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Fight Assembly O. K. of 'Child Labor' Ban; Substitute Offered

Todd Bill Would Achieve Real Child Labor Abolishment Action Seen Assembly To Vote Next Week Following Senate Approval

As opponents to the so-called child labor amendment moved to block ratification of the measure by the assembly despite senate approval, Assemblywoman Jane Todd yesterday introduced a substitute plan which would bar the sale of goods made by child labor.

At the same time the legislature was asked to memorialize congress to adopt a similar plan which would prevent interstate transportation of child labor made goods as a substitute for the proposed constitutional amendment now approved by twenty-five states.

If the so-called child labor amendment approved by the senate gets a favorable vote in the assembly, ratification by only ten more states is necessary to write the measure into our federal constitution.

Reason for Opposition The New York State Catholic Welfare Conference, which favors the Todd plan, is opposed to ratification of the other amendment because it is an unsound remedy for child labor evils, would give the federal government unbridled control over 40,000,000 young people and menace family and parental rights.

Under the Todd bill to amend the general business law, provision is made that: "No goods, wares or merchandise manufactured, produced or mined wholly or in part by child labor in any state shall be sold in this state to any person, firm, association or corporation."

The "child labor" in the Todd bill means (a) males under sixteen years of age or females under eighteen years of age who are employed or permitted to work in or in connection with the manufacture, production or mining of any goods, wares or merchandise or (b) persons under eighteen years of age who are employed or permitted to work in or in connection with any mine or quarry.

Substitute for Amendment The Todd act provides that a violation constitutes a misdemeanor. It is to become effective January 1, 1938.

Under the companion Todd proposal, Congress would be authorized by the legislature to pass a law which would prohibit interstate commerce in child labor products. This measure would be similar to the law recently upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court which forbids interstate traffic in convict-manufactured goods.

The age limitations are the same as those proposed in the amendment to the general state business law. The Rochester Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women has gone on record against this amendment approved by the senate at its recent Monroe County's five assemblies in an attempt to get them to vote against ratification when the measure comes up for action next week.

Similar action has been taken by the Rochester Diocesan Section, Diocesan Holy Name Union and the Rochester branches, Catholic Central Verein of America, and National Catholic Women's Union.

Give Unlimited Power Catholics in general are opposed to this sweeping amendment because of the unlimited power given congress over control of the children and because child labor can be stamped out by state legislation and the principle of the Ashurst-Summers Act under which interstate transportation of child made goods could be outlawed.

Senate Vote a Surprise The action of the senate in approving the amendment by 28 to 12 vote Tuesday came as a surprise. Plans had been made previously with the assembly to have joint hearings on the proposal before the judiciary committees of both houses.

Instead of giving this opportunity to opponents of the amendment, the assembly, the senate rammed through the amendment Tuesday evening. A resolution by Senator Kleinfeld, of the Democratic majority, went to the floor of the senate for action instead of being sent to the Committee on the Whole, which is the usual procedure.

Assembly To Act There, although antised opponents objected to passage on the grounds that it gave the federal government too much control over

Communism Breeds Fascism, Charges Monsignor Sheen

(In a recent issue of the "Daily Worker", Communist newspaper, eight questions were asked of Monsignor Sheen, internationally-known writer and orator. In reply, Monsignor Sheen answers each question with facts taken from Communist sources. This, the third article of a series of six comprising his reply, tells why he and other Catholics refuse to join with the Communists in fighting off the menace of Fascism.)

By Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, Ph.D., S.T.D., LL.D. Question 3. Why not cooperate with the Communists against that slimy movement which breeds off imperialism and war, shouting its war cries to the world—Fascism?

Because Communism can be just as "slimy" as Fascism and sometimes more "slimy." Because I am not a Communist, it does not follow that I am a Fascist, any more than because I am not an ardent hockey fan, therefore, I am a fanatic about bridge.

Communism and Fascism are not mutually exclusive systems as anti-propaganda would have simple souls believe. Communism and Fascism are fruits of the same tree of the Totalitarian State, and agree in these two important errors: (1) Disregard for the absorption of the individual into the Omnipotent State; (2) suppression of minorities, denial of freedom of the press, radio and rival parties.

