

# Bishop Terms Full Employment Bill Aid Against Communism

Washington — (NC) — Communism need not be feared by this nation as long as it provides a decent living for its people, because "communism does not flourish, it is not even desired, where justice and charity prevail in the social order," the Most Rev. Bernard J. Shell, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, told the Senate Banking and Currency Committee today in giving his endorsement to the provisions of the Murray-Wagner full employment bill.

Bishop Shell, in his statement to the committee quoted Pope Leo XIII, who said that "It is the first duty of every government to make sure that the laws and institutions, the general character and administration of the Commonwealth, are such as to produce of themselves public well-being and private prosperity. Above all, the public administration must duly and solicitously provide for the welfare and comfort of the working people."

Scoring opponents of the bill who label such actions of the government "communistic," Bishop Shell said: "In my judgment one of the greatest events in our history is the full, unreserved recognition that the government has these fundamental duties toward citizens; and that it has firmly resolved to bend the national energies and to use the national resources to meet these imperative obligations."

In the political realm, Bishop Shell said, he believed that American democracy is the "last best hope on earth," but, he added, "I am not so naive as to believe that our democracy, as it stands today, is perfect." He contended that the "sharpest criticism of democracy, and most of the charges that it is decadent, are based on its failures on the economic level."

"There is only one standard by which to judge a given economic system: how well does it fulfill its purpose—how well does it secure the economic well-being of men?" the Bishop said. "This is the only true and humane standard; it must be applied ruthlessly. All other considerations, whether of profit or power, are secondary."

"I believe that full employment is possible in America; I believe unemployment is unnecessary, the Bishop told the committee. "I have no patience with that school of thought which maintains business depressions and mass unemployment are inevitable. They are inevitable only because stupidity and greed and fear have made them so."

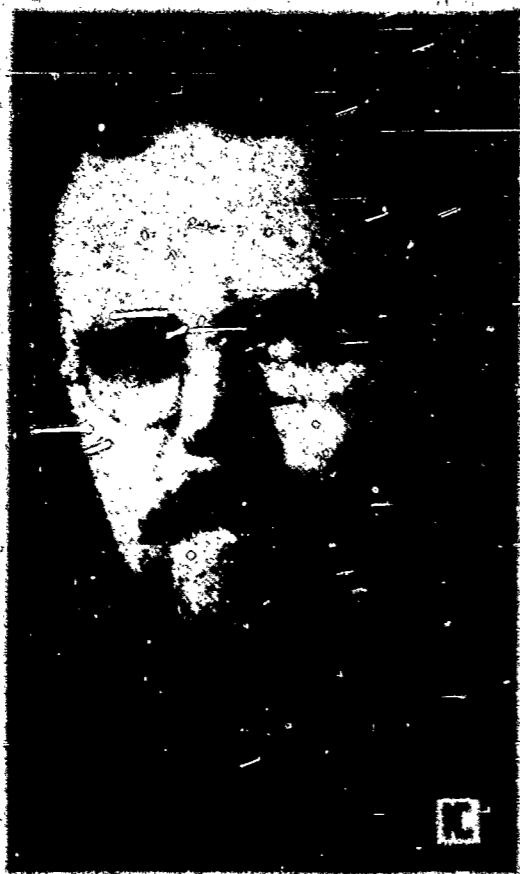
"Depressions and mass unemployment are not acts of God. They are produced by us through our inhuman economic practices. We believe it is necessary to organize the world to preserve international peace. Why should we not organize our own society to preserve economic peace and avoid economic disaster?"

Bishop Shell asserted if "we do not achieve full employment at living wages, then we shall obviously have mass unemployment." He declared "we cannot afford another national depression such as the one we experienced in the '30's" because a nation "ill-housed, ill-fed and ill-clothed" and a people "bound down by misery and want" are fertile ground "for the curse of totalitarianism."

## Chinese Children's Group Received by Archbishop

Chicago — (NC) — A group of Catholic Chinese children, members of the first class of 25 who were baptized five years ago at a mass baptism ceremony, marked the anniversary last week by paying their respects to the Most Rev. Joseph E. Hurley, Archbishop of Chicago, in the Chancery building, accompanied by their pastor, the Rev. Augustinus A. Tave, Pastor of St. Theres Chinese Mission.

## First American



Very Rev. Apollinaris Baumgartner, O. F. M. Cap. (above), Vicar of the Immaculate Conception Monastery, Yonkers, N. Y., and a native of Brooklyn, has been appointed by Pope Pius XII to be Titular Bishop of Jappa and Vicar Apostolic of Guam. He succeeds the Most Rev. Leon Angel Olano y Urteaga, O. F. M. Cap., who has resigned. He was formerly editor of the "Seraphic Chronicle." (NC Photos)

## Father Brien Named Consultor

Appointment by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney of the Very Rev. William J. Brien, V. F., as Diocesan Consultor representing the Southern Tier is announced at the Chancery today.

Father Brien is pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira and was recently named Dean of all churches in the Elmira area.

He is a native of Rochester and graduate of Holy Redeemer School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and was ordained in 1916.

