Job Discrimination Against Negro Must Go Says Bishop Haas

DETROIT—"The way to stamp out job discrimination against Negroes is to stamp it out," declares the Most Rev. Francis J. Haas, Bishop of Grand Rapids, Mich., in an article on "The Unions and Discrimination" in the current issue of the UAW-CIO magazine Ammunition.

Bishop Haas points out that munition plants in which white and Colored workers are laboring side by side have demonstrated the practicability of eliminating racial discrimination in employment, and that these plants represent advances which recommend them "as working models for the whole industrial structure of the nation."

The chief obstacle to ending job discrimination, he observes, is not among union officials but rather among the white workers themselves, many of whom have not been able to rise above prejudice and who therefore fear the practical experiment that proves how easily this problem can be solved.

"Let Colored workers have jobs along with whites," Bishop Haas writes, "and be upgraded along with whites in every case where their capacities and skills are equal to those of whites. This will be a hard saying, I know, to many prejudiced non-Negroes, both unionists and employers, but actually there is no other way of doing the thing if we are really honest about it.

"On the other hand, there is one heartening feature about the procedure just suggested. We know from experience that when Negroes and non-Negroes work together they do get along together. They do work together. More than that, they get to respect one another and even to like one another."

All in all, Bishop Haas continues, "white war workers in Detroit and elsewhere have learned by doing. They have found that Negroes are just like themselves, with the same traits of generosity and meanness, the same capacity for friendship and deception, and the same readiness to give and ask for help, as have their white fellow-employers . . . This is education of a very important type—the experimental type . . . American industry needs more of this spirit of trying, of 'taking a chance.' It is the American spirit in its best sense."

In conclusion Bishop Haas urges that "to the Christian the Negro has rights as a man simply because he is a man as dear to Christ as himself." "The American unionist," he declares, "who rises to this nobility of soul will come close to understanding the inner meaning of democracy that all men are created equal, and understanding it will practice it with a full sense of fellowship to his fellow employees whether Negro or white."

Bill of Rights Week Opens

The week of February 13-19, 1944, has been designated by the Board of Regents as Bill of Rights Week. The Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent, has called on every Catholic school of the Diocese of Rochester, to emphasize in history, civics or English classes, the significance of the first ten amendments to our Federal Constitution.

Especially appropriate are the words of Dr. George M. Wiley, Associate Commissioner of Education: "Citizens who enjoy rights also have duties and responsibilities. Democracy will not continue thru its own momentum. It necessitates a constant struggle. The democratic ideal which has flourished in America under the freedoms guaranteed by our Bill of Rights may be lost through the carelessness of the individual citizens as well as thru the infiltration of foreign ideologies."

Chaplain's Life Hangs By Thread In Pacific Isle

Life literally hung by a thin thread for Marine Chaplain Leonard F. White when he stumbled recently on a Japanese "booby trap" in the mountainous wilds of Bougainville Island.

Father White is an alumnus of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, and a priest of the Diocese of Hartford.

With his assistant, Corp. Walter G. Page, of Ecorse, Mich., Father White started off through the mountain region to celebrate early morning Mass for an outfit some distance from his base. Traveling on foot, the two reached front line positions in the mountainous region before they discovered they were on the wrong trail. As Father White stopped, his shirt barely touched a thread-like, almost invisible wire which stretched across the trail.

Investigation revealed that the thread was attached to a hand grenade strapped to a tree and the slightest tug on the wire would have exploded the grenade. It would have meant certain death for Father White and Corporal Page had the thread been snapped. After recovering from the shock of this discovery, the pair received a second shock when they learned they had ventured well beyond the front lines. They reached their destination safely.

'Our Greatest Help Has Come From God' Says Gen. MacArthur

By NCWC News Service

At his general headquarters in the Southwest Pacific war zone, the office of Father August F. Gearhard, senior chaplain of the Fifth Air Force, is located just across a street from Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Father Gearhard said on one occasion he complimented the General on his frequent mention of God and Divine Providence in his orders.

General MacArthur replied that it was the duty of a commander to give credit to those responsible for victory. "Our greatest help has come from God," said the General, "and He deserves more credit than anyone. That's why I give Him citations."

Father Gearhard said that General MacArthur's one big ambition is to get back to the Philippines.

Guard Holy See

VATICAN CITY. — All those buildings in Rome which enjoy extraterritoriality property of the Holy See are now being guarded by members of the Pontifical armed guard.

