

# Three Current Problems Boost Private School Teacher's Pay

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NEW YORK (UPI) — Civil rights, juvenile delinquency and a big birth rate are making the private school in this country an excellent business for teachers.

The Federal Welfare Department says the number of private schools, including parochial schools, has jumped from 14,000 to 17,000 in the past decade. About 6.9 million children or 14.3 per cent of the total grade school and high school population are in these schools

this year.  
The demand for teachers has been booming for years, according to the National Association of Teaching Agencies.  
The Dorothy Marder agency in New York, which supplies teachers over a wide area of the East and mid-West for both private and public schools, said the demand for grade school teachers slacked off a little this fall after going up explosively for six or seven years ago.  
The boom in teacher demand has pushed salaries up sharply. The biggest raises have been

in the boarding schools. Five years ago, a young college graduate was lucky to get a starting salary of \$1,800 to \$2,000 plus room and board in a good private school. Today he can get \$3,000.  
And a teacher with 10 or 15 years service in a good boarding school now can get \$6,500 to \$6,800 plus a living for his whole family and free tuition for his children. That's equal to a raise of around \$1,500 over five years ago.  
Day school pay hasn't gone up so fast.

But even in New York City, where there is a big surplus of married qualified women teachers willing to work part time or not terribly interested in high pay, the average salary of a good junior high teacher has gone up from \$4,800 to around \$5,800, Miss Marder said.  
Remember, all the teaching salaries are for a school year of eight and a half to ten months. Teachers either can go to school, vacation or take jobs in the summer.  
Miss Marder said the pupil

bulge now is in the junior high schools due to the big birthrate of a dozen years ago. So, demand for junior high teachers suddenly has jumped 70 to 80 per cent in most parts of the country. Two years from now, Miss Marder said, the senior high schools will be hit by a similar pupil bulge and crying need for teachers.  
"The colleges will be in real faculty trouble six or eight years from now," she added.  
Juvenile delinquency is causing many teachers to change jobs — leaving the "problem

schools" in the hearts of the big cities for private schools or public schools in the better suburbs.  
**LINE OF DUTY**  
PLAINVILLE, Conn. (UPI) — A policeman who was called to a private residence to dispose of a skunk left the following message on the police blotter:  
"This animal was black in color with a white stripe. Known as a polecat (skunk). Has been disposed of (phew). All clear."

The private school boom appears to be based largely on the desire of parents to escape juvenile delinquency and the conflicts attendant on racial integration — but not entirely so. The Catholic church is expanding its parochial school building rapidly, particularly in new suburban areas. A large part of all private schools are under religious auspices and the Catholic church operates the lion's share of these.  
The new private non-denominational day schools being created frankly to escape juvenile

delinquency and racial conflict usually are called "parents' schools."  
Mainly in South  
The greatest number of these "parents schools" is in the South but they are being created on the fringes of northern industrial cities too.  
Many of the new private schools are not oriented merely at dodging juvenile delinquency and racial conflict. Some are guided by a desire for sharp curriculum reform; they start teaching languages in the primary grades, for example.

Some were founded and are run by parents' committees and teachers who are frankly hostile to "progressive education," for example, they return to the alphabetic method of teaching reading in vogue sixty years ago.  
The parents schools succeed in luring teachers away from public schools without offering higher wages; in the private schools, as a rule, teachers needn't fear hunking lads with switchblade knives. Also, classes are smaller, 10 to 13 pupils against 20 to 40 in public schools.

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### American Convoy Clears Checkpoints

BERLIN (UPI) — The U.S. Army today sent its third troop convoy in three days over the highway between West Germany and West Berlin. It cleared Soviet checkpoints without trouble.  
The convoy of 13 trucks and 26 men rolled through Communist East Germany in another show of Western determination to maintain access rights to Berlin, 110 miles behind the Iron Curtain.  
Communist East Germany charged the West with "provocations on the access routes" and renewed its claim that it has the right to control the Allied convoys. But it said the Russians would continue to exercise control "for the time being."  
Today's convoy carried only drivers and co-drivers and thus did not run into conflict over Soviet demands that troops riding in convoys as passengers dismount to be counted.

### Judge Dismisses Charge of Murder

CASCADE, Idaho (UPI) — A probate judge today dismissed a second-degree murder charge filed against an Ontario, Ore., man in the fatal shooting of a back country miner.  
Judge Edward Lodge of Caldwell ruled the death of Roland Clark, 53, Aug. 24 was justifiable homicide. Lodge had taken the case under advisement following a preliminary hearing in September.  
Valley County Prosecutor Larry Schoenheit said he will appeal the decision.  
Frederick on the second-degree murder charge was Robert Burres, 35, Ontario.  
Officers said the shooting apparently climaxed an argument over a mining claim near Big Creek 80 miles northwest of McCall.

### Worker Killed On Dam Project

BIG BEND, Calif. (UPI) — One worker was killed and two others injured Wednesday in a tunnel cavern at the remote site of the \$93 million Pitt-McCloud powerhouse and dam project.  
The Shasta County sheriff's office identified the man as Lloyd Ray Rolland, a superintendent, who was apparently buried when the tunnel collapsed. Two other workmen suffered injuries while trying to escape from the cavern.

### Man Lodged in Jail on Shoplifting Charge

Jessie Lorin Rice, 51, of 330 N. Front St., was lodged in city jail Wednesday on a charge of shoplifting, according to Medford police.  
Rice was apprehended about 2 p.m. when he reportedly attempted to take an item from Hudson's Pharmacy, 101 N. Central Ave., without paying for it.

### Hockey Player Sues City of Portland

PORTLAND (UPI) — An amateur hockey player Wednesday filed a \$10,000 suit against the city for injuries suffered while practicing at Memorial Coliseum.  
George O. Cushman said he cut his face when he crashed against a ragged and torn screen at the coliseum Jan. 28.

### FIRST RODEO

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