Local parochial schools in crisis

by Marie DiFlumeri

It's quite evident that Parochial schools are being closed at an alarming rate, a situation that has brought His Excellency Archbishop Humberto Medeiros to seek financial aid from the state.

One church in East Boston, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, is considering the possibility of closing next fall, though no decision has been made. Others are in trouble, like Sacred Heart, that has a $27,000 deficit. A church official sees consolidation of Catholic schools as one answer to the crisis. On the state side, the question of the legality of state aid may be decided soon.

In a telephone interview, Rev. Msgr. Albert W. Low, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese, said, "Commissioner Sullivan of the Massachusetts Dept. of Education has no interest in helping Catholic schools. They want a state monopoly on education." When asked if any schools were in immediate danger of closing, Msgr. Low replied, "I cannot put a definite finger on that. However, no schools as yet have requested permission to close."

According to Msgr. Low, when the pastor of a parish sees his school in financial difficulty, he notifies the Chancellor. This information is turned over to the Archdiocesan School Board. A final decision comes from Archbishop Medeiros, who is President of the board. "Consolidation of schools as one solution, will eventually happen," says Msgr. Low. But in East Boston he believes it would be difficult geographically, since there are no finances available to help solve the bussing problem that would occur.

He believes consolidation might not be acceptable by certain parish schools that maintain a sense of pride in solidarity and don't want to lose their identity. He also said he would hate to see consolidation break up a strong Catholic parish school.

State Side: Aid Uncertain

According to Mr. David Cronin of the Massachusetts Dept. of Education, the outlook at present for state aid to parochial schools, hinges on the outcome of three Superior Court cases to be heard in February. The decision on constitutionality in these (PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS continued page 2)

Snow-bound days: dockside in East Boston

Sargent study opposes Logan expansion

by Peter Werwath

Gov. Sargent's task force on inter-city transportation has returned a report that recommends a slow-down on expansion of Logan Airport. Details of the report have not been made public, so it is not known how many projects on the drawing boards for Logan will be affected.

Port Authority director Edward J. King met "briefly" with Gov. Sargent at 10 a.m. Wednesday. He said Thursday morning that he understands the report "recommends a moratorium" on Logan. "I guess that means stop," he said.

The report is due to be released sometime next week along with the governor's recommendations, according to his office.

At stake for the Port Authority is a development plan that includes 1) new "parallel" runway, 2) runway extensions on Bird Island Flats and the Winthrop side of the Harbor, and 3) new terminal buildings. Their total cost is estimated at $140 million.

A bond issue to finance this work is on the agenda of the next meeting of the Port Authority board of directors. A copy of the governor's report was received "last Friday or Monday" by Authority, King said. As of Thursday, the only board member who had a copy was Rev. Albert Sallese.

MBTA to cancel Lexington Street bus

The MBTA wants to stop running the Lexington Street bus, that travels from Maverick Square to the Wood Island Station.

The MBTA also plans to have fewer buses on two other East Boston routes, Orient Heights to Maverick, and Bellingham Square, Chelsea, to Maverick. An MBTA spokesman said a new schedule has not been made up, but she expects bus runs will be fewer between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

MBTA representative Myla Dixon said the authority decided to make the cuts after its advisory board recommended a $2.5 million reduction in expenses. She said 39 runs are being eliminated and 14 others curtailed.

Mrs. Dixon said the 39 routes cut out have rated the lowest in patronage and profits. Asked for statistics on the ones eliminated, she said the MBTA has only "working papers" and they can't be released.

Robert Weinberg, an aide in Mayor White's office, said he has been negotiating with MBTA to reinstate some of the lines and to reroute others. He said the Mayor's office (MBTA continued page 4)
Pastor says Mt. Carmel’s deficit makes closing a possibility

**SCHOOLS continued**

cases will have a direct bearing on the grant, as will the findings of the Special Legislative Committee due to make a report next month on aid to non-denominational schools.

