

Bishops Meet Cabinet Member To Thresh Out British School Bill

LONDON. — (N.C.) — The entire English and Welsh Hierarchy assembled at Archbishop's House, Westminster, to meet with Education Minister R. A. Butler, to discuss the forthcoming schools bills in an attempt to reach agreement before the introduction of a parliamentary bill which, as outlined, promises to provoke contention.

Never before, it is believed, has the entire Hierarchy met a Minister of the Crown in this way.

Sixteen Archbishops and Bishops were present and in addition the Vicar Capitular of Westminster, the Most Rev. Edward Myers, attended together with the Vicar Capitular of the Nottingham Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Magr. C. Payne.

The discussion lasted two hours. No statement has been issued either by the Bishops or the Board of Education.

Up and down the country demonstrations against the financial proposals in the white paper on education continue. These proposals give Catholics the opportunity of carrying on their schools at their own expense, under their own control, or of giving up control if they accept a 50 per cent grant for repairs and improvements. But Catholics will be expected to build new schools at their own expense, and the Bishops claim that they cannot undertake this liability.

As the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Rev. Richard Downey, said at a big meeting in Liverpool: "It would be immoral on our part to undertake a financial obligation which we know we cannot fulfill. Already in preserving our schools we have mortgaged the resources of posterity, and we cannot enter into further commitments of a reckless character. I say reckless because we are asked to pay a percentage of a huge but incalculable sum. We are asked in effect to hand over a blank check."

Archbishop Downey expressed the Catholic determination not to give up Catholic schools and added that the Church of England has for the past 20 years ceded its schools at the rate of two every three weeks.

In countless parishes up and down the country branches have been formed of the Catholic Parents' Association and meetings have been held to explain the Catholic position to Catholic and non-Catholic. Whenever possible the local member of Parliament has been induced to attend to hear a statement of the position from the Catholic point of view, and some members have promised support in the House of Commons when the bill is introduced.

Mass In Wheel Chair

Chicago. — Unable to offer his golden jubilee Mass because of illness, the Rev. James G. Ott, C.S.S.R., 71, was present in a wheel chair at the Mass in St. Michael's Church celebrated by his provincial the Very Rev. F. Fagen, C.S.S.R., of St. Louis.

Dr. Phelan, Noted Thomist, To Lecture At Aquinas

"As Philosophers See Things" is the title of Dr. Gerald B. Phelan's lecture in the Christian Culture Series at Aquinas Auditorium, this Sunday evening, Nov. 21.

American Victories Boost China Morale Says Culture Speaker

By Helen Macbeth

A series of brilliant American victories in the Pacific area has strengthened Chinese morale. Every battle won by the United States leaves one less battle for the Chinese to fight.

Explaining the Far Eastern conflict to his Christian Culture audience at Aquinas Auditorium last Sunday, Colonel M. Thomas Tschou, Chinese diplomat and scholar, also stated. "The war seems to be progressing rather slowly in the Orient, but it is only the calm before the storm."

"When the storm breaks," he continued, "it will mean that Allies are making a counter-attack on three fronts — from India, China, and the South Pacific Islands. The time is approaching when we can make this concentrated attack."

Tokio Can Be Bombed

"From Free China it is only 1400 miles to Tokyo. With modern planes which can make a round trip flight of 4,000 miles, it is highly feasible to bombard Tokyo," declared the Colonel.

Claiming that peace has been the 2,000 year old ideal of China, he noted that Chinese philosophy places the warrior in the lowest position in society while in Japanese society the warrior holds first rank.

Colonel Tschou also revealed that when Italy surrendered, Japan made a desperate offer to the Chinese government. It consisted in the proposal to restore all Japanese-occupied territory in China on condition that China would join with Nipponese forces in a struggle to keep Asia for the Asiatics.

"China gallantly replied," the speaker said, "that she would deal with Japan only after Japan's unconditional surrender."

Verein Sets Lecture On Moscow Pact

The Declaration of Moscow is the subject of a talk that will be given by Dr. Aaron I. Abell before a joint meeting of the Rochester Branches of the Catholic Central Verein of America and the National Catholic Women's Union in St. Joseph's Hall, Franklin St., next Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

All who are interested in hearing the Declaration discussed are invited to attend the meeting.

Send Catholic Paper

DUBUQUE. — Through the efforts of the Young People's Club of the Immaculate Conception Church at

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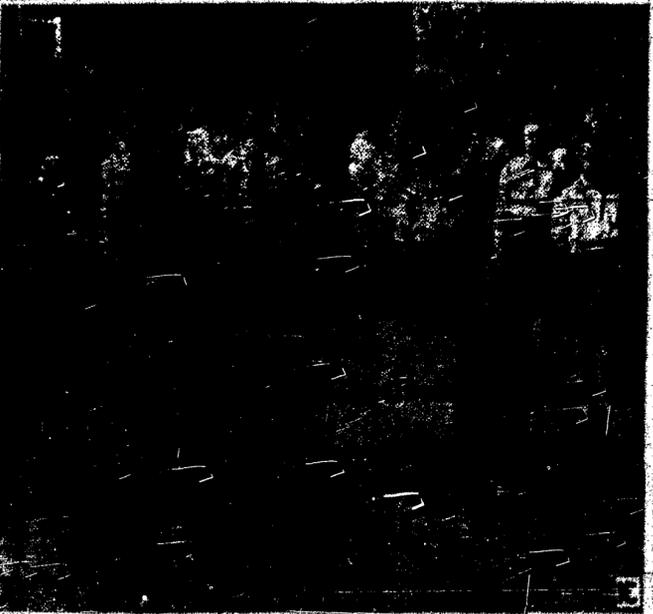
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SAD STORY OF MR. TRASHY C. BOOK



Believing that trashy comic books are a detriment in the lives of children, Mrs. Grace Pupple of St. Francis Borgia School, Washington, Mo., staged this week funeral of "Trashy C. Book." The books were torn to bits, placed in baskets, lowered into graves, a match applied and after the books had burned, the children covered the remains with dirt. They hope that other schools throughout the country will follow their example and thus aid in curbing juvenile delinquency. (N.C.W.C.)