

Money Troubles Will Close 9 Catholic Schools

More than 1,250 pupils in nine Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit have been notified that their classes will be closed to them in September. Only about half of the youngsters are expected to be able to find space in other Catholic schools, with the remainder applying at tax-supported institutions.

"The basic trouble is financial," said the Rev. Father John B. Zwiers, superintendent of Catholic schools, "although personnel and facilities are factors in some instances. We strain every possible resource to keep schools going but sometimes something has to give."

Six of the schools closed either completely or partially are in the inner-city—Grisi's Catholic Central High, Detroit Cathedral High, St. Cecilia High, St. Mary Commercial High, Santa Maria Elementary and St. John Vianney—and the other three are in outlying areas: St. Patrick High in Wyandotte, St. Joseph Elementary in Dearborn, and St. Augustine High in Richmond.

"Every school system I know about is caught in a financial bind and ours is no exception to the general rule," Father Zwiers continued. "Tax-supported schools usually can get mortgage help but we can count only on the sacrifice of parents already hard-strapped to meet inflationary costs. There is a limit to what you can ask of someone already heavily taxed to support public schools."

"I WOULD LIKE to make one point clear, however. Closing a school for financial reasons is always a last resort after every possible way to keep it operating has been explored. Neither we nor the par-

ents of the children want any school to close that can possibly be kept open."

It is estimated Michigan spends \$610 a year on each child in public schools. The Archdiocese of Detroit school system is the second largest in Michigan, coming both public and private school groups, over 140,000 are enrolled in 250 elementary schools and over 42,000 are in 96 high schools. The teaching services of over 3,429 priests and brothers and sisters help keep per-pupil costs far below the average for public schools.

Grisi's Catholic Central High School will continue to fall with only the 12th grade; grades 9-11 have been closed to 161 pupils.

Detroit Cathedral High will have 11th and 12th grades, with 9th and 10th grades being closed to 118 pupils.

St. Cecilia High will continue with the 12th grade, eliminating the 10th and 11th with 150 pupils. Hereafter the parish school will cover grades one to nine only.

MONSTER TRANSFORMERS

Two giant transformers, each as large as a three-story office building, were recently installed in the electrical generator station at Copper Cliff, Ontario, to meet the power demands of International Nickel's expanding nickel-producing facilities. A special railroad car had to be built to transport them to Copper Cliff.

ST. MARY Commercial High will complete closing out with 32 in the 12th grade finding other schools.

Santa Maria Elementary School will be closed as an elementary school and most of its 153 1st to 8th grade pupils will transfer to another Catholic school. The building then will become the North Industrial Education Center.

Egyptian Giant Pipeline To Bypass Suez Canal

CAIRO—The Egyptian government has announced that it will lay a 200-mile-long pipeline from the Suez Port to the Mediterranean shore near Alexandria.

The giant pipeline will enable

on North Vietnam.

Sen. J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, questioned in February whether the attacks had taken place or if they had been provoked by the U.S. Navy.

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petroleum companies to ship oil to Europe even if the Suez Canal remains closed.

Work on the 42-inch-wide pipe will begin this winter and is expected to be completed by 1970.

SAIGON—The U.S. destroyer Maddox has returned to the Tonkin Gulf for the first time since the bombings in 1964.

The Maddox, the first ship attacked in the war, triggered the first American air attack

ROMANIA—Romanian Communists have "banned" the G.O.P.'s plank on Vietnam saying that it is a just and equitable solution based on the principle of self-determination.

In Moscow, the Soviets, however, have said that it was unclear and a settlement from a position of force under American conditions.

The Russians also called the convention an affair where delegates are being "brainwashed" in hotel rooms.

HIROSHIMA—Japanese citizens gathered to pray for peace and give speeches against nuclear weapons on the 23rd anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

Pope Paul VI sent a message asking that leaders "act with great responsibility for the people and God."

WASHINGTON -- Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle has urged the church to stand behind Pope Paul's encyclical ban on artificial birth-control measures.

He urged dissenting theologians at the Catholic University of America to cease actions which are "setting the church on fire."

KEREN, Ethiopia—As a warning to the populace, government officials have placed bodies of guerrillas or bandits killed by government forces on display.

Curfews are in force from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. and many residents were forcibly removed in an attempt to deny shelter, food, and revenue to guerrillas and bandits.

JAKARTA, Indonesia—Rescue and medical teams have been sent to aid an estimated 90,000 victims of massive flooding in West Java.

Food and medicine has been sent by the Red Cross to the area where 21 persons were killed and destruction has been estimated at \$7.5 million.

SAINT TROPEZ, France—French film star Brigitte Bardot has reportedly filed divorce actions against her third husband, German millionaire Gunter Sachs.

143 pupils in its closing.

St. Patrick High, Wyandotte, has been in a phasing out stage over three years. A total of 177 pupils will be affected by the closing of its 12th grade.

St. Joseph Elementary, Dear-

born, will close grades one through eight, affecting 131 pupils.

St. Augustine High, Richmond, will close grades nine through 12, affecting 171 pupils.

"In some instances," Father Zwiers said, "it might have been possible to hang on a little longer by severely diluting the quality of the education offered. This is a compromise we refuse to make. If we cannot offer

quality education we will not offer any. Naturally it pains us to displace inner-city parents who want moral training as well as good academic preparation for their children, but we must do what is necessary."

enemy troops south of Da Nang.

South Vietnamese paratroopers reportedly killed 75 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese. Allied casualties include 11 dead and two missing.

A major enemy offensive against Saigon, Da Nang, and other cities is expected by allied commanders within the next five weeks.

LONDON—"The Americanization of Emily" may be over, but Britniggers are still concerned over the continued U.S. influence in Europe.

Britain's economy, according to the LONDON TIMES, is showing a marked similarity to that of America. "Price inflation has been rampant. International trade and demands of consumer-oriented population have pulled in expensive imports."

Because of this, foreign observers are closely watching the U.S. political climate.

GENEVA—Britain has proposed an international convention to ban the manufacturing and use of bacteriological weapons used in germ warfare at the 17-nation disarmament conference in Moscow.

The ban on microbiological agents "which had no independent peaceful justification" would also include "ancillary equipment."

The convention would call for a pledge to destroy any stockpile of such bacteria or equipment. The convention would endorse action through the U.N. Security Council against any threatened violation.

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia—Nigeria and Biafra opened peace talks although neither side indicated a compromise in the year-old civil war.

Dr. H. H. Middlekoop, physician for the World Council of Churches, has said that 6,000 war refugees are dying of starvation in eastern Nigeria where the Biafrans have fled.

SAIGON—Intensified fighting continues in Vietnam as U.S. B-52 bombers dropped 300 tons of explosives on suspected

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