"Of course there will be certain strings attached," Mr. Cronin added. "If the grant is to finance teachers, they will have to be certified, whether religious or not. However, the teachers may not induce any religious reflections in their teachings."

"The financial need of each school will have to be determined," said Mr. Cronin. "I believe that under state aid, the amount of money sought from each school would have to be used up. For instance, if the school projects a budget for three lay teachers and only two are hired, then the surplus would have to be returned and not channeled into other areas.

"As for the length of time the aid would be allotted, he said, will all still depend on the school. "It may have an expiration date or may be projected for a certain amount of time, but I hardly think it would expire as a result of this aid."

In conclusion, Mr. Cronin presumed there would be a possible tax increase as a result of this aid.

Local school? Reaction

The following are comments from the pastors of East Boston parishes.

**Most Holy Redeemer - Rev. Msgr. Nimé Fitaro, pastor:**

"Yes, my school is in crisis, but I will not ask permission to close until I explore every effort to further Catholic education. Increasing the tuition will only put a heavier burden on those who already pay it."

**Sacred Heart - Rev. Paul Scribner, acting pastor:**

"In 1970, Sacred Heart operated on a $27,000 deficit, which I’m sure will be absorbed by the parish. We have not asked permission to close, but will institute new revenue-raising programs."

"I am definitely in favor of consolidation. I like the idea philosophically and education-wise it will provide a better use of facilities for the children. I see it as a real financial life raft for some parishes. Sister Marie, our principal, and Sister Anne Margaret, her regional director, are both very amenable to the idea."

"The school will open in September."

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Rev. Richard Passeri, O.P.M., pastor:**

"As of January 31, Mt. Carmel was running a $10 in the black. The budget for February foresees a $1000 deficit mainly because heating will absorb most of the profits."

"We have not asked permission to close but I’m a little fearful of saying we’ll definitely open in October. I hope I’m wrong, but I must be honest."

"I’m not sure how long we’ll be allowed to run on a deficit, but I hope that the upcoming carnival, the Annual Reunion, bingo and the bazaars will keep us in the black. I know I’m a pessimist, but I’m just learning how to run a school and I want to keep it out of the red."

**St. Mary’s Star of the Sea - Rev. William S. Carpenter, pastor:**

"St. Mary’s is experiencing financial difficulty but I would not say we are in crisis. No letter to the Chancellor has been written... I don’t even see any danger of closing in the future."

**Comissioner Sullivan’s statement (that 95 per cent of parochial schools will close in five years) has caused a lot of panic, but I feel most schools will remain open, there’s no doubt about it."

"As for consolidation, I can see it working where there’s an absolute necessity for it, but proximity of schools has to be taken into account. My school will definitely be open in September."

**Holy Family - Rev. Paul Taglione, pastor:**

"We are in crisis and we have not asked permission to close, but I’m a little fearful of saying we’ll definitely open in September. I hope I’m wrong, but I must be honest."

"I’m not sure how long we’ll be allowed to run on a deficit, but I hope that the upcoming carnival, the Annual Reunion, bingo and the bazaars will keep us in the black. I know I’m a pessimist, but I’m just learning how to run a school and I want to keep it out of the red."

**St. Lazarus - Rev. Guido Cavernian, C.S., pastor:**

"My school is in crisis. I have lost $4,000 on the whole. We do not intend to close now, but I am looking for ways to raise funds."

"My parishioners will decide the fate of the school, and as of now they are against consolidation and the nuns here (Sisters of St. Joseph) are not in favor of it."

"The people will accept it only when every avenue to keep the school open for the time. We will open in September."

"If the school opens in September, the tuition will definitely be doubled. I would also like to say that even if I ask to close the school, the Chancellor has the last word and they say demand that I stay open. We’ll try everything first. I want to stay open."

**Our Lady of Assumption - Rev. John Taglione, pastor:**

Before leaving for a two week vacation, Fr. Taglione said only that his school was in crisis and was unavailable for further comment.

