

NATIONAL NEWS

PROTEST BENEFIT TAX 'FOUR FREEDOMS' AND WILL

NCCW Board Opposes Proposed Tax On Benefit Admissions

WASHINGTON, (N.C.)—The National Catholic Welfare Conference has expressed its opposition to the proposed Federal policy of taxation to support the National Catholic Welfare Conference's program of religious, educational and charitable enterprises.

The Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in a letter addressed to the Senate Committee on Finance, writing to Senator Walter F. George, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Hon. Mr. Magr. Michael J. Reedy, General Secretary of the N.C.W.C., expressed his opposition to the proposed Federal policy of taxation to support the National Catholic Welfare Conference's program of religious, educational and charitable enterprises.



Representatives in Press—Bishop speaking over the radio, Monsignor William M. Hart, V.G., Monsignor William F. Bergan, Chancellor, and Monsignor J. F. Goggin, St. Bernard's Seminary Rector.

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"In reverse laws, State and Federal, heretofore enacted," the letter says, "both before and during the present national emergency, are intended to protect and safeguard the tax exempt status of religious, charitable and educational agencies as inherent in the very nature of their activities and the relationship of those agencies to the State."

"These agencies render a community service. The Congress understands the importance of this service, and that the Government is interested in the well-being of those agencies in the State."

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'Catholic Hour' Message Avers 'Four Freedoms' Each Depend On Will's Freedom

NEW YORK—(N. C.)—The Four Freedoms are all dependent upon the freedom of the will, declared the Rt. Rev. Magr. Martin J. O'Connor, Vicar General of the Diocese of Saratoga, last night in his address over the "Catholic Hour."

Saying freedom of the will is the heritage of the soul, Monsignor O'Connor asserted that the will is the seat of liberty and that the freedom of the will shall have its place.

"Freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want, freedom from fear," he added, "will all be subject to this force in you and me. But if the generations that expect to give these bounties to the world yield up their right to free will as something unimportant, if they make themselves the serfs and slaves of sin, if they kill the will to virtue by the loss of common sense to obey the law of God, if do not hold much hope for all these freedoms."

"For victory lies in a common effort of us all. Behold I set forth in your sight this day a blessing and a curse: A blessing, if you obey the law of God, if you obey not... (Deuteronomy 11:26-28). The right to choose these blessings is freedom. If every man would use it well no other human liberty would ever suffer. The blight of persecution, want and worry, all effects of sin's oppression would be less.

"In the beginning of their wisdom but one true fear would govern man, the fear of the Lord their God and His displeasure. This they would render in justice without wringing, for a sense of justice brings proportion to all things it would be a guarantee of bond and liberation, a pledge of fairest dealing among men. To every other freedom it would give an honest basis, the hope of long endurance for them all. For such is the will of God, that by doing good, said Peter, men should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. Live as freemen, yet not using your freedom as a cloak for malice but as servants of God" (I Peter 2:15-18).

The "Catholic Hour" is broadcast over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company through Station WEAH here and is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men.

Throng Attends Rites For Faithful Departed

—This is a majestic work we have done here today for the dead, as it is a salutary work for us, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, said at the conclusion of the impressive Blessing of the Graves ceremony, Sunday, which brought thousands to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery to join in prayer for the Faithful Departed.

Speaking from the platform in front of All Souls Chapel to an audience of monsignors, priests, administrators, Knights of St. John and the laity, the Bishop reminded his hearers that the fulfillment of the world and the judgment after death are strikingly brought home to the souls of the departed.

Praying for the souls of the Faithful Departed, the Bishop said the "very fabric of our Catholic belief" is a very holy and beautiful responsibility which we have, "to freshen their graves with Holy Water, and to use the tremendous power of individual prayer for the repose of their souls."

In the procession which wound its way from St. Bernard's Seminary through the colorful lanes of the Cemetery to All Souls' Chapel were: the Rt. Rev. Magr. William M. Hart, V.G., the Rt. Rev. Magr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the Diocese; the Rt. Rev. Magr. James J. Hartley, P.A., the Rt. Rev. Magr. J. F. Goggin, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary; the Rt. Rev. Magr. Charles F. Shay and the Rt. Rev. Magr. Raymond A. Kirk of Los Angeles, Cal., whose home is in Rochester, a large number of priests of the diocese and students of St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Seminaries.

A military escort was furnished by Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John, in command of Col. Frederick J. Wegman.

The procession paused at the Bishops' Crypt where His Excellency offered prayers for the three great Bishops of Rochester reposing there, the Most Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, the Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey and the Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern.

Seminarists sang part of the Requiem Mass and the "Dies Irae" under the direction of the Rev. Benedict Ehmman.

Blessing of the Graves, this year took place four days previous to the 75th anniversary of the opening of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Sept. 18, 1871.

