

School Bus Situation

(An Editorial)

During the past week the diocesan superintendent of schools received word that the local Board of Education has decided to discontinue bus service for all pupils attending Catholic Schools. This action was determined by reason of an opinion of the law division of the State Board of Regents to the effect that the local Board is not justified in transporting any non public school children, even to and from the Dental Dispensary.

This opinion is quite in accord with the narrow decision of Judge Rippey given last May which declared the Kelly-McCreery Law to be in violation of both the letter and the spirit of the State Constitution. The Rippey decision, however, was not unanimous; it was four to three. There is sound reason, therefore, for holding that the Kelly-McCreery Law was not in violation of the letter and the spirit of the Constitution.

If the letter of Section IX, paragraph 4 of the State Constitution is pushed to an illogical conclusion, there will be no limit to State monopoly of education. Education will be free only in name—certainly not for parents to choose the kind of education for their children that conscience dictates. If the letter is pushed beyond reason, some conscientious objector may cry "State aid for religious schools" when the snow-plover removes the snow from the sidewalk in front of a religious public school, or when a fireman or a policeman helps the children across the street near a religious public school. Many humorous conclusions might be thought of if one pushes the letter of the Constitution too far. But the whole affair ceases to be humorous when thousands of tax payers must come across with taxes for which they can receive no return.

When the narrow Rippey decision was handed down last May declaring the Bus Law unconstitutional, New York City proceeded to provide bus transportation for children attending religious public schools in the few cases where it is necessary, thereby performing a service formerly afforded by the City Board of Education.

Will the City of Rochester consider a similar course?

Or must the children attending the religious public schools in Rochester await the outcome of the people's decision in November on the State Constitution amendments? If the amendments are turned down by the people, then Catholic pupils will be in the position of years ago before an attempt was made to right an injustice.

N. C. W. C. LAUNCHES MOVE TO BRING TRUTH TO NATION'S NON-CATHOLICS

NAZI EXPULSION OF PRELATE HELD FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF CONCORDAT

AMSTERDAM (NC-Cable) — In flagrant violation of the solemn Concordat with the Holy See, the authorities of the State of Wurtemberg, Germany, have formally expelled from his diocese the Most Rev. Johannes Baptista Sproll, Bishop of Rottenburg.

Bishop Sproll incurred the displeasure of the Nazi regime by his refusal to cast a ballot in the recent national plebiscite, because he felt he could not vote for a Government openly hostile to the Christian Faith.

Forced From Home

The object of slander and even bodily violence on the part of storm troopers who staged repeated demonstrations against him, while the police refused to interfere, Bishop Sproll is now forced to leave his home State and diocese where he enjoys the respect and loving allegiance of all the faithful, because the Nazi authorities refuse to offer him the respect and protection to which every citizen is legally entitled.

The police had tried to prevail upon him in order to have him leave on his own initiative, but the Bishop refused.

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Justice and formal agreements have been violated by the expulsion of the Most Rev. Johannes Baptista Sproll, Bishop of Rottenburg, Germany, from a Nazi State, it is asserted in Observations Romanas in a note in which the editor comments upon this development.

The action taken against Bishop Sproll is an act of violence, so much the more serious because the Concordat between the Holy See and Germany safeguards ecclesiastical authority and the exercise of it by the clergy.

Before leaving Rottenburg, Observations reveals, Bishop Sproll called together the members of the chapter and declared to them that he was giving way only in the face of violence.

The complaint against Bishop Sproll is in no way a participation in the plebiscite of April 10, 1933, or the vote of the German people on the Nazi constitution. It is a violation of the Concordat which guarantees religious rights and liberty.

From April onward, Observations declares, most seriously hostile manifestations were repeated against Bishop Sproll until he was compelled to leave Rottenburg and go to Freiburg. When the situation seemed to have calmed down, the Bishop returned and resumed his pastoral mission only to find that the opposition began again and that the violence there were public demonstrations against the Bishop, being carried out by the Nazi youth and while the Blessed Sacrament was exposed, as happened in the Bishop's chapel on July 23. All this was held up as a sign of the peculiar indignation against the Bishop, who in reality the enormous majority of the population abstained from these violent and sacrilegious demonstrations.

The pastoral points out that the Government is actively engaged in destroying the Church in order to eradicate all Christian traditions from the souls of the people and to replace them with teachings which completely ignore man's eternal destiny.

