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Bishop O'Hara Flays Crooked Lawyers

WASHINGTON (C.N.C.) Two thousand persons, including judicial legislators, diplomatic and religious leaders on Monday heard the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C. in his first public appearance since his consecration as Auxiliary Bishop of the Army and Navy Diocese assail governments without law as arbitrary dictators, lawyers whose one and only determination is to win their cases at any cost and schools that teach "laws" rather than law.

Bishop O'Hara preached the sermon at the annual Red Mass celebration in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to commemorate the opening of the third session of the Seventy-sixth Congress and the new judicial session in the Nation's Capital. The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Robert J. White, Dean of the School of Law of the Catholic University of America who inaugurated the custom of the Red Mass here last year.

Bishop O'Hara declared that God has provided man with the Natural Law to guide him to the achievement of his final end and that whenever the proper end of the individual is not the law of God, but the law of man and governments go astray.

Victims of Ruler's Will
Governments become arbitrary dictators when they cease to be governments of law and become instead the victims of the whim of the ruler. Bishop O'Hara said Russia is endeavoring to force Communism upon its people through the use of force and thought it necessary to destroy religion and to form anti-God societies so that the sanction of law might be destroyed in the minds of the people.

"If the State is supreme if man is a subject of the State and has no rights except those granted from the State, if the sanction of law comes not from God but from the State or its council then there is nothing that the State may not demand from the individual provided the ruler believes it to be for the advancement of the State.

Purge after purge has taken place in Russia. Thousands have been executed in cold blood without even a trial before a court. The ruler believed it to be for the benefit of the Soviet Union. Yet the rank and file of the Russian peasants have recognized the injustice of the dictator.

The Bishop castigated those lawyers who regard property, intimidation and false witness as lawful in their ends. They serve the arbitrary purpose of winning their case.

Win at Any Cost
To such a lawyer he said the sending of an innocent man to the electric chair or to prison or the freeing of a murderer makes little difference since his one and only determination is to win his case at any cost and the Bishop added since he has eliminated God and destroyed reason he has nothing to fear as long as he evades the lawlessness of the civil law.

I need not tell you that such characters exist. His Excellency went on and that they dignify themselves by the name of lawyers. The gangster profession would die a natural death tomorrow if it were not for crooked lawyers who live on gold that these gunmen have taken at the point of a gun. In many ways they are worse than the gangsters because their profession makes them as protectors of the people guardians of society and they prey like so much vermin on the very people that their knowledge should protect."

The Bishop condemned "law schools which teach law and its correlative justice" but which have degenerated into institutions teaching laws rather than law.

On His Mother's Bible



Using the Bible presented to him by his mother in his youth, Attorney General Frank Murphy, took the constitutional oath as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, at the White House January 18, in the presence of President Roosevelt, members of his cabinet, Supreme Court justices, friends and relatives. Associate Justice Stanley Reed officiated. Mr. Murphy is the only Catholic member and the fifth Catholic to take a seat on the bench of the nation's highest court. (N.C.W.C. photo.)

Msgr. Sheen Urges Unity For Defense

NEW YORK (N.C.) Calling upon men to re-establish human unity "not on the basis of class or race which divides us, but on the basis of religion," the Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen Sunday urged Jews, Protestants and Catholics to join in "a common front against a common affront."

Speaking on "The Unity of Man kind," Monsignor Sheen said "The greatest failure of our generation is the attempt to create a brotherhood of man without the Fatherhood of God and that therefore men forget that 'from the divine point of view, and no other point of view matters, the Jew and the Gentile are fellow-travelers in the journey from time to the Father's heavenly mansion, sharing in the sufferings caused by the sins of the world, until the Judgment, when our destiny will be decided not by the national anthem we sing, but by fidelity to conscience and the God Who made us."

Attacked by Common Foe
Monsignor Sheen declared that mankind today is attacked by a common enemy of sin and atheism and that is why, he said, to be sought inside and outside of religion "inside religion there is unity because the common element is the belief in a God and a God according to the light of conscience" he declared. "Outside there is unity because of a common enemy the forces of atheistic materialism based on destroying culture and freedom."

To make this unity effective, Monsignor Sheen continued, "it will not suffice to consider religion exclusively as a communion of the soul with God, but since religion means loving God and our neighbor, it follows that we must adore God with our neighbor." He pleaded for "corporate acts of religion."

"Our religion must not only be personal, it must also be social," Monsignor Sheen said. "That is why we Americans go to Church. Remember we do not have our religion alone, in isolation from others, either politically, economically or religiously. When the enemy of our homes and institutions attacks us we must organize into an army and navy, when the enemy of our souls attacks us we must organize into a religious community."

All Abandoned God
Monsignor Sheen warned that if men refuse "to seek unity in God, we will find, as Germany and Russia did that in excluding God, the only unity left is the enforced unity of the army. This is incidentally why the Social affirmation of our common fellowship with God is the greatest bulwark of true democracy. 'We have all turned from God all nations,' he said 'Russia and Germany and Mexico turned through persecution America and England, France and others, through indifference. Let us beware! History proves that indifference leads to persecution. Platte who was indifferent to truth ended by crucifying it on the Cross.'

"Let us all then Jews, Protestants and Catholics intensify our love and adoration of God to the fullness of our knowledge and our strength," he urged. "Then shall we develop true neighborliness which will undo hate; the hatred of anti-Semitism, atheism, bigotry, and anti-Christianity. A good beginning is to restore communal worship, for if we bend our knees together to God as humble creatures we might stop asking that foolish question, 'On whose side is God?' and begin asking, 'On whose side are we?'"