Place Bronze Tablet
New York—At the annual reunion of the Overseas Division, National Council of Catholic Women, the members voted to place a bronze tablet to mark the site of the building being constructed in Washington, D. C. by the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Sodalists Get Call
St. Louis Sodalists are urged to offer full cooperation with the diocesan organizations for national defense in a bulletin by the Queen's Work here, American Sodality secretariat. "The National Catholic Community Service," the bulletin continues, "has been set up to carry on this work under the chairmanship of someone appointed by the Ordinary of the diocese. Offer your cooperation to your diocesan NCCS and keep their office informed of your activities which should always be carried out with the knowledge and consent of the local head of the NCCS and in coordination with their program."

Honored By Pope
Washington—Dr. John R. Cavanaugh, prominent Washington Catholic physician, has been named as the Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, according to word received here. Dr. Cavanaugh, at 37, is one of the youngest laymen in this country to receive this honor. It comes to him in recognition of his work on behalf of the sick poor of the Capital.

Book For Girls
New York—"Sing For Your Support" by Mrs. Lenora Weber, is announced by the Pro Parvulis Book Club as its current selection for girls. It is the story of an Irish theatrical troupe, mother, father and children, during the stagecoach days of the West. Mrs. Weber's "Rocking Chair Ranch" was a Pro Parvulis selection five years ago.

A faithful friend is a strong defense, and he that hath found his faith found a treasure.

61 State K. of C. District Leaders Hear Action Call

BROOKLYN — Sixty-one district deputies from all parts of the State of New York met with State Deputy Hugh A. Doyle and members of the state committee at the annual statewide meeting of New York State Council, Knights of Columbus, in the Columbus Club, on Sunday, Sept. 16. Among those who addressed the group were Supreme Secretary Joseph F. Lamb and Former State Deputy Michael F. Walsh, Secretary of State of New York.

K. of C. participation in the National Catholic Community Service was outlined by the Supreme Secretary, who said that all supreme officers and K. of C. officials in various states are wholeheartedly cooperating in the recreational program for service men along with other Catholic organizations, under the guidance of the hierarchy. In Canada, he also reported, the Knights of Columbus are engaged in war work on a large scale, separating seventy-four K. of C. units in the Dominion and parts of England.

The need for Catholic action is greater today than ever before, John P. N. Brown, Chairman of the State Council's Committee on Catholic Activities, declared. "Influential men today are speaking of a 'new order' to follow the war, and a 'super religion' to take the place of the old," he said. "If groups such as this spread their doctrine, we may yet have to fight for our religion."

The greatest weapon in the hands of Catholic Actionists is the Catholic press, Mr. Brown declared, urging the district deputies to encourage their councils to promote Catholicism.

School Publications Win National Awards
School publications of Rochester diocese meriting all-Catholic Awards in the annual survey and awarding conducted by the Catholic School Press Association were announced with others this week by Edward J. O'Riordan, of Marquette University College of Journalism, Director of the Association.

Listed among the hundreds of publications of various kinds in the report issued by the N. C. W. C. News Service were the following: Under the heading "Awards of All-Catholic" were: Annuals, The Archdiocese, Holy Family High School, Auburn; Magazines, high school and academies for girls, Newburgh; Our Lady of Mercy High School.

First honors were awarded to Marston and White, Aquinas Institute, and The Scholastic, DeSales High School, Geneva.

Inmate Expresses His Appreciation Of Catholic Press

Under the general heading "Voice of the Population" and subheading "Catholic Newspapers" appears the following, in August 17, 1941 edition of Don Bosse Bulletin, edited and printed by and for inmates of Elmira Reformatory: "Dear Father: "It's out of the goodness of your heart and those who have made it possible that we are privileged to read the CATHOLIC COURIER and Our Sunday day Visitor. The address of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, touched the depths of my heart and made me more united with Jesus Christ, my Saviour. All Catholics should read this address slowly and with deep meditation. "I am very thankful to all of you who have brought me closer to my Saviour. God bless you in your work."

Flying Cadet Course Announced By NYA

Mrs. C. Dorothea Greene, Area Director of the National Youth Administration in Monroe County, announces that additional candidates for the Flying Cadet Refresher Course at the Quoddy Resident Center, Quoddy Village, Maine, may enroll for a period of three months beginning October 1, 1941. This is an unusual opportunity for youths who are eligible in age and training to prepare for the U. S. Army Flying Corps. Applicants must be unmarried male citizens between the ages of 20 and 25. There is no distinction as to race or color. Every applicant must be examined at the local Army enlistment station before being sent to the Center.

Full information on physical and academic requirements for enrollment can be obtained at the local National Youth Administration office at 4 Bartlett Street, Rochester, N. Y.

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