

NATIONAL NEWS

COLUMNIST'S PRAISE
CONSCRIPTION TREND

Social Justice Views Of New Cabinet Member Hailed By Columnist

WASHINGTON—(NC)—It happens that the late Postmaster General and the man who has succeeded him in that Cabinet position are both Catholics. It happened that the late James A. Farley was paid striking tributes, in and out of Congress, as he was leaving the office, and that his successor, Frank Walker, has received similar tributes as he entered it.

An example of the latter is the comment of a Washington columnist, Ernest Lindley.

"Despite the President's pleas," he writes, "Walker probably would not have accepted the Postmaster Generalship, even now, if his friends had not told him that he owed it to his children to include a Cabinet title in his record. Having taken the job, however, Walker will work at it conscientiously."

"Walker is a man of the high integrity and sturdy idealism of the late Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, who was his mentor and first hero in politics. He is imbued with the high principles of social justice set forth in the great Papal Encyclicals Rerum Novarum and Quadragesimo Anno.

"Walker has another valuable asset, a personality which acts as a solvent in the social mix with almost everybody.

"More than a year ago this columnist wrote that the President needed Frank Walker in Washington to assuage the bitter intramural conflicts of his Administration. For that task, Walker has been called in a little too late. But he will add a big measure of fine idealism mingled with good sense to the Cabinet in this time of crisis."

Discrimination Wanes

That the two Postmasters General happen to be Catholics is really as significant as it is sometimes represented to be. There are many Catholics in public office of one kind or another whose religious convictions are known only to their closer friends. As has gone a long way on the road of tolerance, discrimination on religious grounds has, for the moment at least, been thoroughly discredited, whether that discrimination has been for or against anyone selected or elected to public office.

But that a news commentator, incidentally, one who is not a Catholic, should mention the fact that a member of the Cabinet is imbued with the high principles of social justice embodied in the Papal Encyclicals is unusual, if not significant. It bears out the conclusion that more and more people are turning to fundamental religious principles for guidance.

It is no longer acceptable to be rationalistic or agnostic and to regard religion as a more or less obsolete guide to human conduct. As a matter of fact, it is the one thing upon which Communism and Nazism have their own and their own by the same token it is becoming associated with the democratic order of living. On more than one occasion the President himself has stressed the need of it in the conduct of private as well as public affairs. Interdenominational friction appears to be giving way to a more unified recognition of its practical value, especially at the present time when we have been so long and so bitterly antagonized against which rationalism has not been able to prevail.

It is no longer an academic question whether religion is effective or not. Radicalism is not merely a characteristic of countries. It is the breeding place of what we call "subversive" movements, and Communism feeds upon it. It is the happy hunting ground of the "fifth columnists." As such, it is a matter of concern to those charged with the conduct of national policy, as the attention directed to it by the Dies Committee indicates.

House of Hospitality Feeds 300 Men Daily

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles House of Hospitality, officially chartered and dedicated to the Lady of Peace soon after its opening last May, is now feeding close to 300 men a day, harboring eleven at night and has enabled 185 unemployed to secure positions.

Previously, when a cafe under the flat in which the work was initiated moved out and the space was taken over for a dining room and reading room. The shift afforded accommodations for additional beds.

Catholic Fraternal Leader Is Honored

CHICAGO—Thomas R. Heaney, high secretary of the Catholic Order of Foresters, whose head office is in Chicago, was unanimously elected vice president of the National Fraternal Congress of America at the convention just held in Baltimore. The National Fraternal Congress is an organization composed of one hundred legal reserve fraternal insurance societies with a total combined membership of six million and \$5,627,081 in assets in force. Mr. Heaney is also president of the Illinois Fraternal Congress.

Seminary Permitted Academic Degrees

COMPTON, Calif.—The Claremonts' major seminary here has been granted the right by the State of California to award academic degrees in addition to the regular theological degrees.

This makes the twenty-fifth Catholic seminary in the United States which grants regular academic degrees.

Dis. While Swimming

Quebec. The death of the Rev. Ephraim Menard, chaplain of the hospital of Lac Vert at St. Barnabé, was caused by a heart attack while swimming.

Eighth in Cabinet



Frank C. Walker, lawyer and businessman, whom President Roosevelt has named to succeed James A. Farley as Postmaster General. Mr. Walker becomes the eighth Catholic in the history of the country to serve in a President's Cabinet. Three of the Catholics have served under the present Chief Executive. Mr. Farley served longer than any Catholic in history and Mr. Walker becomes the first Catholic to succeed a Catholic in a Cabinet post. (Harris & Ewing)

Army Posts Set Record For Mass Attendance

WASHINGTON—Attendance at Sunday Mass at Army posts and stations throughout the United States and in overseas possessions during the year which ended June 30, 1940, totaled more than the attendance at any other one form of devotion conducted by the 137 United States Army Chaplains, according to figures made public by the Rev. Mr. William R. Arnold, Colonel and Chief of Chaplains of the Army.