Important Differences There are, it is true, some important differences between Communism and Fascism and Nazism, and they are that the latter two do not necessarily believe in confiscation of property, nor in atheism.

This is an extremely important point and I am very glad you asked the question, because it gives an opportunity to clarify the atmosphere. Since the Seventh Anti-Communist writer, Dimitroff and others decided to launch a campaign against Fascism, Communism and its press have attempted to create the impression that unless she would become a Communist, it will become Fascist.

In one part of your article you even go so far as to suggest that "unless we become Communists we will be the victims of the Black Legion." Well, after the manner of God grant that the Black Legion inflict the suffering, for their atrocities pale into insignificance, as I shall show later, compared to what humanity has suffered at the hands of Communists.

Facts Propaganda But to return to the point. We do not become Fascists if we do not become Communists. We might become a dozen or more different systems of another quite different kind, but we do not become Fascists or Nazis or Communists.

Many American people have been fooled by this false propaganda, that is why those who favor one form of dictatorship ignore the dictatorship of another, quite forgetful that Hitler and Stalin, for example, are both dictators.

The sympathizers with Italy are outraged by German persecutions of the sympathizers with Hitler are scandalized by Stalin's denunciations and Communist sympathizers are horrified at both. The Catholic Church always comes in between the fire of both. The Communists accuse the Church of being the "spearghead of Fascism" and the Nazis, on the other hand, in their official organ Der Angriff say the purpose of Cardinal Pacelli's visit to the United States was part of a system to prevent the spread of Nazism.

Three Kinds of Hoax Albert Joy, Nock put this position rather strongly: "When we talk about Communism, Fascism and Nazism as if they stood for three different things—which most of us do—we are talking nonsense. They are three kinds of hoax—standing for the same thing—Atheism."

So if we want to know what is really taking place in Europe, it is not a conflict of creeds or ideas. Not even in Spain is there any such conflict; the conflict there is between two sets of merchandise controlled by the Spanish taxing machine, and

Catholic Action School To Be Held In Buffalo ST. LOUIS—Three Summer Schools of Catholic Action for this year have been announced by the Sodality of Our Lady, the sponsoring organization, from its Central Office here.

The first school is scheduled for New Orleans, August 2-7 inclusive, to be followed by one in Buffalo, August 16-21, and the final school in Chicago, August 23 to September 4. Tentative arrangements are being made for a fourth school in Toronto, August 23-28.

Propose Aid From State For Schools

Use of Public Schools For Religious Instructions Amendment Aim

Albany—Two constitutional amendments—one to provide state aid for private and parochial schools and the other to permit the use of public schools for religious instructions to public school children—were proposed to the State Legislature this week.

Both proposals were referred to the Assembly and Senate Judiciary committees. If reported out and passed by both houses, they must be acted upon again by the Legislature meeting January 1, 1938, under the provisions of the State Constitution.

A proposal to amend the state education law to provide for the use of public schools for the religious instruction of public school children and the furnishing of such a record to the representative of the same religious faith to which the student belongs is made in a bill introduced in the Assembly.

The Howard Proposal Under the proposed constitutional amendment introduced in the Senate by Senator Howard, section No. 1 of article No. 9 of the State Constitution is amended to read as follows:

"The state or any subdivision thereof, may use its property or credit or any public money, or authorize or permit either to be used directly or indirectly in aid or maintenance of the secular education including examination or inspection of any school or institution of secular learning wholly or in part under the control or direction of any religious denomination or in which any denominational tenet or doctrine is taught."

Present Language This section now reads that "Neither the state nor any subdivision thereof shall use its property or credit or any public money or authorize or permit either to be used directly or indirectly in aid or maintenance other than for examination or inspection, of any school or institution of learning wholly or in part under the control or direction of any religious denomination or in which any denominational tenet or doctrine is taught."

The proposed amendment to section No. 9 of the State Constitution, which would allow the use of public schools for religious instruction, was introduced by Senator McLaughlin as a concurrent resolution of the Senate and Assembly.

Religious Instruction The proposal, also an amendment to section No. 9 of the State Constitution, allows the Legislature to authorize "religious training for pupils in schools or institutions of learning, supported in whole or in part by public funds, which shall be given to pupils professing the same religious faith, designated by duly constituted religious bodies."

