

U. S. CATHOLIC PRESS OPENS MEET HERE

'Reds' Routed From School Doors Here

Fail in Attempt To Distribute Handbills To Students Of Aquinas, Nazareth and Mercy — Priest Balks First Move — Aquinas Students Act

Four Communist attempts to distribute handbills to the students of Rochester's three Catholic high schools were thwarted yesterday and today.

As a result of the Communist's appeal to Catholic youth to join the "universal living wage" movement, the Communist question at Convention Hall tonight was thwarted.

Yesterday afternoon two young men, carrying the handbills, appeared outside Nazareth Academy. A priest happened along and reminded them that they were violating the law by distributing handbills without a permit and the pair left before a single handbill reached any Nazareth girl.

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DeValera Disowns Fr. O'Flanagan

Says Suspended Priest Has No Connection With The Irish Government

The Rev. Michael O'Flanagan scheduled to speak here tonight at Convention Hall on Spain is not only a suspended priest but is not a member of the De Valera Government as announced in advance notices of the meeting in the press.

This was confirmed Thursday morning at 7:30 o'clock when the Rev. Dr. Henry Dillon, priest of the Diocese of Elmore, Ireland and now assistant professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Bernard's Seminary received the following telegram from Ireland:

"FATHER O'FLANAGAN NOT A MEMBER OF OUR GOVERNMENT."

(Signed) DE VALERA

To learn the truth about Father O'Flanagan's connection with the De Valera government as advertised by the Rochester Branch of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, sponsoring his talk, Father Dillon called President DeValera on Wednesday.

To clarify the status of Father O'Flanagan of Ireland, and to correct erroneous impressions made by announcements of his coming here in speak tonight at Convention Hall, statements to the press were issued this week by the Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Zwierlein of St. Bernard's Seminary and Rochester Council No. 178, Knights of Columbus.

Father O'Flanagan was announced in the press and in letters sent out as a Catholic priest coming to speak in behalf of medical aid for the Basque Catholics.

Facilities Withdrawn

Last week it was stated at the Chancery Office that Father O'Flanagan's facilities were reported withdrawn by his Bishop in Elphin, Ireland and that he is in the position of a suspended priest.

Denial by Father O'Flanagan that he is under suspension brought a statement from Doctor Zwierlein that his denial "does not clear him of being a discredited priest in Ireland now, no matter what his record was before in the Irish Republican movement."

"The NCWC News Service," Dr. Zwierlein stated, "cabled to the Bishop of Elphin, Ireland, to obtain official information on the standing of Father O'Flanagan in his own diocese, and the cablegram received declared:

"All diocesan facilities withdrawn from Father O'Flanagan April 1935 by Bishop of Elphin. These facilities never since restored to him by Bishop."

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C. P. A. CONVENTION HOST



Welcomes U. S. Catholic Press to City THE MOST REV. EDWARD MOONEY

ARCHBISHOP MOONEY, Rochester, N. Y.

On the occasion of the Catholic Press Association convention, the Holy Father bestows on Your Excellency and those participating in the convention his apostolic benediction and pledges abundant grace, and encouragement in the unselfish labors of those who work in the cause of truth and charity.

CARDINAL PACELLI.

FLAYS SPONSORS MSGR. RYAN TO SPEAK OF 'RED' RALLY ON 'RED' ENCYCICAL

CINCINNATI — Sponsors of a meeting of the Cincinnati Branch of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy were severely criticized in a statement issued by the Very Rev. Magr. Frank A. Thill, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, who charged that the sponsors were "friends of Communism."

"That three Jewish rabbis notably one whose very long experience and many services to the community entitled him to the consideration and respect of all groups that ministers of religion are professors and instructors of the University of Cincinnati and a Jewish writer in our daily press should unite with Communists and those of Communist tendencies can only astonish all the restrained and informed citizens of our community," the statement said.

"Those sponsoring the committee to aid the so-called Spanish democracy at the Emory Auditorium meeting are either ignorant or in favor of the Communist government of Spain. Are the rabbis, ministers of religion, and professors of the University of Cincinnati opposed to the position of our Government, or are they deceived so that they really think they are advancing democracy by helping the Communist government of Spain?"

Maryknoll Superior on Visit LOS ANGELES — On a tour of the Maryknoll missions of the United States, the Most Rev. James E. Walsh, M.M., Superior General of the American Catholic Mission Society, visited the procure here.

Fr. Relix Preparing New Broadcast Series

PILOT GROVE, MO — Having met with success in his "Little Talks About God," which are now running weekly on 20 radio stations throughout the nation, the Rev. Richard Felix, O.S.B. of St. Joseph's Church, here, is preparing a new series of broadcasts.

The underlying idea of these new programs is to explain the true facts of the Catholic religion in a manner that will appeal to the ordinary person in the rural sections and smaller cities where bigotry and misunderstanding are most rampant.

Father Duff Named U. S. Fleet Chaplain

WASHINGTON — After several years as Head of the Chaplains' Division, United States Navy, the Rev. Edward A. Duff, at his own request, has applied for sea duty and has been assigned as Fleet Chaplain of the United States Fleet.

He will report to the Fleet in July. He will supervise the work of Navy Chaplains afloat, which is the counterpart of the position he held ashore.

Fr. Bresnihan Resigns At St. Bridget's

In Ill Health For Two Years; Father Neagle Named Administrator

The Chancery Office today announced the resignation of the Rev. John J. Bresnihan, pastor of St. Bridget's Church in East Street.

Father Bresnihan has been in ill health for the past two years and as a result has been unable to fulfill the duties of his office.

The Rev. Ralph Neagle, assistant pastor at St. Bridget's, has been named administrator of the parish pending the appointment of a pastor next month.

In asking The Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, to accept his resignation, Father Bresnihan pointed out that he felt the physical condition of his health does not warrant him attempting the tremendous task of reconditioning the interior of St. Bridget's following Saturday's disastrous fire.

Father Bresnihan has been named pastor emeritus of St. Bridget's and will continue to live in the parish he has served as pastor for the past twenty-three years.

Father Bresnihan's health to regain his health received a serious setback a year ago in an accident when he suffered severe injuries in an automobile accident.

Ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 30, 1894, Father Bresnihan's first assignment was at St. Bridget's Church as assistant to the Rt. Rev. Magr. Thomas A. Hendricks, D.D., who later became Bishop of Cebu in the Philippine Islands.

From St. Bridget's Father Bresnihan served as pastor of churches in Churchillville and Chillicothe, Mo. In January 1914, he was named pastor of St. Bridget's and has served in that capacity ever since.

The new administrator of St. Bridget's, Father Neagle, was ordained to the priesthood on June 8, 1891. Following service as assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church he was named assistant to Father Bresnihan in June, 1925.

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Holy Father Cables His Blessings

First National Catholic Press Convention Attention At Delegates From All Parts of the Country Gather

Faced with scores of the most important questions in every line of Catholic journalism.

As the delegates prepared to meet this evening, the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester and Episcopal Vicar of the Diocese of Rochester, presiding over the convention, expressed his warm congratulations to the delegates and his confidence in the success of the convention.

Attention of the delegates was called to the fact that the First National Catholic Press Convention is the first of its kind ever held in this country.

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