**Salvucci leaves Little City Hall**

Fred Salvucci has left his post as East Boston’s Little City Hall manager to become Mayor White’s overseer for the Little City Hall program.

The new manager of the city’s trailer-office in Maverick Square is Robert Garrity, who was Salvucci’s assistant.

Another staffer in the local Little City Hall is leaving. Martin Coughlin plans to resign in a "few months."

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East Boston Drug Clinic offers “prolonged” withdrawal

by Marie Di Flumeri

Since August 3, 1970, the East Boston Rehabilitation Clinic on Porter Street has served over 300 patients. The clinic is quartered on two upstairs floors of the Relief Station and functions under the auspices of the Boston City Hospital and the Department of Health and Hospitals. According to Dr. Alan Fisch, Director of the clinic, all addicts are accepted into the program. The procedures for admission include a complete patient interview, and an admission by the patient of drug usage. A physical exam is given to detect “track marks”, and a urine test is taken to determine the kind of drug used and the amount. This test is not 100 per cent accurate, but is a step toward verifying addiction.

Most of the patients, about 90 per cent, are males. The small user who admits to taking “pills” (barbiturates), is treated with counseling and therapy and referred to the in-patient department of Mattapan. This contrasts with the heavy user, who is given Methadone, an opium derivative, that is used as a substitute for heroin. The user is also given group and personal therapy, private counseling, and medical supervision on an office and attending withdrawal. While other addiction clinics prescribe Methadone for barbiturate users, the East Boston clinic does not.

Prolonged Withdrawal

Dr. Fisch claims there is a great misconception about proper dosage of Methadone. He says the average therapeutic dose is about 100 to 160 milligrams, and he has heard of cases where 600 milligrams has been prescribed, a dose he thinks is addictive in itself. The clinic usually gives anywhere from 80 milligrams down to 20 or 10 milligrams,” said Fisch.

Each patient entering the East Boston clinic is given an initial “maintenance” dose, and is withdrawn slowly, says Fisch.

Persons involved in the clinic’s program are given half their daily dosage on the premise and the other half to be taken at home. A sign above the door of the distribution room reads, “Methadone is dispensed only if bottles are returned.” The drug has a twelve-hour effectiveness, gives the user a “high,” but enables him to function properly when the habit is under control. In drug programs in some parts of the country where fast withdrawal is attempted, the drop-out rate ranges from 50 to 75 per cent, according to Dr. Fisch. He says this is the reason for the prolonged withdrawal program at the clinic here, where usually less than five users are on a high dose maintenance, over the usual 10 to 80 milligrams.

Dr. Fisch feels the best drug program in the country is the Dole-Myswander clinic in New York. He said this program’s two-to-four-year, follow up on patients "has shown success with 80 to 90 per cent effectiveness in terms of arrest rate, work history, and improved personal relationships."

Community Help Sought

Another sign at the clinic reads, "Recreation = Social Center Auditorium 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those interested must meet at the clinic and wear tennis shoes."

Dr. Fisch says there has been a poor response to the recreational activity. He feels the community should offer more help in rehabilitating the addict. He believes the East Boston Drug Action Council is mistaken in excluding the clinic’s facility from its public services, and thinks working together would be more beneficial to the user and would stimulate more community involvement.

Dr. Fisch stresses the importance of the individual’s gain. Admittance to the program and leaving it are voluntary. Parent’s groups are currently being formed along with patient committees to determine what the addict’s needs are on the whole, and how to meet them.

Half-way houses, controlling heroin flow

the best solutions, attorney says

by Joel Eisenberg

Parents live in fear, Atty. Robert Stanziani told an audience of East Bostonians last Wednesday, fear of what they may see and hear from the use of heroin or barbiturates. Stanziani was a member of a panel discussing the legal aspects of drug abuse at Sacred Heart Church.

"The problem which faces this country today," Stanziani said, "is how do we control the flow of heroin traffic?" If we can’t control heroin, he argued, how can we expect to control the addict? Half-way house is the best possible hope, he said, because if an addict goes there, he must want to help himself.

