

**Athletic Propaganda On Increase in Italy**

Rome — (AP) — Increasing athletic propaganda is reported in Italy following the organiza-

tion of the so-called National Committee of Athletes. The committee has started a campaign against "the monarchy, capitalism, and God," but so far without much success.

**On Guard!**

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to foster the development of students that they may become the responsible bearers of spiritual values, the committee points out. Religion is so important an aspect of human life, the committee adds, that no university is doing its duty toward young men which does not offer them the best obtainable instruction in the field.

Particularly worried by the "sharp increase" of classroom dishonesty in examinations the Yale professors recommend a return to religion as a remedy of this condition and beyond this as a necessary improvement of postwar education.

"Specifically, what is needed is a new sort of department of religion, here at Yale and at every university," the committee asserts. The professors wish to elevate religion to the position of a major study in the university curriculum and to enhance it with the prestige and dignity of other studies.

These conclusions of the Yale professors mark a startling turn of events in the world of American secular education. For many years non-Catholic educators have ignored God and at times even conspired against religion. Now in the rocket's red glare of war we see the professors breaking ranks to admit that their so-called modern or godless education leads only to a modern jungle of moral and intellectual chaos.

If university education is on the verge of bankruptcy and the university mind—popularly styled the modern mind—is on the verge of some new madness, then that tragic situation is directly traceable to the university professors themselves. The Yale report urges colleges to worry about the moral and religious life of the students, but if there is any gift of logic left in the so-called modern colleges the worrying should be directed first towards the teachers of the students.

The Yale professors are very wise in urging the universities to return to religion but unfortunately they are very weak when it comes to explaining what they mean by religion. There is a real fear that the Yale proposal to establish a "new department of religion" may result in the nightmare of a "new religion."

Worse yet, as time goes on it may happen that a "new professor" in the religious department will also mean a "new religion" in the religion department. Any university which makes religious truth and guidance dependent on the peculiar preferences of some group of professors must face the continuous threat of embarrassment. Under such a situation the whole university may go to bed with one religion and wake up with another, especially if the new day brings a change in the religious faculty. In the same way the poor undergraduate may have to change his religious notions several times between his freshman and senior years.

This uncertainty about the meaning, purpose and truth of religion is the flaw in the Yale proposal. And the professors can be sure that the first to discover this flaw will be of course the students.

The return of the universities to religion as vaguely outlined by the Yale professors does strike, however, an encouraging note. It indicates that some of the modern educators are approaching at long last the position which Catholic educators have held from the first.

The popular press that is set agog with excitement by the Yale pronouncement on religion has passed up a thousand better statements in the past from Catholic universities like Notre

Dame and Fordham. This is not a complaint against the press but rather it is a compliment to the Church for being so far in advance of both the press as well as the people. No Catholic college was ever started without provision first being made for religion. Secular colleges like Yale, after many years of establishment, are starting out only now to search for a religion.

The warning of the Yale committee that religious instruction is necessary to ward off the threat of moral and intellectual anarchy was sounded almost a hundred years ago and much more clearly by Cardinal Newman in his idea of a University. "University Teaching without Theology is simply unphilosophical," wrote the English Churchman. "Theology has at least as good a right to claim a place there as Astronomy."

In his Encyclical on the "Christian Education of Youth," issued in 1929, the late Pope Pius XI pointed out that the school, "if not a temple, is a den." Accordingly, the Pope explained, "the so-called 'neutral' or 'lay' school, from which religion is excluded, is contrary to the fundamental principles of education. Such a school moreover cannot exist in practice; it is bound to become irreligious." If the statements of the Pontiff and the Cardinal ever needed any popular vindication, they now have it in the report of the Yale professors.

Occasionally Catholics propose a question to their parish priests. They want to know whether or not their sons or daughters will lose their faith by attending a non-Catholic university or college.

Thanks to the committee of Yale professors there is now a good answer to this question. By their own admission the Yale teachers are fearful that their students may fall victims of moral and intellectual anarchy.

The prospect of the varsity football team being overwhelmed on some Saturday during the fall season may give Catholic educators a little worry but as yet they are not concerned about the possibility of moral and intellectual chaos engulfing the student body.

**Dutch Catholics Reorganize Party**

New York — (NC) — With the return of normal party politics to The Netherlands, the old Catholic State party, representative of the Catholic portion of the population, which constitutes more than one-third of the people — has been reorganized, it is announced by Aneta, official Netherlands and Netherlands Indies news agency.

At the same time, Aneta reports, the Catholic Political Society, founded in southern Holland after the liberation of that portion of the country, has been disbanded.

The Catholic State Party, Aneta says, has not given any indication of entering into the tussle of national politics but has endorsed the National People's Movement, which was founded by a group of Holland's political leaders who were imprisoned by the Nazis. The present prime minister of Holland, Prof. Willem Schermerhorn, is one of the founders of the Movement, which has as its basic principle the "national political unity of the people" on the basis of "a common plan to all elements of the nation."

**Rochesterian Bearer At Dearing Rites**

Buffalo — (NC) — The Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Bishop of Buffalo, presided at a Solemn Mass of Requiem here for the repose of the soul of Paul Dearing, public relations director for War Relief Services-N.C.W.C., who was one of the eleven staff members of the organization killed when an army bomber struck their offices in the Empire State building in New York. Mr. Dearing, a former member of the staff of the National Catholic Community Service, was a member of the Board of the Catholic Institute Library of Buffalo.

Honorary pallbearers included Martin Moll of Rochester, a staff member of the National Catholic Community Service.

Treasurer at Providence Providence, R. I. — The Rev. William C. Meehan, O.P., professor of economics and business administration at Providence College since 1931, has been appointed the College's administrative treasurer, the Very Rev. Frederick C. Foley, O.P., announced today. Father Meehan succeeds the Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., who was recently named Dean of Studies.

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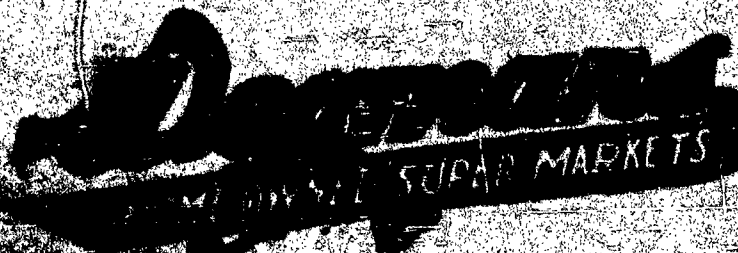
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