



Church Should Take Initiative To Work With Local Agencies

(Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles on the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth. The series was written by Ann Sullivan, long-time Oregon reporter.)

By ANN SULLIVAN
Churches should take initiative in better planning and cooperation between themselves and community agencies, according to the recently released 125-page report of the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth.

"The church and community working together," concludes the church subcommittee of seven church-oriented Oregon citizens of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths, "can mobilize community resources for an all-out effort much better than they can be organized working separately."

"Urgency" of including a section on the role of the church in the community in this study of needs of children and youth was stressed initially by the executive committee.

"This urgency," the report states, "was based on the recognition that the moral and ethical standards of some families and a few neighborhoods are in conflict with those agreed upon as important in our Judeo-Christian society."

Numerous suggestions are made for the community to help make the programs of the churches for youth more effective and for the churches to do the same. A few of these:

Churches need to be informed concerning the work and services of the social agencies. Churches should cooperate in the observance of special emphasis of religious holidays and festivals and so inform social agencies.

The church needs to encourage its membership to qualify themselves with specialized agencies who have responsibility of providing foster homes.

'Big Brother' Program
The churches in a given district or state should encourage the establishment of a "Big Brother" program. It should be requested that local or state councils of churches sponsor training classes for local social action committees.

Churches should know more about and help sponsor youth groups (Scouts, etc.), day nurseries, should study available family counseling centers and supplement these under careful direction and guidance of the agencies already at work and should plan with existing welfare groups in the giving of food, clothing, etc., so that needless duplication may be avoided.

The committee's report, in other sections, also recommends that the Oregon Youth Council be made statewide, that some funds be made available for a central office, a fulltime stenographer, for the dissemination of materials to youth and for professional counseling and guidance.

Representatives of Groups
The Oregon Youth Council was created in 1957 as a structure through which Oregon youth could have an opportunity to express themselves, both among themselves, publicly and to the Governor's Committee. It is made up of representatives of statewide youth serving organizations.

Five youth delegates will be among those from Oregon attending the White House Conference on Children and Youth at the end of this month.

Cooperative planning is stressed in a section on recreation which notes great gains in the field in Oregon in the last 10 years. The section, which contains lengthy discussion on the overall problems, organization, leadership, financing and approaches, stresses attention to the variety of needs of people of all age groups and interests.

Recreational Activities
In addition, it suggests emphasis on recreational activities carried on by family groups, more adult leadership in youth organization programs and increased emphasis upon conservation and development of camping sites and park areas.

Two sections, in both of which great progress is noted, will not be discussed at length here. They concern children who are mentally retarded and migrant children.

The committee stresses inadequacy of educational provisions in both fields and urges further work and efforts along lines already begun.

The committee also urged the development of interstate programs to meet more adequately the economic, social and health needs of migrant children, and that consideration be given to a request for federal assistance to meet the educational, health and child welfare service needs of migrant children whose families have not established legal residence which would enable them to qualify for state welfare services.

Farm Group Vows To Fight Proposal

Washington—(UPI)—The nation's biggest organized farm group Saturday promised a strong fight against Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell's proposal for a federal minimum wage law covering migrant farm workers.

John C. Lynn, legislative director for the American Farm Bureau federation, said Congress had never intended to give Mitchell authority over farm wages and "we challenge him to try to get this authority from Congress."

SMOKING DOG

Doncaster, England—(UPI)—Ralph Spencer imposed a strict no smoking rule in his automobile after he was told other motorists took their eyes off the road to watch his 4-year-old dog, Butch, who has been smoking cigarettes daily since he was six months old.

San Francisco—(UPI)—The mayor of Dallas, Ore., A. H. Friesen, is in Mt. Zion hospital in San Francisco after being stricken with internal bleeding caused by a stomach ulcer.

Hoover Named to Political Group

Washington—(UPI)—Former President Herbert Hoover was named Sunday to the board of trustees of Americans For Constitutional Action, a non-partisan political action group backing conservative candidates for Congress.

Other board members include retired Adm. Ben Moreell, chairman; President Eisenhower's brother, Edgar; and Charles Edison, former New Jersey governor.

Easter Sunday One Day in Three for Spirit of Rejoicing

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Written for UPI

As we move toward Easter Sunday, the spirit of rejoicing seems about to burst upon us with the news of the risen Christ. We should recall, however, that Easter Sunday is only one day in three. There is first the day of the cross—the day of suffering. Then, the day of the tomb—the day of darkness. And finally the day

of the Resurrection—the day of light.

The final day is meaningless unless we appreciate the significance of the two that preceded it. Before He conquered darkness and death, Christ was in a sense their victim. In the fact of redemption, by His sufferings on the cross and His death, He gave new meaning to all suffering and put an end to the terrors of dying. By His burial in the tomb He gave himself up to death and darkness so that in breaking the bonds of the

tomb, He opened up a new world of light and life.

Ever since the Resurrection the world has been charged with a new meaning. Easter was the end of a struggle in which Christ conquered sin, suffering and death itself. All men now could find, through the mystery of the Redemption, the God-designed road that leads to eternal life. The true joy that comes with Easter does not fear to look back upon the cross of Calvary and the darkness of the tomb, because the anguish of the hours spent there has now been swallowed up in a Divine and eternal victory.

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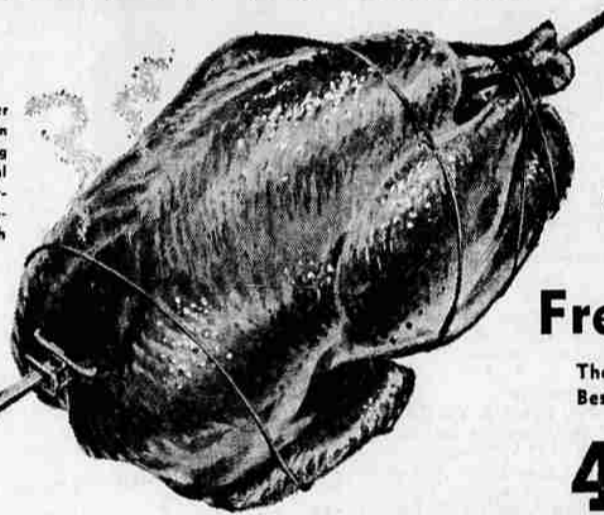
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