The Methadone program has merit, he argued, but it is not the answer. He sees it as a drug substitute for heroin.

Stanziani agreed that the Methadone program does prevent the addict from purchasing heroin on the street. However, the user does not see Methadone as helping to cure the addict.

The addict’s basic problem, he said, is that he does not know what responsibilities, and life means nothing to him. And the difference between a man who drinks and a man who smokes marijuana is that the person smoking marijuana does not know where he is going. Stanziani believes no drug is the answer to an emotional problem. East Boston was one of the first places where people began to cope with the drug problem, but one of the last to deal properly with the problem.

In 1969, the Harrison Act was passed. It was the first law to provide sanctions against importing opiates into this country.

In 1971 the Marijuana Tax Act was passed by Congress stating that anyone importing marijuana had to report the importation to the government and pay a tax. This law has been declared unconstitutional.

The Federal government passed the first National Addict Rehabilitation Act in 1966. Under provisions of the act, anyone arrested on their first offense has the right to treatment instead of punishment. In 1969, Massachusetts passed a similar act.

"Not everyone who first takes drugs is mentally sick," Scharaffa said, "and law enforcement alone cannot deal properly with the problem." Education, he believes, is one of the answers.

LOGAN HEARINGS

- Land-fill for runway

The Army Corps of Engineers has set the date for its public hearing on a proposed land-fill at Logan Airport for a new “parallel” runway. It will be Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. at New England Life Hall on Clarendon Street in downtown Boston.

Written statements to be included in the transcript of the hearing may be mailed to Col. D. F. Dan, England Division, Corps of Engineers, 424 Trapelo Road, Waltham 02154.

- SST bill

A legislative committee at the State House will hold a public hearing Feb. 16 on a proposed bill to ban supersonic transport jets (SST’s) from Massachusetts airports.

It will be at 10:30 a.m. in the State House on Beacon Hill.
Majority Leader Umana working for Democrats, against Logan

by Dorothy Brickman

Mario Umana, recently appointed Senate majority leader, says his new position means he will be working actively for the Democratic Party. He does not expect any big change in his representation of the people of East Boston.

In a recent interview, Umana said, "There would be no dramatic change from the legislation that was filed in the past." He said that he will use his position to fight against the NPA and the Senate. "I will try my best to keep the NPA from coming over to Logan," he said.

Umana also mentioned the need to limit the noise at Logan and to make some regulations regarding times of take off and landing.

Senator Umana has been in the legislature for twenty years, four years as a representative, 16 years in the Senate. During this time, legislation introduced by him that passed includes: repeal of the poll tax, Columbus Day Holiday bill, a bill requiring court orders for wire tapping, and, in 1964, a bill prohibiting the NPA to take property westward of Logan airport by eminent domain.

The NPA recently lost a court case because of the eminent domain legislation. As a result they have filed a bill to rescind the law. When asked what chance he feels the NPA's bill has of passing, Umana said, "I think we can beat them on it."

Questioned on state-wide issues, Umana talked about the welfare program as being extremely important due to increased unemployment.

"I am in favor of the Federal fund-sharing concept recently proposed by President Nixon. "It's a question of getting money back to the cities. Federal funding will cut down property taxes. Grant-in-aid will continue, with strings attached to them, though," he said.

Facts needed for Jeffries Point bill

by Marie Di Flumeri

More than 60 Jeffries Point residents attended a meeting last week at the Assumption Church Hall to discuss community problems with newly elected State Representative, Mrs. Mimie Pitara.

After a brief run-down of state legislative procedures, Rep. Pitara told the residents about a bill he has filed calling for an historic restoration of Jeffries Point. He pointed out that it's chances of being passed this year are not good, due to the fact that enough historical data could not be compiled within the short time left before the bill is heard by the Urban Affairs Committee on March 3.

"For the bill to be effective," he said, "would require much research. He asked the people present to volunteer any information they had on homes or areas within the Point section that would warrant recognition as an historical district. This, he said, would give added strength to future revised bills.