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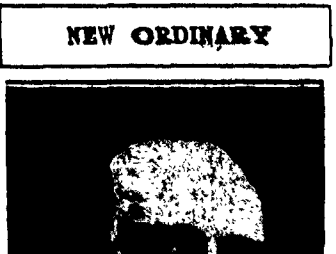
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Blame Put On Self-Styled Liberals For Retarding Needed Social Reforms



MONS. F. A. THILL

NEW ORDINARY PLANS TO CONQUER GREED SIDETRACKED BY PSEUDO 'PROPHETS' AVERS MSGR. READY

CLEVELAND—So-called liberals are today those chiefly responsible for retarding necessary reforms and improvements of social conditions in work and living, the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Thill, newly appointed Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, declared here before the thirtieth annual convention of the International Federation of Catholic Alumni.

While denouncing the "tyranny of greed," Monsignor Thill, who has been named Bishop of Concordia, Ia., declared that they have helped to stop an orderly, progressive and developmental improvement in social conditions.

His remarks were followed with a review of recent achievements in the field of social welfare and with praise for the part the National Catholic School of Social Service, sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Bishops, has played in arousing a national Catholic consciousness toward social problems.

"The impact of accumulated social abuses," Monsignor Thill said, "is to bring to the attention of the people the need for social reforms."

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The Bishop is inviting all diocesan as well as industrial leaders, businessmen, labor leaders and laboring men and women to be present.

Sermon for the occasion will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. John P. Boland, chairman of the New York State Labor Relations Board. A former national representative of the National Labor Relations Board, Dr. Boland is widely known in this city having been here on several occasions to effect settlements in labor disputes. He is an authority on the Labor Relations Act and their application to current problems.

Assisting the Bishop in the Mass will be Auxiliary Priest, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. William M. Hart, V. G.; Deacons of Honor, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. George V. Burns, and the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joseph S. Cameron; Deacons of the Mass, the Rev. John B. Sullivan and the Rev. Charles J. Bruto; Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey; Second Minister, the Rev. Robert A. Hilly.

Minor offices will be taken by students of St. Andrew's Seminary. A special musical program for the Mass will be provided by a choir under the direction of Rev. Benedict Klammer.

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NATIONAL DIRECTOR NAMED TO HEAD PLAN FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING

CONVERSIONS AIM OF WIDE PRESS AND RADIO PROGRAM

WASHINGTON—Aimed to bring to the direct attention of 100,000,000 Americans outside the Catholic fold, the truths and teachings of the Catholic religion, a plan, nationwide in scope, has been launched here at the National Catholic Welfare Conference headquarters.

A national Catholic information program, the first of its kind, has been approved by the N. C. W. C. National Council today.

The work of promoting a more widespread and better understanding of Catholic activities and Catholic truths is getting underway.

Appointed Director

To the task of organizing this new and significant program of the Church in the United States, has been named Paul Martin-Dillon, a director. He has had wide newspaper and public relations experience.

The plan for this National Catholic Information Program was adopted at the General Meeting of the National Council of the United States last November.

Its scope was outlined by the Most Rev. Mark G. Brennan, Bishop of Erie and Episcopal Chairman of the N. C. W. C. Press Department, in an address to the annual convention of the National Council of the United States last November.

At this time Bishop Brennan stated "I think about the Catholic Church has done for the world, the thought of 100,000,000 non-Catholic Americans in order to preserve and to keep the teachings of Our Lord, our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

The new office will function as a part of the Executive Department of the N. C. W. C.

Two main purposes are envisaged:

First, there will be sought a wider distribution of Catholic information to national news and radio agencies; by the National Council of the United States.

Second, there will be sought the individualization of the Catholic message under the aegis of the various dioceses.

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The various diocesan directors will form, under the central director, national committees to evaluate material designed for distribution and to determine the best channels of circulation.

Through central, state and diocesan conferences, the committee will progressively improve the methods of organization, type of material and manner of circulation employed.

A channel is envisioned in the new N. C. W. C. office whereby

have been rejected as "un-American propaganda" by the Motion Picture Distributors were almost negligible," the report declared.

The report was presented by Mrs. James P. Looney, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Chairman of the Department.

The pictures reviewed, said the report, included all features, foreign subjects, newsreels and foreign productions.

"So few films from Hollywood

Around The World

NAMED PROTECTOR

Vatican City — His Eminence Raffaele Carlo Cardinal Rossi, himself a member of the Carmelite Order, has been named Protector of the Sisters Terziaries of the Discalced Carmelites of St. Theresa in Mexico.

MOVE DOLLIFUS' BODY

Amsterdam — The coffin containing the remains of the late Austrian Chancellor, Engelbert Dollifus, who was murdered by Nazis, has been removed from its place of honor in the Sordani Memorial Church in Vienna, according to information received here. It was taken by storm-troopers to Dr. Dollifus' native village and re-interred in the cemetery there.

