

## A New Home

### The Superintendent Smiles

"It's been a long time," said Father Roderick O'Connor, as he watched the older students at Nazareth help carry equipment from the old buildings to the brand new one across the road. "I know the Sisters and the children are happy. I certainly am."

Father O'Connor has been superintendent of Nazareth for only a few years, but he inherited all its history. Physically, the plant had outlived its usefulness. One of the buildings had been condemned and was no longer occupied.

Orphanages have changed, Father O'Connor explained.

"We no longer have great numbers here, because we place our children in foster homes whenever this is possible, or they are adopted. But there will always be some whose age, problems, or legal status will not permit this. And then there has to be a place for children who are the victims of sudden tragedy—broken homes, death of parents, fire, that sort of thing.

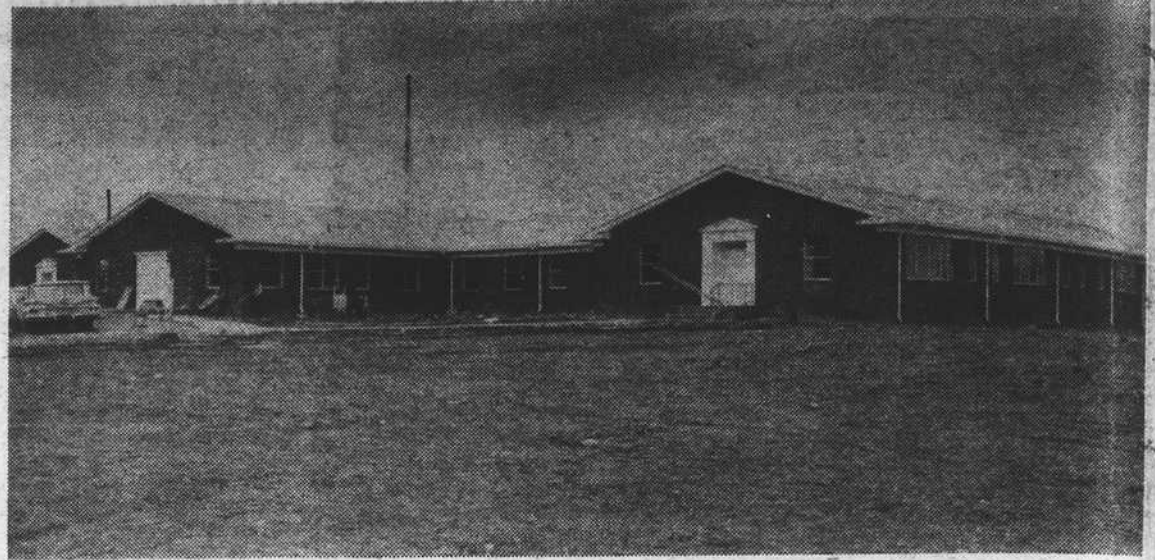
"I am particularly happy," Father O'Connor went on, "that we will be leaving the old dormitories, and the children will now have bedrooms, private places for study, and a good deal more of a home atmosphere than we were ever able to give them before."

The Father of the Family smiled at his children as they headed for their new house.

There are 35 youngsters here at the moment, Father O'Connor said. They are all mighty grateful to the Catholics of North Carolina for making this possible.



BRAND NEW KITCHEN AT ORPHANAGE



NEW CATHOLIC ORPHANAGE AT NAZARETH

### Jesuit Supports Liberalization Of Divorce Law

NEW YORK — (NC) — The chairman of Fordham University's philosophy department has advocated the passage of a bill which would liberalize New York state's 187-year-old divorce law.

But Father Joseph D. Hassett, S.J., emphasized that he was not in opposition to the traditional teachings of the Catholic Church, nor to the position taken by Charles J. Tobin, the secretary of the New York Catholic Welfare Committee and spokesman for the state's eight Catholic bishops.

On Feb. 1, Tobin sent lawmakers a letter urging deliberate consideration and careful study of "supporting data and explanations" concerning the bill. Some persons, notably Sen. Jerome L. Wilson, head of the joint legislative committee which drafted the reform bill, interpreted the Tobin letter as a "declaration of war . . . in opposition to . . . reform." Tobin denied that he was attempting to sidetrack the bill and Father Hassett, in a statement issued here, supported Tobin's denial.

The Jesuit professor spoke at the office of John V. Delaney, a Manhattan attorney who is chairman of the ad hoc "Committee of Catholic Citizens to Support Divorce Reform."

Father Hassett, a member of the committee, said he was speaking only for himself, and not as an official spokesman for the Catholic Church, Fordham University, or any institution. But he expressed the conviction that his stand was solidly rooted in Catholic doctrine.

Father Hassett said that advocating a liberalization of the divorce law is not the same thing as advocating divorce.

#### BOARD TO MEET

Washington — (NC) — The annual spring meeting of the administrative board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference will be held here April 19 and 20.

### U.S. Urged to Stress Reforms in Vietnam

MILWAUKEE — (NC) — The United States should de-emphasize military means of fighting the war in Vietnam and put more stress on social reform, a former Vietnamese ambassador to the U.S. said at Mount Mary College here.

Tran van Dinh, now Washington bureau chief of the Saigon Post, said much of the hope for solution of the problem must rest with Catholicism.

"Religion has to do more than just religion," he said. "It has to be active in social reform, in man's concern for each other. The idea of religion is the idea of supreme justice for all," he said.

This is the dilemma of Buddhism, whose theology prevents an active apostolate, he said. "But now that communism has imposed its new social concept of life on the people, religion has to do something," he added.

VAN DINH said he does not think the U.S. must increase the number of its troops in Vietnam.

"The size of your forces is sufficient to show the Viet Cong you are strong. All-out fighting, however, will not end the war. This is not a conventional war. It is a people's war. It has to be fought in a people's way."

In Vietnam, he said, "the aggression is an ideological and subtle kind of aggression. So instead of troops, we must multiply the role of non-government agencies who will work to improve the lot of the peasant, establish hospitals, train leaders and eventually convert the people to anti-communism."

HE STRONGLY urged the U.S. to realize it would be a long social war. He said Vietnam cannot become a democracy within five years, and said 10 or 20 years would be a more realistic estimate.

He opposed a general election at the present time. "Elections without education are useless. The people are not ready."

Instead he endorsed a represen-

tational government consisting of professional men and elected village leaders. He said the trend in recent years to appoint village leaders instead of electing them is a mistake. "We used to have democracy at the bottom, not at the top."

HE DENIED the United States has any legal right to negotiate in Vietnam.

"It is in Vietnam only by invitation as an adviser to South Vietnam," he said.

To formally legalize the relationship between the U.S. and South Vietnam, he urged a treaty that would require the U.S. to leave when the emergency is over.

### Priest Is Told He May Rejoin Vietnam Group

WESTFIELD, N.J. — (NC) — A Jesuit ordered in December to quit the Committee of Clergy Concerned About Vietnam has been given permission to rejoin the group.

This was revealed by Father Victor R. Yanitelli, S.J., president of St. Peter's College, Jersey City, and immediate superior of the priest involved, Father Daniel J. Kilfoyle, S.J.

Father Yanitelli said permission for Father Kilfoyle to rejoin the group intent on promoting discussion of moral issues in the Vietnam fighting was given "on my own authority."

Father Kilfoyle, a former teacher at St. Peter's, is in residence at the institution while studying for a doctorate in theology at New York's Union Theological Seminary.

Father Yanitelli's disclosure came during a question and answer period after a lecture at Holy Trinity parish here.

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