Sister Margaret Pierce pointed out that one of the advantages of having an historic district is that children grow up with pride in their neighborhood. Also she added, "No one can tear down a house in an historical district without the permission of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and this includes any developer who has no respect for history."

"We are also striking at a good time," she said, "In preparing for the Bi-Centennial of the American Revolution, which should run from 1975 to 1989."

Anyone interested in submitting information of any kind can drop it off either to Sister Margaret Pierce at 56 Havre St., or at the office of the East Boston Community News before the end of February, when another meeting will be held before the bill is heard.

"Escape Generation" takes aim at Supersonic jet

by Joe Dioguardi

The newly formed Educational and Social Communications on American Politics and the Environment, or the "Escape" Generation, will attend the SST hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at the State House. The "Escape" Generation's purpose will be to go on record as opposed to further noise and air pollution near and over East Boston.

For anyone who wants to join Escape, there will be a meeting at the E.B. Social Center at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12. The group will meet to discuss a plan of action and to exchange thoughts about ESCAPE and the coming SST hearing.

Meeting Feb. 9 to discuss EB-Well

by Sue Devins

A meeting between Miss Ruth Adams, Wellesley College president, and her advisory council on January 8 ended with no decision on whether or not to expand EB-Well's extra funds within the community. In addition to his profession as a legislator, Umana maintains a law practice in East Boston. His practice consists mainly of civil and criminal cases. He said he will not be able to give much time to his practice this year because of his new responsibilities in the Senate.

Umana is married and has two daughters. One recently graduated from the University of Massachusetts and the other will be graduating this year. He lives at 117 Thurston St. and has lived in East Boston all of his life.

As a result of the January 8th meeting, letters from the president's office were sent to each of the East Boston agencies working with Wellesley students. The letters stressed the importance of periodic evaluations of the EB-Well program.

Miss Adams wants two committees, one within Wellesley College and one in East Boston to conduct these evaluations.

A meeting to discuss the program and set up the evaluation committee will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the EB-Well Center at 108 White Street.

MBTA Cuts continued

had recommended that the Bennington Street bus be rerouted to cover parts of Lexington Street.

The Bennington Street bus travels a block away from Lexington Street. Weinberg said he felt the people most in need of the Lexington Street run are old people, who would have to climb steep hills from Bennington in places. He said the Mayor's office, to his knowledge, made no recommendation on the Orient Heights and Chelsea runs.

Weinberg said he had studied the cuts and feels some were unjustified. "They could have chosen to reduce money by increasing productivity or rerouting lines," he said. "But they seemed to feel rerouting would involve too much work."

Weinberg said he was told the deadline for changes is Feb. 10, when the spring schedule goes to the printer.
City revokes First Realty's building permit

by Mossik Hacobian

The City of Boston Building Department has revoked the building permit for construction of a 10-story, 460-unit apartment building planned for the Chelsea end of Border Street by the First Realty Corporation, developers of Brandywyne Village in East Boston. The action came after two local groups and 10 East Boston residents brought suit against the department and the developer charging that the permit had been granted illegally.

The announcement came at a meeting held last Friday at Trinity Neighborhood House, 466 Meridian Street. About forty residents of the area near the site of the proposed development heard speakers from APAC (Area Planning Action Council) and the East Boston Neighborhood Council give a history of the suit and the choices facing the community.

It was stressed that neither the two groups party to the suit, nor the City of Boston, were opposed to housing on that site. The main objection is to the design of the building, which is "X"-shaped and 10 stories high. The groups also claim that Mr. Max Kargman, head of First Realty, has been reluctant to discuss the design of the building with the community.

First Realty is continuing site-preparation work on the site. Although the Building Department revoked the construction permit, First Realty still retains its foundation permit.

