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MEMORIAL RALLY SCHEDULED

As the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the 50 states was published on January 22, 1973, this date will be observed formally in many different ways:

DETROIT will be the scene -- at KENNEDY SQUARE -- of a memorial rally at 2 P.M. on Sunday, January 20. Scheduled to last one hour, it will be addressed by notables in the state. We urge all sympathizers in southeastern Michigan to attend. Your presence will cast many votes for Life. It is imperative that there be a large turnout. Check your church office to find out if a bus to the rally is available in your area.

Various religious groups will be observing the occasion in prayerful ways. St. Scholastica's Church, 8201 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, will be the setting for an all night prayer vigil, starting at midnight of January 21 and lasting until midnight of January 22. They are anxious to have worshippers to spend an hour or two in prayer.



National: Delegations from the states, including a group of over 50 from Michigan, will fly into the Capitol to meet with their representatives and take part in a demonstration to ring the Capitol Building in the afternoon. The National Student Pro-Life Coalition will conduct a concert-rally that evening as the airplane delegations fly home. At the same time, at least 11,000 roses (the rose being a symbol of life), paid for by Life sympathizers around the country, will be delivered to senators and congressmen throughout the day to remind them to become active in the movement for a human life amendment.

NATIONAL PRO-LIFE PAPER

Herewith you will receive a copy of the first issue of the National Right to Life Newspaper. This publication will be coming out on a monthly basis and will be included in your membership to National Right to Life.

The first issue is complimentary. We think you will find the newspaper informative and urge you to subscribe.

STATE ORGANIZATION UPDATE

Michigan Citizens for Life, the statewide coalition for right to life groups in Michigan, has announced its program of action for 1974. Following the year's first meeting of the Michigan Citizens for Life Executive Committee, Circuit Judge James L. Ryan, Chairman of MCL, announced the formation of seven standing committees designed to effectively implement the mission of MCL to advance the respect for life cause throughout the state. The Executive Committee has approved the chairman's appointments to the following committees: Political Action, Legislative, Editorial, Organizational, Legal Advisory, Educational, and Finance. Committee appointments have been made of pro-life citizens residing throughout the state.

Judge Ryan announced that MCL was sponsoring two public gatherings on Sunday, January 20, designed to memorialize the infamy of the U. S. Supreme Court decision of January 22, 1973, which struck down as unconstitutional all state laws protecting the unborn. Those public gatherings are scheduled for Grand Rapids on the west side of the state and Kennedy Square in Detroit. Invitations have been extended to all members of the Michigan Congressional delegation as well as members of the state legislature, members of the state judiciary, and other prominent citizens to attend either the Grand Rapids or Detroit rally.

The directors of MCL are confident that countless thousands of Michigan citizens are anxious to publicly express their opposition to abortion on demand as authorized by the Supreme Court, just as the opposition of over a million Michigan voters was expressed at the ballot box in November of 1972.

Additional programs MCL will undertake in 1974 include a stepped-up educational agenda to tell the pro-life story in high schools, colleges, & universities, and to make respect for life literature available in the state's public libraries. Also, MCL is carefully watching the developing political races for Congress in the 5th, 6th, & 8th Congressional districts where new Congressmen are expected to be elected this year.

Judge Ryan said: "Just as 1973 was a year for organization of MCL & the consolidation of the state's many pro-life organizations, 1974 is a year for action in which MCL's primary goal will be to see the emergence from the U. S. Congress of a suitable pro-life constitutional amendment to be submitted to the several legislatures in the nation for approval. Across the nation whenever asked to approve abortion on demand, America's voters have overwhelmingly rejected it. We are equally confident that just as the vast majority of the electorate in this nation has rejected stilling the hearts of the unborn, their elected representatives in the state legislatures will correspondingly reflect the public will by approving an appropriate right to life constitutional amendment. We intend to see it done."

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LOCAL ORGANIZATION UPDATE

After hundreds of phone calls and many letters, we are pleased to announce that LIFESPAN is being effectively restructured through the appointment of Area Chairmen. At this writing, 32 are serving in Wayne County, 28 in Oakland County, and 20 in Macomb County. They will coordinate all activities relating to the Life effort--letter writing, fund raising, publicity, tellchain, education, and membership--under the general leadership of the county organizations.

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SENATOR JAMES I. BUCKLEY - AMENDMENT SECTION 193, CO-SPONSORED BY SENATOR CARL T. CURTIS, R. NEVADA. URGE FULL APPROVAL!!!

November 30, 1973...Senator James L. Buckley, Conservative, N.Y., offered a further amendment to H.R. 3153 (Social Security Amendment 1973). As follows...

"Prohibition of Federal Funding For Abortions under Medicaid. Sec. 193. None of the funds under title 19 may be used for the performance of abortions."

