Like This ... Who Needs Enemies?

By Terrance J. Brennan

"We love Roman Catholics enough to show them the truth."

The lighted sign outside the Southeast Bible Baptist Church displayed this message to passersby last week. But the real story was inside the little church just north of four corners in Penfield.

The "truth" shown was Alberto Rivera, author of two anti-Catholic comic books,



Lighted sign outside the Southeast Bible Baptist Church in Penfield last week draws interest from passersby.

who spoke last Monday and Tuesday nights here to crowds of nearly 300 each night.

The comic books, Alberto and Double Cross, have

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