SEIK CANONIZATION

Mexico City — The Chihuahua Diocesan Union of Mexican Catholic Action has distributed, with the permission of the local bishop, a booklet, as prayer making God for the grace of the canonization of the Rev. Pedro de Jesus Maldonado B.J., who was murdered by an armed mob at Santa Isabel, near Chihuahua, on February 11, 1937.

ENDORSE CRUSADE

Manila — The Municipal Board of Manila has approved a resolution endorsing fully the "Decent Peace Crusade" launched by Catholic Action in the Philippines. This resolution was introduced by Councilor Estolomeo Gatalmanan.

MAJOR IS WED

New Orleans — Mayor Robert S. Maestri, of New Orleans, and Miss Hilda Bortone were married by the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans in the Archbishop's private chapel.

FINANCE GODLESS

Moscow — The Central Council of the Godless Association of Soviet Russia has provided 50,000 roubles to defray the expenses of the atheistic Communist delegates who will attend the World Congress of the Godless to be held in London. Application for passports will be made to the British Consulate General at the end of this month.

CHAPLAIN TO POLICE

Jerusalem — The Rev. Eugene Hoer, Superior of the Franciscan convent of the Basilica of Gethsemane, here has been named spiritual director of British Catholic policemen in the Jerusalem District. At the same time he has been invited by Patriarch Barthelemy to preach on Sundays at the Con-Cathedral Church at the Mass for the English-speaking Catholics of the Holy City.

THIS WEEK IN THE NEWS

Proper observance of the day set aside as "Labor Day" will take place in Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Kearney officiating at Solemn Pontifical Mass. See Page 1

Reaction to the denial of free bus transportation to children of parochial schools following Court of Appeals decision set forth. See Page 1

In addition to the extensive work carried on by the N.C.W.C. News Service in disseminating Catholic news and views, the Bishops of the United States have decided to set up a department for bringing Catholic truth to non-Catholics throughout the country. See Page 1

A laymen's retreat for men of a parish is novel in the diocese. Such

CHURCH FOE SEEN

By German Bishops Barrier To Unity

AMSTERDAM — Valiantly accepting the challenge of the Nazi regime, the German hierarchy, in a joint pastoral signed by all its members and read in all pulpits of the Reich but not in the former Austrian territory, last Sunday once more has taken a firm stand upholding the basic tenets of the faith against the inroads of pagan racial doctrines.

Rumors give credit by some secular papers that a split had occurred during the recent full meeting of the German hierarchy, thus are completely disposed of.

The German press was not permitted to carry any reference whatever to the important document, to only church-goers and their friends know of its existence in some churches, as for instance the Berlin Cathedral, the pastoral is being distributed.

The pastoral restates the position of the Church with reference to the policies adopted under the new German regime against the Church, and that the Church is categorical in its refusal to accept any terms that would place the Church in a position of inferiority to the Nazi movement.

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MONSIGNOR THILL Chosen Bishop of Concordia See

WASHINGTON (NC) — The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Frank A. Thill, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Administrator of St. Louis' Church, Cincinnati, has been named Bishop of Concordia, Ia. It is announced in word received at the Apostolic Delegation here from Rome.

He is becoming the fifth Ordinary of the See of Concordia. Bishop Thill succeeds the Most Rev. Francis J. Neff, who resigned as Bishop of Concordia last June.

The new Bishop of Concordia is a student in many in the Rochester diocese having spent here at various times on several occasions. He was presented at an Aquinas Institute address by the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, then diocesan director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In his position as a leader in the Catholic Students Mission Crusade, Bishop Thill also became known to the Rev. John S. Randall, present diocesan director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Bishop-elect Thill is widely known for his association with the Catholic Students Mission Crusade. His connection with this organization dates back to a meeting held in 1918, when the Crusade movement was organized. Although still a student in Mount St. Mary's Seminary, he was elected Secretary of the Crusade Executive Board following his ordination on February 28, 1920.

He was given permission by the bishop Henry Mueller to continue his C. S. M. C. work, and this permission was extended by Archbishop John T. M. Nicholas O. P. in response to petitions of successive national conventions.

He resigned as National Secretary-Treasurer of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade in 1933 following his appointment as Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. His related official connection with the Crusade through the office of Executive Counsel.

Observations says that these efforts to force Bishop Sproll's resignation of his See resulting from ineffective protests were removed by the police.

The Catholics of Rottenburg have always manifested unshakable fidelity to their Bishop and now their anguish is common with that of all the brothers in and out of Germany, especially those who are being nearer to the Holy Father, feel his grief more immediately, the paper declares.

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