The fate of this amendment is still to be determined. The decision rests with fourteen Congressmen, named at the end of this article. What they do will depend upon the number of letters and visits they receive.

In a December 6 memorandum entitled "EMERGENCY ACTION!", Lawrence Lader, Chairman of the Board of the National Association for Repeal of Abortion Laws (which, by the way, has just changed its name to the National Abortion Rights Action League), issued the following call to arms for pro-abortionists:

"We face the worst crisis yet. The Buckley amendment...has gone to the joint Senate-House Conference Committee.

"The Buckley amendment cuts off all Medicaid funds for abortion...It is the most devastating blow yet to the U.S. Supreme Court decision.

"To stop the Buckley Amendment, we must flood members of the Conference Committee with letters and telegrams. From the enclosed list of Conference members, pick the Senators and Congress members in your state. Get your organization-and all organizations you can contact-to flood them with letters, telegrams, phone calls...Be sure to work with abortion clinics in your area-to get the women going through the procedure to write letters on the spot."

May we urge pro-lifers to be at least as diligent in support of the Buckley Amendment by addressing these members of the Senate-House conference Committee:

Congressmen: Al Ullman, D. Oregon. James Burke, D. Mass. Martha Griffiths, D. Mich. Dan Rostenkowski, D. Illinois. Herman Schneebeli, R. Penn. Harold Collier, R. Illinois. Joel Broyhill, R. Virginia. Senators: Russell Long, D. Louisiana. Herman Talmadge, D. Georgia. Abraham Ribicoff, D. Conn. Walter Mondale, D. Minn. Wallace Bennett, R. Utah. Carl Curtis, R. Nebraska. Paul Fannin, R. Arizona.

PROPOSED HUMAN LIFE AMENDMENT NEARING FINAL FORM

On January 18, 1974, the Legal Advisory Committee of the National Right to Life Committee, which includes lawyers and law professors from all over the nation, will be meeting to prepare a final draft for a Constitutional Amendment that will include the best elements of all the proposed Human Life Amendments that have been introduced in Congress to date.

This is being done so that Right to Life groups may concentrate their efforts on one viable proposal; thereby adding additional thrust to the passage of an Amendment protecting human life at all stages of development.

It is hoped that the Amendment will be ready on the first anniversary of the infamous U.S. Supreme Court decision of January 22, 1973, and that the new wording can be announced on that day this year.

MEMORIALS APPRECIATED

Grateful appreciation is extended to Madelyn Satwicz for requesting that memorial gifts be addressed to Lifespan, at the time of her husband's death in October.

This thoughtfulness on Madelyn's part at a time of deep grief, resulted in Lifespan's receiving a generous Memorial Fund in the name of Thomas J. Satwicz.

We can find no more fitting way to remember the dead than by helping in the cause of life.

NEW LIFESPAN OFFICE

A new main office for Lifespan will open in a few weeks at 7152 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48210. The new phone number will be - PLEASE NOTE - 841-9366.

A "show" to benefit the new office will be held at the regular February Lifespan General Meeting, Monday, February 18 at 8 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Activities Bldg., Farmington Rd. at 5 Mile, Livonia. Please bring office supplies such as paper clips, staplers and staples, scissors, letter openers, etc. or any other small office equipment you are willing to donate.

HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT CONSCIENCE BILL SIGNED INTO LAW

On December 21 Governor William Millikin signed Senate Bill #156 into Michigan law. This highly significant piece of legislation contains the language of the conscience clause proposals supported by Michigan Right to Life organizations.

Key provisions of this Bill protect doctors, nurses, and medical personnel from having to participate in abortions and most significantly, medical institutions. The law provides that any hospital or clinic may refuse to do abortions on moral grounds.

You will be interested to know the names of our Michigan legislators who voted against protection for those who do not wish to participate in abortions.

State House: Perry Bullard, D, Ann Arbor
Joseph Forbes, D, Oak Park
Charles Harrison, D, Pontiac

Lynn Jondahl, D, E. Lansing
Earl Nelson, D, Lansing
Jackie Vaughn III, D, Detroit
Howard Wolpe, D, Kalamazoo

State Senate: William Ballenger, R, Lansing
Gilbert Bursley, R, Ann Arbor
Daniel Cooper, D, Oak Park
Alvin DeGrow, R, Pigeon

Jack Faxon, D, Detroit
James Gray, D, Lansing
Robert Richardson, R, Saginaw
Gordon Rockwell, R, Flushing

If your legislators' names do not appear above, it means that they voted for protection.

NEEDLEWORK ANYONE?

Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting afghans for Lifespan fund raising projects, call Dene Wilkinson at 349-7708. (We pay for materials.)

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