Local group views developer's other federal-funded projects in Boston

by Jim Baecker

The local Land Use and Master Planning Council met on Jan. 14 in East Boston High School to view slides of housing projects that were built in the Boston area. These projects were built under federal subsidized programs similar to the one First Realty Co. has proposed to build on Border Street. The project has been stalled by the city's building department.

Among federally funded projects in the Boston area, one closest in design to the proposed First Realty building is the 14-story project along Clear Pond Parkway. When photos were shown at the Land Use Council meeting, Anna De Fronzo commented that the building, "looks like a prison" and a similar one would look out of place next to the existing three-deckers on Eagle Hill.

The height of the building makes possible a large recreation area, but most of it will be used up by parking.

There are three elevators in the center of the building and a stairway on the end of each wing. The entrances to each apartment are off the single hallway that extends the entire length of the building.

Martin Coughlin said he preferred the Castle Square development, which was located next to the three-deckers.

The roof of the building consists of 500 apartments. This project consists of two-to seven-story buildings, with the three- and four-bedroom apartments being located solely in the two story building, where each apartment has a separate exterior entrance.

Edith De Angeli commented that the open spaces and trees at Castle Square were located next to the buildings, forming attractive backyards. Most of the cars are located in a three-story garage just off the street which reduces the land used for parking by one third and separates it from pedestrians.

Domenic Amara noted that the buildings in the Castle Square Development were arranged so that they blended in with the surrounding neighborhood. Three-story buildings were located next to the three-deckers nearby, while the seven-story buildings were located in the center of the project.

Clear Pond Parkway tower

Winter verses

Winter poetry from Level 10 of the Hugh Roe O'Donnell School, submitted by Grade 3 teacher Mary Ellen Welch:

Golden Eyes
Snowman's glistening eyes
like shiny gold
His nose is like burning gold
His mouth is a smiling sight
His feet are frosty cold
He can't stand the sun
And just hates the rain
by Robert Di Fabio

Snow
Snow is cold, and
Snow is ice
Snow is everything
But - nice!
by Gaspare Chirec

Winter
Winter is when
You go by a house
And an icicle falls
down on you.
by Richard Petrola

Skating
I like to skate.
I love to glide across the ice.
A friend of mine
Goes skating with me all the time.
by Scott McMenemy

Snow And Ice
Ice is nice
Snow is cold
But the worst thing of all
Is falling in a hole.
You might be wet
You might be cold
But when you go home
You will get scolded
by Robert Pisani
**Primo giardino d'infanzia nella zona conta ora 66 bambini**

Toddler's Workshop si trova al 408 Meridian Street, in una grande casa di tre piani. Il posto sembra ideale per bambini. Questo giardino d'infanzia è stato aperto il primo Settembre con 15 bambini ed ora ne conta il bel numero di 66.

La diretrice Dorothy Hodax, ha iniziato i lavori preliminari del primo di Aprile. Originale si è messa in contatto con agenzie governative come guella dell'Office Economic Opportunity, con la speranza di ottenere fondi per venire incontro alle spese d'apertura; ma non ottenendo alcun risultato ha allora chiesto ed ottenuto fondi privati.

Due persone che hanno contribuito al centro e che sono proprietari del fabbricato, hanno parte ora del Consiglio Direttivo assieme ad altre sei persone di Winthrop ed East Boston. La Signora Hodax è anche un membro del Consiglio Direttivo e spera in futuro di aggiungere altri 8 membri, genitori dei bambini che attendono questo asilo.

I bambini sono divisi in quattro classi, una classe per i bambini di cinque anni d'età, una classe per i bambini di quattro anni, e due classi per i bambini di tre anni. Però, se è necessario, la Signora Hodax ha messo in ennesi "Pensiamo fare dei cambiamenti da una classe all' altra quando le circostanze lo permettono." Generalmente ci sono tre maestri per ogni 15 bambini.