As of last Sunday, auxiliaries of the Palatine Guards have been assigned to these various buildings.

Safety Head Blames Parents of Boy Bandits

The arrest this week in Rochester of five "Boy Bandits" occasioned a public comment from Commissioner of Public Safety Thomas C. Woods, who stated as follows:

"A very significant fact has developed from police investigation of the ten burglaries to which five youths have confessed. According to the boys themselves, they committed all ten burglaries between 3 and 5 o'clock in the morning.

"One gave his age as sixteen, three as fifteen, and one as fourteen. It seems to me that the proper place for boys of these ages at that time of the morning is home in bed. Why they were not there is certainly a source of wonderment to me.

"For some months, the police have made it their business to send youngsters home who were on the streets after midnight. But the Police Bureau hasn't the manpower to keep a constant watch on every street.

"It therefore, is quite obvious that the cooperation of parents is necessary if this problem is to be solved. The police will do their best, but the primary responsibility for accounting for the whereabouts of children in the early morning hours lies with parents."

True Charity

"Be careful always to observe the rules of politeness, but see that the outward form is the expression of genuine feeling and of true charity toward your neighbor." Father Lasance.

BUY WAR BONDS

Died in Action

Chaplain Arthur C. Lenaghan, Captain, U. S. A., priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., who died of wounds received in action, January 7, while serving with the Fifth Army in Italy. He had only recently received a Legion of Merit citation for bravery. Father Lenaghan, who was formally stationed at Holy Name Church, New Bedford, Mass., is the nineteenth Catholic Chaplain to die while serving with the U. S. Army Chaplain Corps in World War II. (N.C.W.C.)

'Protestant' Editor Exposed as Promoter Of Anti-Catholicism

NEW YORK (NC) — Exposure of Kenneth Leslie and Pierre van Paassen as promoters of anti-Catholicism and champions of Communism was made this week by Frederick Woltmus, staff writer of the New York World-Telegram.

Kenneth Leslie, organizer of two national groups formed ostensibly to combat anti-Semitism, was declared to have a record of violent anti-Catholicism, brilliant pro-Communism and bitter opposition to Jewish groups favoring interfaith cooperation with Catholics and Protestants."

Mr. Leslie was described as "editor of a magazine which calls itself **The Protestant**" but it was added that Mr. Leslie says it is 'not a church publication.'

Collateral Crusades

"With his associates, Mr. Leslie is inducing many prominent Americans to lend their names as 'sponsors' of his committees, among them Pearl Buck, Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, Fannie Hurst, and Newbold Morris and scores of Protestant bishops, union heads, college presidents and others.

"His sponsors undoubtedly are sincerely interested in stopping anti-Semitism. Few probably are aware of Mr. Leslie's collateral crusades. Or that Mr. Leslie and his magazine, according to an investigation by this paper:

"1.—For years have been waging a violent, uninterrupted campaign against the Catholic Church, its American leaders and the Vatican.

"2.—Bitterly attacked the American Jewish Committee because it works with the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The latter is backed by President Roosevelt, Gov. Dewey, Wendell Willkie, Alfred E. Smith, Israel Goldstein, president of the Synagogue Council of America, and the Most Rev. Thomas F. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn.

"3.—Has built himself up as an unofficial apologist for Communism, supporting many American Communist front movements as well.

Assailed by Jewish Groups

"The two Leslie committees are the Textbook Commission to Eliminate Anti-Semitic Statements in American Textbooks and the more recent National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism. His close associates on both committees as well as his Protestant magazine have been Pierre Van Paassen, the author; Johannes Steel, radio commentator, and Joseph Brainin.

"Responsible Jewish and other organizations seriously concerned with the problem of anti-Semitism criticize the Leslie group as doing more to foment anti-Semitism than end it, a survey showed today.

"In their frequent outbursts against the Catholic Church mostly in the magazine Mr. Leslie and his three associates have spoken sneeringly of 'the Hitler-Vatican shenanigans'; denounced Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen as 'a dangerous . . . subtle Fascist'; held that the Pope is interested chiefly in 'a Fascist world hegemony' and called Archbishop Francis Spellman 'the dutiful servant of Vatican intrigue.'

Sponsors Listed

Mr. Leslie is chairman of the Textbook Commission which was organized officially by The Protestant and occupies the same offices at 521 Fifth Ave.

