

BELGIAN CATHOLICS STAGE MASS PROTEST:

In stifling summer heat, a quarter of a million Belgian Catholics march through the streets of Brussels to protest against the Government's Education Bill, now being considered by the Belgian Senate.

The demonstration is organized by the Christian Social Party, who claim that the Bill, with its limitations on the subsidizing of private schools, is a "deadly menace" to Catholic education. The demonstrators carrying banners urging the Senate to vote "No" march past Party chief Thee Lefevre, and other Catholic leaders.

Government supporters say the bill will restore the balance between State and Catholic schools. But though feelings run high, both Parties have agreed to ban counter-demonstrations.