La Signora Hodax ha affermato che prima d'aprire Toddler's Workshop non erano altri asili in Winthrop, Chelsea, Revere ed East Boston. Toddler's può arruolare 80 bambini e serve le comunità soprannomeate perché queste comunità sono coinvolte nel programma di assistenza statale del Welfare che va sotto il nome di "WIN". Infatti questo programma "WIN" permette alle madri che ricevono assistenza sociale di apprendere un lavoro o di studiare e nello stesso tempo assorbe le spese per il mantenimento del bambino all' asilo.


La signora Hodax ha ricordato un caso particolare di una madre che non aveva potuto mandare bambino a questo asilo per $25 alla settimana senza ricorrere all' assistenza sociale ed inoltre avrebbe dovuto lasciare il suo lavoro.

In questo caso è stato deciso di far pagare a questa donna una rata minima per far si che lei potesse continuare a lavorare.
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LETTER

Save Summerthing

An open letter to the East Boston community:

Summerthing is coming before the City Council for a budget approval some time early in February. Several city councillors have expressed a desire to cut back all, or some of the city's financial support of the program. The city presently supplies two-thirds of Summerthing's total budget (the remaining one-third is from private contributions), and any cutback would drastically reduce, if not entirely eliminate the program.

The city's financial support of the program. The city presently supplies two-thirds of Summerthing's total budget (the remaining one-third is from private contributions), and any cutback would drastically reduce, if not entirely eliminate the program. Summerthing's budget represents only one-tenth of one penny per tax dollar.

If you would like to see Summerthing continue, it is essential to make your opinion heard. Write, calling, or visiting the city councillors as soon as possible. I thank you for your support.

Anita M. Sammartino Coordinator E.B. Summerthing

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Oldsters' Valentine party

The East Boston Recreation Advisory Council invites the senior citizens of East Boston to a Valentine's party on Friday, Feb. 12, at 1:00 p.m. The party will be at the Drop-In Center at the Library on Meridian Street. There will be refreshments and interesting company there.

Film, "The Chase"

Winterthing is sponsoring a film "The Chase, on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m., at the Orient Heights Social Center, 41 Vallor Rd. All are welcome and admission is free.

High school drug assembly

by Evelyn Spencer

On Tuesday, Jan 26 at East Boston High the Kiwanis Club and the Drug Clinic sponsored a drug assembly. Freshmen students gathered in the library to hear the two guest speakers, Buster Cammaldo and Jim Scal­fan. Jim Scalfani told the students many important facts behind the Drug Clinic at the Relief Station in East Boston.

The Clinic opened last August 3 and now has an enrollment of 250 hard heroin addicts. The staff consists of three psychiatric residents from City Hospital, two psychiatric nurses and four ex-addicts who are counsellors.

Buster spoke to the students of his experiences as an ex-addict. The students listened attentively and asked both speakers many questions. The Key Club distributed pamphlets (Deciding about Drugs) to the students at the assembly and to the entire school.

The Barnes presents "Oliver"

The Barnes School is presenting "Oliver" on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the school's auditorium. The cast consists of 65 students. Admission is 50 cents, and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Clean streets, good town

by Joe Porzio

Some attitudes are prevalent here that reveal disregard for neighbors and community. One in particular is lack of property maintenance. This leads outsiders to look upon our community as a slum. The negligence of one person, then, reflects on his neighbors.

Fostering this image further is the rubbish that's strewn in front of many homes before, during, and after collection each week. Would it not be best to put out the rubbish within a short time before pick up, rather than a day before, if possible? Also, to make certain enough barrels are used, and plastic bags tied firmly?

Since the motorized sweeper is unable to clean up adequately due to parked cars, it should then be the duty of landlords or tenants to clean up. Disconcertingly enough, because this is not done in a great many places, much of the debris remains for weeks.

And now, with winter upon us, we should become concerned about keeping our sidewalks and outer steps cleared of snow and ice. In doing so, we display an attitude of concern for others by lessening the danger of falling.
La Corte Suprema blocca il Port Authority

La Corte Suprema del Massachus- etts, riferendosi ad un atto della legislatura del 1964, ha stabilito che l'aeroporto di Logan non può approvvigionare il terreno al di là della parte ovest dell'aeroporto.