Reporting that the soldier attendance at religious services of all kinds totaled more than two million during the year, Chaplain Arnold says the number of Sunday services and the total attendance at each were as follows:

Sunday Masses 2,629. Attendance 315,434. Morning Worship 1,354. Attendance 292,046. Evening Worship 2,258. Attendance 373,291. Sunday School 1,418. Attendance 278,882. Bible Classes 888. Attendance 22,000.

Of a total of 4,133 religious services conducted at military establishments by civilian clergymen during the year 2,340 were Catholic services and were attended by a total of 213,771 persons. There were 30 Jewish civilian conducted religious services attended by 1,322, and 1,414 Protestant civilian conducted services attended by 96,056 persons.

In most cases, the Chief of Chaplains states, services were conducted in regular chapels, but in instances where chapels were not available clubs, theaters, warehouses, airplane hangars and tents were used. Open-air services were held during maneuvers.

Playwriting Contest English Girl Wins

PITTSBURGH—About a year ago a playwriting contest was suggested in Pittsburgh, a prize of \$100 being offered by the Rev. Thomas F. Conkley, of Sacred Heart Church, for the best play written during the year. There were eleven contestants from four countries and the judges were unanimous in giving the award to Josephine M. Burke, of London, England.

Her play is entitled "Elizabeth of the Rose" and depicts the life of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. It will be produced under the auspices of the Catholic Theater Guild.

Additions to Old Mission

San Juan Bautista. A parish hall, clinic, library and library, and kitchen are included in the new modern building being constructed at the Old Mission here. Maryknoll Sisters are now making plans to start instruction classes for the Japanese children of the district.

Names Industry Meet Aides

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At the closing session and dinner meeting of the Conference three speakers are scheduled. Mr. Thomas F. Woodlock, prominent Catholic layman, contributing Editor of the Wall Street Journal, will speak on "Christian Social Attitudes." The Rev. John Francis Cronin, S.S., of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., has taken the subject "Fifty Years of Social Reform." His Excellency will give the closing address of the Conference.

Among other speakers scheduled to prominent places on the Conference program are: Thomas J. Lyons, President of the New York State Federation of Labor; Thomas J. Burns, Vice-President of United Rubber Workers, Akron, O.; Miss Louise McGuire, former member of staff National Catholic School of Social Service, Washington, D. C.; Henry J. Winters, Regional Director National Labor Relations Board, Buffalo, N. Y.; the Rev. Dr. John P. Boland, Vice-President of the Conference and Chairman of the New York State Labor Relations Board; the Rev. Francis B. Burras of St. Bernard's Seminary, H. A. Prommel, Niagara University, and Mary L. Gibbons, Deputy

Msgr. Sheen Points Danger Conscription Could Bring

NEW YORK—Referring to conscription in connection with Sunday's observance of a national day of Prayer for Peace, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen of the Catholic University of America warned that "the mobilization of man power on the part of the State could be very dangerous, if it were not compensated for by an awakened sense of our dependence on God."

Msgr. Sheen was one of three speakers participating in a special broadcast of the National Broadcasting Company in observance of the national day of Prayer for Peace proclaimed by President Roosevelt. Other speakers were Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church in Boston, and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland.

"I cannot share the view of those who think that conscription for defense means the end of democracy," said Msgr. Sheen, "but I do say that conscription without worship will be a greater loss than the destruction of our system of government, for it will be the surrender of that freedom by which man has the right to choose government."

Declaration of Dependence

The text of Msgr. Sheen's address, in part, follows:

"It is a paradox, but none the less true, that our Declaration of Independence is also a declaration of dependence. It is a Declaration of man's right to choose his own government; it is a declaration of dependence, because it holds that our rights and liberties have come to us from God.

"In these days when men are more wont to speak of rights than duties, of freedom from something rather than freedom for something, and of independence rather than dependence, it is indeed heartening and encouraging to hear a national call to prayer on the part of the President of the United States.

"It is in connection with conscription that I would speak of this summons to prayer. My point is that the mobilization of man power on the part of the State could be very dangerous, if it were not compensated for by an awakened sense of our dependence on God. This is very easy to understand. There are many cohesions and groupings in which men belong which are not exclusive and possessive; for example, a man who belongs to an athletic club is not excluded from joining the plumbers union or a bridge club. But there is one group which is much more exclusive than others and that is the nation. A citizen of one country cannot be the citizen of another. Because a nation is by its nature exclusive of other nations and other peoples, there is always inherent in it the danger that it may become exclusive of all other loyalties including God.

"Mobilization for God

"Suppose, in a crisis such as this, we forgot our declaration of dependence, suppose we forgot that there was no higher community of men than the State, then man would have no other reason for existence than to serve the State; then he would lose his independence as the group loses its independence in its wine. Thus while organizing to combat the totalitarian evil abroad, we would become its victim at home.

