



Oktoberfest

Members of Rochester's Kolping Society gather with other German organizations outside Old St. Mary's Church last year before the Mass which officially opens the city's celebration of Oktoberfest. Father Michael Schramel will celebrate this year's Mass and Father Ferdinand K.M. Haase, STM, will preach, 4 p.m., Aug. 22, at St. Mary's.

Nuke Freeze Thaws

By Jerry Filteau

Washington (NC) — The House narrowly defeated nuclear freeze advocates Aug. 5, backing President Reagan's nuclear arms policy by a 204-202 vote.

The late night vote followed a day of heavy administration lobbying and eight hours of floor debate in which House Speaker Thomas P. ("Tip") O'Neill Jr. (D-Mass.) backed the freeze in a rare floor speech.

The close key vote came on a motion to substitute a resolution by Rep. William S. Broomfield (R-Mich.), supporting Reagan's policy of negotiated arms reductions before placing a freeze on new weapons and systems, for a resolution that would put the House on record favoring an immediate bilateral freeze followed by arms reductions.

The losing resolution, sponsored by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Clement J. Zablocki (D-Wis.) and approved by his committee, was opposed by Reagan on grounds that a freeze-first approach would lock the United States in a position of strategic nuclear inferiority to the Soviet Union and undermine its negotiating position on Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START).

Freeze-first proponents argued that Reagan's policy of a new, massive buildup in new nuclear systems will only

force the Soviet Union to respond in kind, leading to a new arms race instead of arms control.

The voting went largely along party lines, with 151 Republicans and 53 Democrats approving the Broomfield resolution while 175 Democrats and 27 Republicans voted against it.

Arguing for a freeze now, Zablocki said, "The grass roots have spoken. People want to see this nuclear buildup stopped. The genie must be put back in the bottle."

Broomfield countered that Zablocki's resolution would "cripple" the administration in its efforts to negotiate arms reductions with the Soviet Union. "Is the Soviet Union likely to negotiate seriously with an administration whose position has been repudiated by this Congress?" he asked.

Congressmen chatting in the aisles fell silent as O'Neill took the floor. "The world is racing toward catastrophe," he said.

Referring to Reagan's defense policies, he said, "The brakes have not been put on. Instead, the foot is on the accelerator, and now we're about to put the accelerator to the floor with a massive buildup in strategic weapons."

Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), a leader of the freeze movement in the House, argued that "both sides can

now reduce the other to rubble" and the administration's approach would "continue the arms race to achieve some mythical level of equality."

Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.) called Zablocki's resolution "government by bumper sticker" and said it asked for a U.S.-Soviet freeze "with their hands at our throat."

In a final lobbying effort to stop the freeze movement Reagan and other administration officials met with 10 House members in the Cabinet Room during the day and reportedly gained several key votes for the administration.

In another freeze-related development, the St. Louis-based National Clearinghouse of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign reported that approximately one fourth of American voters will have a chance to express their views on the questions in referendum votes this fall.

The issue will be on the ballot in seven states — Wisconsin, California, Rhode Island, Oregon, New Jersey, Arizona and Michigan — and in several cities or counties, including Chicago, Philadelphia and the District of Columbia, the freeze organization said.

It reported that the number of Catholic bishops in the country who have signed a pro-freeze statement has risen to 140.

Holy Cross Slates Church Centennial

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will celebrate Mass at noon, Sunday, Aug. 22, on the grounds of Holy Cross Parish to mark the centennial for the church.

According to Dean A. Prevost, the Mass will be followed by a picnic and ice cream social.

One hundred years earlier, in August, the parish community celebrated a cornerstone ceremony for the present building.

The day before, former clergy and local politicians will participate in a 5 p.m. Mass and cornerstone ceremony.

A chicken dinner and outdoor dance until midnight will complete the evening.

Persons attending the Sunday picnic have been asked to bring box lunches and a dish to pass. Beverages will be available on the grounds.

The actual centenary of the church building, Holy Cross records show, was in 1981.

Cenacle Schedules Charismatic Weekend

A Prayer for Healing Weekend has been slated by the Cenacle Renewal Center Sept. 24-26.

The weekend will feature Sister Joan Kellenberg, a Religious of the Cenacle from Long Island, who will join Sister Rita Drinkwater, RC; Father James Connolly, SJ, director of the diocesan charismatic liaison office; Mrs. Mary Dean; Mrs. Peggy Matuozzi and Michael Koegel.

The intent of the retreat is to "pray for healing of spirit and body," according to Mrs. Rosemarie Schaeffer, Cenacle spokesperson. "No matter what kind of healing you are praying for, remember, 'There is healing for the whole person in the Body of Christ,'" she said.

Further information is available by contacting the Cenacle Ministry Office, 693 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607; (716) 271-8755.

Pax Christi

A national assembly of Pax Christi will be held Oct. 8-10, at Assisi Heights, a facility of the Franciscan Sisters of Rochester, Minn. Further information is available from Pax Christi national headquarters, 6337 W. Cornelia St., Chicago, Ill. 60634.

Rosary on The Air

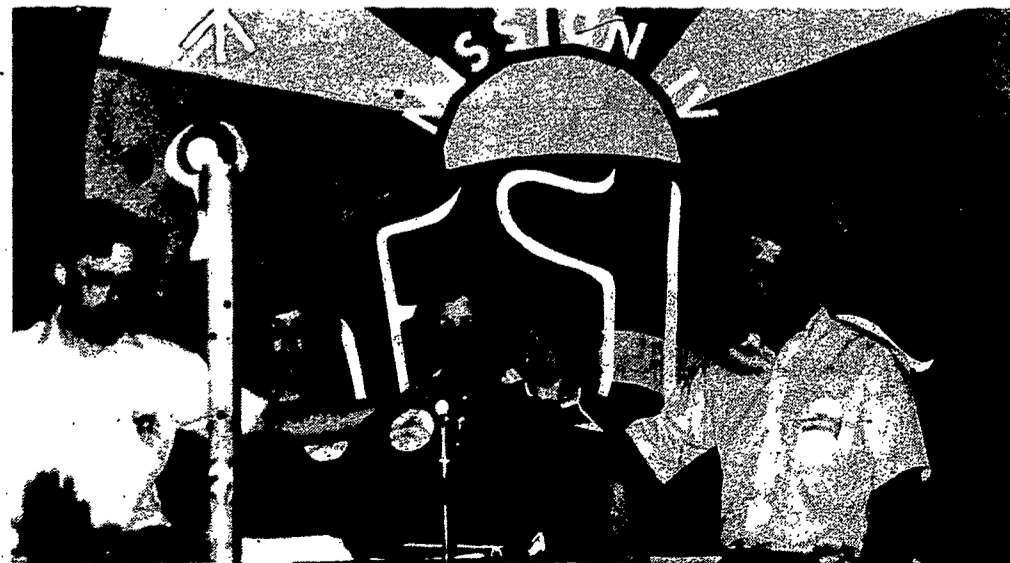
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Team leaders for the recent Mission IV at Holy Name of Jesus Parish are (left to right) Bob Engle, Betty McMahon, Sister Sue Hoffman (a guest speaker), Karen Engle and Mike McMahon.

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