In una decisione giudiziaria recentemente pubblicata, il giudice R. Amr Cutter ha affermato che la corte non permetterà alla Mass. Port Authority di approvvigionare il Robie Industrial Park. Il Port Authority ha cercato di cedere terreno per appestare questo problema.

Riforme, un attentativo del contratto

Riferendosi alla commissione del MPA

La maggioranza dei direttori della commissione del Port Authority il 7 gennaio ha respinto un tentativo di maggiore cambiamenti nelle procedure del loro commercio.

Rev. Albert Sallese, membro della commissione, ha dichiarato che la commissione era impegnata in un'ampia riforma dei contratti di commissione del MPA. Ma quella riunione era stata una delle poche onde la giunta di pubblico ragione della commissione del MPA ha rivelato che le sue richieste per queste ed altre informazioni siano state respinte.

Accuse alle sessioni chiuse

Il frequenteuso della commissione per avere le sessioni chiuse è stato anche accusato da Sallese. Sulla sua mozione egli ha ricordato che le richieste aperte sono mancate dalla commissione. E ha detto che la commissione ha evitato la legge che richiede le sessioni aperte per andare a finire nel labirinto di quelle chiusa. Sallese ha domandato che avvenisse la sessione aperta.

Durante la precedente riunione della commissione del MPA, il 22 dicembre, membri della commissione, Edward C. Maher e Sallese accusavano la commissione della decisione di un milione e mezzo per completare il contratto con la Be Matteo Construction Co. Sallese ha questionato due contra- ti aggiudicati alla Perini Corp. Sallese ha domandato che ad ogni membro della commissione venga data una lista dei casi legali contro l'autorità. Inoltre ha ricordato che le ripetute sessioni chiuse per appiattire la sessione aperta. E ha detto che la commissione in esecuzione del suo dovere non può permangere tale usura.

Il prossimo spettacolare evento

Il locale pubblico di lotta libera sarà presentato da Boston Garden dal “Promoter Abe Ford” sabato prossimo, 6 febbraio alla 1:30 del pomeriggio.

L'evento principale sarà un match fra Bruno Sammartino e Beepo Mongol. Poiché il Black Demon s'incontra con John Turko, che rappresenta l'Authority, con Tony Marino, Pedro Morales con il Wolfman, Gene Du Bois e John Klopoff.

Questo programma dovrebbe risultare molto interessante dal principio alla fine.

Dichiarazioni dei Consigliari Comunali

su programma Little City Halls

Il bilancio per il programma dei “Little City Halls” sembra in crisi quando dovrà essere approvato dal Consiglio Comunale durante il mese di febbraio.

Il Sindaco di Boston, Kevin White, quando l'ha firmato, ha dichiarato che il bilancio fiscale per il “Little City Hall”, verso i primi di febbraio, dovrà di ridurre le spese del 25 per cento.

Il bilancio per l'anno 1970 era di 1 milione e cento mila dollari ($1 milione). La disminuzione di due terzi dei voti (sei voti su nove) necessaria a ritenere tale programma non sembra assicurata.

Dichiarazioni fatte dai Consigliari Comunali rivelano quanto circoscriva sia la situazione dei “Little City Halls”.

Christopher Iannella afferma, "l’intero programma dei mini City Halls dovrebbe essere eliminato perché la città non può permettersi tale lusso.

John Saltonstall ha dichiarato, "Io non voterò a favore dei Little City Halls a meno che uno studio completo sia fatto da parte di un'agenzia indipendente." 

Joseph Timothy è stato sempre contrario a questi Little City Halls.

Louise Day Hicks invece è favore di Little City Hall di East Boston elettrora in caso di necessità.

Tom Atkins afferma che il programma del Little City Hall di East Boston è migliore esistente nella città.

Fred Langone dichiara che il Little City Halls sono un mezzo di comunicazione efficace soggetto però a miglioramento.

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