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Barber Conable, center, met with Anthony J. Costello, publisher and general manager of the Courier-Journal, and Carmen J. Viglucci, editor, to discuss the increase.

Postal Increase

Continued from Page 1. according to James Breig, assistant editor, will skyrocket from \$1,600 to \$3,800 per week, a 140 percent increase.

Leo P. Carroll, business manager of The Beacon in Paterson, N.J., estimated mailing costs will double from \$900 to \$1,800.

What to do under this economic burden? Breig said he had "toyed with many ideas," and listed a subscription raise, a less frequent publication, and fewer pages in the paper, as a few of them.

In Syracuse, where the Catholic Sun's costs will double, emergency action has already been taken. Brush met with Bishop Frank Harrison last Thursday and when the Courier-Journal talked with him he said it was with reasonable assurance the Syracuse Diocese is contemplating an immediate increase in subscription rates. As this story goes to press, however, approximate figures are not available.

Regarding subscription increases, Doyle from the CPA said, "We'll see a lot of subscription increases and added, "we hope the parishes, pastors and people in the community will support these increases and the Catholic Press Association in this time of trouble."

Diocesan subsidies of newspapers was another method discussed and The

Hatch Interview

Continued from Page 1 states shall have concurrent power to restrict and prohibit abortion: provided that a provision of a law of a state which is more restrictive than a conflicting provision of a law of Congress shall govern."

He said that "those who are intimately familiar with the way Congress works understand that the votes are not there" for earlier human life amendments, "and may never be."

He said his amendment is an attempt "to move the issue off dead center."

In addition, Sen. Hatch said, "my amendment allows the issue to be publicly debated and ultimately determined by our fellow citizens elected representatives, rather than by unelected judges who have been promoting their own ideas on social justice."

Himself a Mormon bishop, Sen. Hatch said he was

Beacon's Carroll said, "It came down to sitting down with the bishops and saying 'if you want a newspaper you're going to have to pay for it.'"

Other ideas for meeting the escalated postal costs included bypassing the post office and using alternate delivery systems such as carriers, and truck delivery to the churches. Regarding the latter, Brush had this to say: "Putting a bundle of papers in the back of the church is not the way to bring them to the attention of the people," and he further explained, "it would mean having ushers hand out the papers after Mass which represents an attitudinal change in pastors regarding this type of distribution."

In talking with editors, general managers, and business directors, the Courier-Journal heard over and over about the importance of the Catholic press. "People need the diocesan press for their own communication with their Church," Brush said. Others explained that it was the bishops' primary instrument in communicating with their people, and that it was necessary that their message reach all of their people.

Pope John Paul II in a recent address to bishops from the Emilia-Romagna region of Italy said, "Today more than ever one sees the importance of the formative work of the Catholic Press, aimed at enlightening consciences, at dissipating false in-

terpretations, insinuations and manipulations, in respect for the opinions of others and in faithful dialogue, backed by the conviction that each man, redeemed and loved by the Lord, is called to truth."

And perhaps it is this "calling to truth" that since the initial shock has worn off the newspapers are determined to survive. "We're not going to fold our tents," said Breig from Albany and added, "we're determined to carry on."

Brush's sentiments were the same. "It's important to be positive. It isn't the first time we've been hit by a challenge."

He nevertheless cautioned that "all constitutional amendments are hard to pass." However, he said, he expects the amendment to be on the Senate floor in the next couple of months, though he expects it to be "a very uphill battle during this Congress."

"Should we lose," he said, "we would continue to battle. It sometimes takes many years."

In the history of the nation "only 33 (constitutional amendments) have come through the process and only 26 have taken effect," he said.

But "if we all stand up and fight and express ourselves, we might very well get it through this year."

Bishop to Leave for Mexico

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be off on his trip to the Rochester Sister diocese of Tabasco next Tuesday, Jan. 19. He hopes to obtain a first-hand view of the reality of the lives of the people of Tabasco and also to visit the various "haciendas" assisted through this diocese's Operation Breadbox.

Bishop Clark, who is making the trip at the invitation of the Bishop of Tabasco, Rafael Garcia Gonzalez, will be accompanied by Father Charles Mulligan, diocesan director of Social Ministries.

Among activities of the sister diocese program are:

- The sending of a missionary team to work for six weeks during the summer at St. Francis of Assisi parish, Tamulte;

- The work of a Tabasco priest during the summer with the Hispanic community in the Rochester diocese;

- Participation in the missionary pulpit exchange of the Diocesan Mission;

- Funding of self-help agricultural projects through Operation Breadbox;

- Technical and advisory support provided to CIC-CODET, the social arm of the Tabasco diocese.

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Pro Hatch Speakers Needed

Anyone interested in participating as a speaker in favor of the Hatch Amendment should be at the Family Life office, 750 W. Main St., at 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 14.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark, strong advocate for passage of the bill, will be on hand to meet prospective speakers and to help launch their training program.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.

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