The religious training offered shall be afforded at the time a pupil is attending public school and the instructors shall receive no compensation from public moneys, according to the proposed amendment.

At the present time, Catholic children attending public schools must be brought to a parochial school or other parochial institution to receive religious instruction. This procedure is now being followed in Rochester where there are 8,000 such children.

The proposed amendment would

Open Manila Congress As 100,000 Pray

Luneta Park Jammed As Cardinal Legate Opens Ceremonies

By PABLO S. KATIGRAK (Special Correspondent, N. C. W. C. NEWS SERVICE)

MANILA—Feb. 4—Amid scenes unprecedented in this, the only Christian country in the Orient, scenes impressive for the cosmopolitan nature of those participating and for the lavish display of floral decoration, flags and bunting, but most impressive for the deep devotion displayed by the throngs attending, the Thirty-third International Eucharistic Congress in Manila's colorful Luneta Park opened yesterday with all the pomp that ever accompanies these great world demonstrations of love for the Blessed Sacrament.

With His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Papal Legate and Archbishop of Philadelphia, presiding, the opening ceremonies in the Luneta yesterday were attended by the greatest throng ever assembled in Manila, estimated at approximately 100,000 souls.

Present were dignitaries of the Church and other pilgrims from all parts of the world.

Mark Women's Day Equally impressive was the observance of "Women's Day" today, also in the Luneta, when Solenn Mass was offered up by the Most Rev. Januarius Hayastan, Bishop of Nagasaki, Japan, and the sermon of the occasion was delivered by the Most Rev. Gabriel M. Reyes Archbishop of Cebu, Philippines.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 women assembled to pay homage to their Eucharistic King.

The events of Tuesday, the day preceding the formal opening of the Congress, included two receptions in honor of the Papal Legate and his suite, the first at the Luneta, and a State reception at Malacanang Palace, residence of the President of the Philippine Commonwealth.

From the far-flung islands of the Philippine archipelago, tens of thousands of the Faithful Wednesday afternoon acclaimed the Eucharistic King amid scenes of great devotion and reverence as the congress was formally opened.

The Most Rev. Thomas L. Hayden, Bishop of Namur, Belgium, and President of the Permanent Committee of Eucharistic Congresses, read the Papal Brief, and His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, Papal Legate to the Manila Congress, addressed the vast throng.

The Most Rev. Michael J. O'Doherty, Archbishop of Manila and sponsor of the Congress, made reply to the salutation of the Cardinal Legate.

World Wide Broadcast Loavespices were installed at the strategic points on the vast park to enable thousands who were seated far away from the center of activity to hear the various addresses.

Millions who were unable to come to Manila to attend the Congress from the provinces were able to hear the proceedings through their radio sets as every important part of the ceremony was broadcast from the stage of Sarsary by staff commentators of Radio Manila Station KRM.

The broadcast was relayed across

People Of Diocese Pouring Thousands Into Flood Funds

FLOOD ENGULFS CHURCH

City Total Above The \$3,000 Mark; Organizations Responding Relief Leaders

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For The Flood Sufferers. The following contributions from Catholic Churches and organizations were reported to the Rochester Chapter American Red Cross. And in all contribution records for publication in the COURIER.

U. S. EDUCATION DEPT. PROPOSED PONTIFF SHOWS STEADY GAINS

WASHINGTON—Establishment by the President of a Department of Education and Public Welfare to promote, aid, encourage and develop the education and public welfare facilities of the nation is provided for a bill introduced in Congress by Senator E. A. Tamm of Utah.

ORTHODOX LEADERS HINDER CONCORDAT VIENNA The protest raised by the Orthodox Church against the Concordat between the Holy See and Yugoslavia, which was submitted to the Belgrade Parliament by the Stojadinovic Government, is proving to be a serious impediment to the early passing of the treaty so long demanded by the Catholics of Yugoslavia.

NEW FAITH PROPAGATION SECRETARY IS APPOINTED PHILADELPHIA—The Rev. John J. McKenna, Director of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, has been named National Secretary of the Society. It has been announced here.