Eight of the magazine's backers and featured contributors were preliminary sponsors of the National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism. A huge advertisement of The Protestant hangs on the wall of the committee's office at 386 Fifth Ave., where an office employe recently told an inquirer the committee has an "interlocking arrangement" with the Textbook Commission.

"While the committee has no permanent officers as yet, Leonard M. Goldfarb, acting secretary, recently told another inquirer that its four principal organizers were Messrs. Leslie, Van Paassen, Steel and Brainin. Solicitation of sponsors went out under the name of Mr. Steel.

"Recent The Protestant held its 1944 annual dinner at the Hotel Commodore, honoring Mr. van Paassen. Mr. Leslie was the other principal speaker. Both attacked the Catholic Church.

"The February-March, 1943, Protestant carried a speech delivered by Mr. van Paassen at last year's annual dinner. Why, he asked, was it taking so long for General Eisenhower's 'splendidly equipped army' to drive Marshal Rommel out of Africa?

Attacks Catholic Leaders

"'The answer to that question does not lie in Africa, in Rommel's headquarters, or in the offices of the German general staff in Berlin,' declared Mr. van Paassen. 'The answer lies in the secret council chambers of Madrid, in Vatican City, in Washington's State Department and in the Archiepiscopal palace on Madison Ave., New York City, sometimes known as the "Powerhouse" and which is the home of Archbishop Spellman.'"

Two Protestant Leaders Deplore Lack Of Religion In Educational System

NEW ORLEANS (NC)—"Children are educated in the three R's, but they come out of school religiously illiterate; our purpose is to fill in the blind spot in the educational program by adding another R, for religion," the Rev. Dana Dawson, Jr., Methodist, executive director, said at a meeting of the New Orleans Protestant Education Commission, which last year began sponsoring week-day religious instruction for public school children.

By regulations of the Orleans (civil) Parish school board, children may be excused on the written request of parents for religious instruction off the school property, and for several years Catholics have taken advantages of this regulation.

"In the face of difficulties before us," said Dean William R. Nes, Episcopalian, "I think that in New Orleans we have undertaken a policy and pattern which are inadequate in the final sense, but which will go as far as the present situation will allow it to go. We can at least make a beginning in this generation."

Dr. Kettell Leaves On Missions Tour

The Rev. George F. Kettel, S. T. D., pastor of Old St. Mary's Church, Rochester, departed this week for a several months trip during which he will visit the Catholic missions of the Southern States.

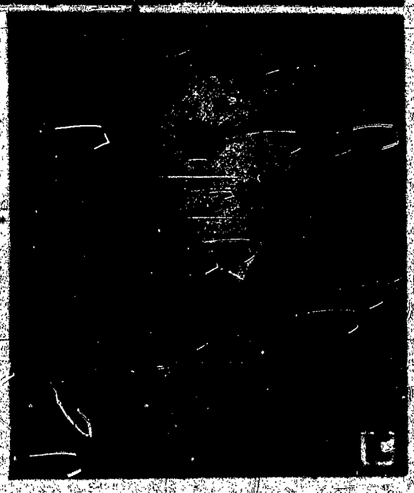
Long interested in the Catholic missions, Dr. Kettell plans to gain first hand information of the work of the Catholic missionaries in the South.

While on his southern visit, Kettell plans to engage in public preaching on the Catholic Faith.

During his extended absence, Old St. Mary's parish will be in charge of the Rev. Francis Hester, former assistant of the parish.

"ALONG THE WAY"
By Fr. Lord—Editorial Page

CABINET OFFICERS AT RED MASS



In the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in Washington, some 1,500 persons attended the annual Red Mass in observance of the opening of Congress and the Courts. The distinguished guests included Cabinet officers, members of Congress, noted jurists and representatives of the diplomatic corps. Pictured on that occasion, upper photo, are Vice-President and Mrs. Henry A. Wallace with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward B. Jordan, Vice-Rector of Catholic University. Lower photo, Postmaster General Frank C. Walker. Reni Newsphoto. (N.C.W.C.)

Statue of Christ The King Erected in India Seaport

ALLEPPEY, India. — A huge statue of Christ the King, erected in the heart of the busiest commercial section of this city and facing the sea, was unveiled at a public ceremony, before a large throng.

The statue is 18 feet high and is regarded as a beautiful example of the sculptural art.

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