

WITH OUR INVADING PARATROOPS



Two of the four "Flying Chaplains" who accompanied United States Army paratroopers invading Italy were Catholic priests. Lieut. Edwin J. Kasek, O.M.C. (left), of Baltimore, Md., and Capt. Matthew J. Connelly, O.S.B. (right) of Denver. Qualified as paratroopers, the chaplains volunteered to jump with the troops. (N.C.W.C.)

Approves General Service Form For Chaplains

WASHINGTON.—The Chief of Chaplains has approved a General Service Form for Chaplains. The form is followed by certain regulations that the Chaplains will be conducting a general service. John F. O'Hara, C.R.C. Military Service.

The suggested and approved form is being used by the Chaplains of the Army. The Chief of Chaplains of the Army is General O'Hara. The form is followed by certain regulations that the Chaplains will be conducting a general service. John F. O'Hara, C.R.C. Military Service.

Diplomat, NCCM Aide Flay Magazine Article Attack On Church In Europe

WASHINGTON (NC)—A double-barreled attack against statements impugning the Catholic Church in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and other sections of Europe, which were printed in The New Republic, was exploded here by Hugues Le Gallia, Minister from Luxembourg to the United States, and Edward J. Heffron, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men.

The statements of both the diplomat and the N. C. C. M. official were directed against an article in the magazine which was written by Lawrence Farnsworth and titled "Catholic Clericalism vs. Catholicism."

Minister Le Gallia's statement was a denunciation of the assertion made by Mr. Farnsworth that while traveling in Luxembourg he found functioning "a fierce militant and effective anti-clerical party which had gone so far as to debar priests from access to the schools even for the teaching of religion, on the grounds that the priests misused their privilege to engage in propaganda and in political activities."

Emphatically denying that such conditions existed, Minister Le Gallia stated:

"The passage concerning the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in the article 'Catholic Clericalism vs. Catholicism,' printed in The New Republic of July 5, is based on misinformation or a confusion of facts."

"If the author of the article had studied the question more clearly he would have noted that during the 23 years preceding the German invasion, not only was the Catholic population in complete harmony with the clergy, but that furthermore the relations existing between the Luxembourg State and the Catholic Church, as well as other religious faiths, for example Protestant and Jewish, were of the best."

"The State and the Churches each worked within their own spheres and there was no interference from either side. The Luxembourg State paid the salaries of the ministers of each faith. Catholic, Protestant and Jewish. All school programs (elementary, high school and college) included religious instruction. The ministers of the various faiths came to the schools to give religious instruction."

Attacking other impugning statements made against the Church in portions of the article, Mr. Heffron addressed a letter to the editor of The New Republic, in which he stated:

"Lawrence Farnsworth, in your issue of July 5, reprove the Rev. John Hayes Heiman for writing, with respect to the late George P. West's article, 'The Catholic Issue' (March 1), that 'this is no time to stir up suspicion and hostility (against the Catholic Church), especially as the Catholic Church is in this present crisis uncompromisingly opposed to Nazism. . . . In this country the Catholics are as loyal as any group of citizens any where.'"

"Mr. Farnsworth says that Dr.

Heiman's statement that the Pope and the Church have utterly repudiated Hitlerism . . . is hardly a critical one . . . the Vatican and the German prelates were still trying to make deals with Hitler long after the democracies were at war with him. But the democracies were not at war with him until September, 1939, and Pope Pius XI's bold attack on Nazism—the encyclical 'Miserere Reus'—was published in March, 1937."

Foes Attack Religious Instruction Law

LOS ANGELES.—(NC)—Two attacks are being made on the California law which makes provision for the religious instruction of public school pupils.

The first seeks to block the provisions of the McMillan bill, signed by Governor Warren early this month, by court action. According to press comment, this action may serve to vitiate the provisions of the bill for several years and eventually bring it within the purview of the United States Supreme Court.

The second attack is in the form of a petition seeking to bring the religious education act to a referendum vote by the people of California in the next election, scheduled for November.

Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan has reported that the petition, so far has signatures of 2,870 residents of Los Angeles County. A total of 111,727 names must be filed prior to Aug. 4 in order that the measure qualify for the November ballot.

Historic Cross Used Again

LONDON.—(NC)—The processional cross which was carried ahead of Cardinal Wiseman when, 100 years ago, he opened the Church of St. John the Evangelist at Islington, here, was carried again before the priest and servers as they entered the church to celebrate its centenary.

1000 Alumni Make Closed Retreat

DUBLIN.—One thousand members attended the first closed retreat organized by the De La Salle East Pupils' Union. It was held in the De La Salle Training College, Waterford, the Retreat Master being Rev. J. Ryan, St. John's College. Father Ryan is also a "past pupil" or alumnus, having been once a student of De La Salle School, Waterford.



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