"That is why it is particularly important for us as a nation to meet mobilization of men for the army by the mobilization of men for God, and to re-affirm our allegiance to another community, namely the brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God. Let those who doubt the need of the worship of God in a crisis such as this but glance over the modern world, where they will find that in every instance where there has been universal conscription to the exclusion of God, there has been created a slave-State, for where God is most denied there man is most tyrannized.

"That to me is the significance of the Presidential proclamation: it is not a call of individuals to pray to God, it is a call to America as America, to the political community as such to redeem its freedom by acknowledging a loyalty transcendent to the State whence all true freedom is derived. By a national act of prayer and adoration we will prevent the conscription of man-power from becoming the conscription of man, and the mobilization of human functions from becoming the mobilization of humans. Just as a parent permits his child to be educated by the State without denying that the right of education belongs to him, so too we Americans will consent

Capital-Labor Get Advice

Told To Turn To
Pius XI's Teachings

NEW YORK—Capital and Labor were advised to have recourse to the teachings of their common Pope, Pius XI, rather than "the over-simple answer of medicine men, to be found in the ranks of labor or capital, or government," by the Rev. John F. Cronin, S.S., Professor of Economics at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, in a "Catholic Hour" radio address Sunday night.

Father Cronin's topic was "Leaders of the Blind," one of a series of the general theme "The Social Crisis and Christian Patriotism." (The Catholic Hour speaker will be featured on the program of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems meeting in Rochester on Sept. 13 and 14.)

"My friends, we face a social crisis in the United States today," Father Cronin said. "In a nation blessed by God with fertility of soil and abundance of natural resources, we have a broad territory, we have a vast and fertile land, which have brought to the body politic the disease of sickness, crime and vice. It has been only too often noted that for youth today the dawn of maturity is overcast with the gray clouds of insecurity and despair, while the golden sunset of declining years is sometimes tarnished with want and misery. Anxiously over the future and the driving race for gain have taken the by and by and even from those who for the moment seem secure."

"Our Promises

"In these days of crisis there have arisen leaders who have promised to cure this growing cancer. If only we will take the simple remedy they prescribe. They have a medicine, wrapped perhaps in the red of Communism, or the green of a utopian, overnight change in our economic system, or the black of some magic apathy, a supine submission to the forces of evil with the hope that somehow things will be better. These are the blind leaders of the blind, who grope and stumble on the brink of the abyss, crying in their absurd confidence that all will be well. If only men will follow them. What tragic irreparable blindness, thus to mock a nation in its hour of suffering."

"In contrast to these easy paths leading to doom are the proposals, sane, balanced, founded on the bedrock of sound Christian morals and profound insight into human nature, which we have had from the pen of such men of God as the late Holy Father, Pope Pius XI. His careful studies of the world crisis have largely been overlooked by a world eager for a painless, easy way out of the depths."

Workers Obligated To Join Unions

DETROIT—"Decidedly," workers are under obligation to join a labor union, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Haas, dean of the School of Social Science at the Catholic University, said Sunday at the second week's session of the Priest's Summer School for Social Action at Sacred Heart seminary here.

Man has a natural, inherent right to organize into associations or unions, Msgr. Haas said. "The right comes from inside people, not from outside. Some persons believe that the workingman has the right to join a union simply because the employers are highly organized. This is a reason, but not the basic one. The right to organize belongs to a man because he is a man, a social being."

Workers who refuse to join a union violate an obligation of justice, Msgr. Haas held. They are like the parishioner who uses and enjoys all the services that a parish offers, yet makes no contribution to the support of that parish, he said, or like a citizen who uses every public service the city offers, yet evades payment of taxes.

Unity Vital, Priest Tells Labor-Capital

NEW YORK—"Co-operation between Capital and Labor" was called for by the Rev. Patrick J. Carroll, C.S.C., Editor of Ave Maria, in a nationwide broadcast of the National Broadcasting Company.

"Trade, craft, business or profession is isolated," said the nationally-known priest-editor. "It cannot function by itself. You may no more separate any craft or common labor from the body of the nation than you can separate any organ from the human body. The eye, the ear, the tongue, the hand, the foot, helps, prospers when it is connected with the organism to which it belongs in healthy unity. Separated from that organism it dies. And the human body functions best when helped by healthy members. Likewise the State functions best when there is co-operative life between capital and labor in business of production."

The English language has about 700,000 words, six times as many as any other important modern language.

Graduates to Poison



VERA L. ALBRECHT, of 550 Ridge Road East, completed the Secretarial Course at Rochester Business Institute and immediately accepted a position with the Westcott Plastics Co. She attended in one of seven St. R. L. graduates to secure a permanent position since Jan. 1, 1940. There is still time to register for St. R. L.'s Fall Term which begins last week (Sept. 12) at the registrar without delay. Adv.



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