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White House Meet Urges More Religious Training Of Youth

WASHINGTON (C.N.C.) That practical steps be taken "to make more available to children and youth through education the resources of religion as an indispensable factor in the democratic way of life and in the development of personal and social integrity" was urged in a report adopted by the White House Conference on Children and Democracy which closed here Friday.

To that end it is recommended that a privately-supported, non-governmental agency be established to make "a critical and comprehensive study" of the various religious experiences in the education of children and young people with a view to "discovering how the child's needs for religious education can best be met in relation to his other needs in a total program of education without in any way violating the principle of the separation of Church and State."

President Roosevelt put forth this same idea in receiving the members of the Conference at the White House. He said that in view of the large number of children receiving no religious instruction "it is important to consider how personal religion can best be made for religious training."

Appreciation of Spiritual Values
It is further recommended in the report that adult leaders of children should be persons of the utmost personal integrity and of the highest ideals who have themselves a vivid appreciation of spiritual values.

That whole-hearted recognition and appreciation of the fundamental place of religion in the development of culture and of American citizenship be given by all who deal with children, social workers and representatives of the press, radio and motion pictures; that religion be treated frankly, openly and objectively as an integral part of personal and social behavior that "when religion normally enters into the subject matter of courses such as literature, the history of ideas, philosophy, psychology and the social sciences, the attitude referred to above be maintained."

That further exploration be made of the uses of religion in personal counseling.

In recommending that practical steps be taken to make religious education available to the children and youth of the country, the report first emphasized the fact that "all forms of the democratic process depend upon a fundamental and continuously accepted sense of the meaning of life and the spiritual values in life and that this must be a definite part of all education in a democracy."

One of the most prominent workers in arranging and conducting this White House Conference was the Rev. Dr. Bryan J. McEnaney, Director of the Division of Children, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York.

The Catholic Round Table of Science was organized by Dr. John M. Cooper of Catholic university in 1928.

Secretary of State To Be Given Medal

BROOKLYN N. Y. The Catholic Action Medal of the Brooklyn Alumni Sodality will be awarded to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, U.S. Senator from New York, former State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus Jan. 27 at a dinner here. The sodality awards the medal annually to the layman in the Diocese of Brooklyn who has done the most that year for the Church. Mr. Hull has been active with the Knights of Columbus and in leisure time working during the past year.

59,214 Pamphlets Given Out In 1939

BUFFALO Nearly 70,000 pamphlets were distributed in churches of the Diocese of Buffalo in 1939 through the Catholic Pamphlet Society here according to the annual report of the business manager.

It was reported that 111 parishes installed by the Society were in operation in 47 churches here 50 churches in the Diocese of Buffalo in miscellaneous locations. Through these parishes 59,214 pamphlets were distributed. The Society's brochures carries 854 titles gathered from 48 publishing houses in the United States, England and Australia.

Negro Parish Has 306 Baptisms In '39

CHICAGO Three hundred and six persons were baptized last year in St. Elizabeth's (Colored) parish here. Of the total 103 were children and 205 adults. Eighty-three of the adults were men and 122 women.

Except in case of necessity no child under 15 years of age is baptized unless the consent of its parents is obtained. A Catholic Priest of the Society of the Divine Word has charge of the parish.

Expert Forecasts U. S. Population Drop

WASHINGTON (C.N.C.) We are approaching a stationary population but that we are approaching a population which will decrease in numbers. The birth rate in the last decade was not sufficient to maintain the present population, so unless it increases or we have a much larger immigration rate we are going to have a population decline in numbers by the end of the century possibly within the next 20 years.

Mr. Whelpton predicted: Middle-aged people will have increased 100 per cent and those past 65 will have more than doubled in number.

There will be about as many young people from 20 to 24 as there were in 1939, but fewer children from five to nine, 10 to 15 and 15 to 19.

Real estate operators will not build so many one-family houses as they do now, and the ones they build will be smaller.

There will be more and smaller-size apartments for older people.

Public schools and school teachers will have declined in numbers, but attendants for the aged will have increased. So will homes for the aged.

Bishop Reaney urges: "A Catholic priest in every Catholic home."

COURT CASE IS CLOSED AS PRINCIPALS DONATE CLAIM TO POOR SISTERS

SAVANNAH Ga. The Little Sisters of the Poor are \$70 richer because litigation in a court suit agreed to settle the case by donating the amount of the claim to charity.

Dan J. Sheehan Company was the claimant in a suit against the Savannah Theaters Company for the balance of bill rendered for a painting and glazing job. The theater company denied it owed \$70 because of the substitution of another party whose note was accepted by the claimant.

Counsel for the principals consulted as the case was about to go to trial in Municipal Court and it was agreed the claim in question be given to charity as settlement of the case. The Little Sisters were selected as the beneficiaries of this amicable decision.

Pope Thanks K. of C. For Chapel

VATICAN CITY When a delegation representing St. Peter's Oratory in Rome called at the Vatican on Wednesday to thank His Holiness Pope Pius XII for his gift of a painting and a rich tabernacle for the Oratory's new chapel, the Holy Father received them in audience, expressed his thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the erection of the chapel and again gave testimony to his paternal benevolence toward that organization of Catholic laymen in the United States.

Representatives of the Oratory included His Excellency Archbishop P. Casati in the person of the Papal Nuncio to Italy, Com-



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