Before going to Elmira as pastor in 1932, Father Brien served as an instructor in the old Rochester Catholic High School and later in Aquinas Institute for a period of 16 years.

## Two Nuns Die; Served 126 Years

Mount St. Vincent — (NC) — Solemn Masses of Requiem for two aged Sisters of the Sisters of Charity of Providence, who died within a week, have been offered here. Sister Mary Augusta, who died at the age of 87, and Sister Rose of the Cross, who was 85, have spent together 126 years in religion.

## Jap News Agency Quotes U. S. Priest On Occupation

Washington — (NC) — An appeal attributed to the Rev. Patrick J. Byrne, American Maryknoll missionary interned in Japan, which urges the American armed forces about to occupy the Japanese home islands to understand that the Japanese "cooperate genuinely in carrying out the treaty terms" was broadcast in English by Domei, Japanese news agency.

The message, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, quoted Father Byrne as appealing to American and Allied armed forces to avoid provocation of unrest among the Japanese people.

A week ago a Domei broadcast quoted Father Byrne as expressing apprehension over what might happen—"if the landing forces commit rash acts." At that time the Most Rev. James E. Walsh, Superior General of Maryknoll, said the community had had no word from Father Byrne since Pearl Harbor and had no way of knowing whether his statement had been transmitted correctly, or "what degree of freedom he exercised in making it."

In his latest broadcast Domei quoted Father Byrne as saying he believed the most impressive thing that would strike the occupying forces would be "the absence of disorder, the quiet and restrained atmosphere, the calmness of the general public, and the apparent entire resignation of the people to the Emperor's will."

"But underneath this general orderliness," Father Byrne was quoted as saying, "there is awaiting you a people with misgivings about you and your probable attitude toward them; a people hardly daring to hope for the best but fearing the worst, in fear that you will be overbearing and vindictive."

## Confirmations Held On Channel Islands

London — The British Channel Islands, off the French coast, after five years of German occupation and separation from their Ordinary, the Most Rev. John H. King, Bishop of Portsmouth, are now busily catching up with confirmations.

Bishop King has just returned to his home at Winchester, Hampshire, after a 16-day tour of the islands, during which time he confirmed 324 persons, 80 of whom were converts.

## EUCCHARIST RESCUED

### Seven Nuns Carry Blessed Sacrament To Safety Under Jap Fire

Manila — (NC) — The story just has been disclosed here. It concerns seven courageous Benedictine nuns — six of German blood and one Filipina — and it happened "somewhere in the Philippines" at the time of the Japanese invasion.

Their pastor had been killed. The Blessed Sacrament was reserved in the parish church and also in the Sisters' convent. The Mother Superior distributed Communion to the convent, then led the Sisters to the church.

Taking the Sacred Elements from the Tabernacle, she gave them to the little Filipina nun. Then, oblivious to burning shells and whizzing bullets, the nuns formed a procession and marched straight through "a man's head" (they were all about them, but her was nowhere around, for the Japanese King was making them march along Boulevard) toward the

they marched along. Occasionally they offered short prayers. On they went to the shelter of a hut where the Blessed Sacrament was enshrined in a small room.

But hardly had they begun resting when a Japanese patrol, foraging for food, found the place and the call "All citizens out" was sounded. The Filipina nun went to the door of the hut and faced a soldier of Japan. She sternly warned him against molesting the women and children inside.

The soldier thrust the point of his bayonet against her body, but she didn't flinch. He lifted his gun, told the Sister she was "very brave," settled for two chickens and went his way. But he broke out again and the nuns, still carrying the Blessed Sacrament, took to the hills and hid in caves. There they remained until rescued by the American Service men.

## IT'S DOCTOR MACARTHUR NOW



Wearing the academic robes of the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Gen. Douglas MacArthur (right), Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific, receives the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the Rev. Thomas Tacon, O. F. M., vice-chancellor of the school, eldest university under the American flag, U. S. Army Radiophoto. (NC Photos)

## Priest Tells Bilbo Critics To Drop Own Prejudices

Chicago — (RNS) — The Rev. Edward Dowling, S. J., Jesuit magazine editor, said here that people from the Northern states should stop criticizing Senator Bilbo of Mississippi until they abolish their own "more courteous but still vicious" prejudices.

Father Dowling, an editor of The Queen's Work, national Catholic sodality magazine, spoke at the 15th annual Summer School of Catholic Action here.

Declaring he thought Senator Bilbo's attitude and statements on racial issues "shocking and insulting," the Jesuit writer said that "it seems preposterous for people in the Northern states with their restrictive covenants and industrial and educational discrimination to be denouncing anyone else."

"In effect," he added, "we imply that it is all right to be anti-Negro if you are polite about it."

"Periodically, the people and newspapers will rise up in highly publicized wrath at conditions in the South. We think that because we let the Negro ride in streetcars with us that we have solved the race problem and that we can continue to place economic and social restrictions on

him that often have tragic consequences."

Father Dowling said that if people in the rest of the country were sincerely opposed to Senator Bilbo's ideology they would campaign actively for elimination of minority restrictions in their own areas.

## World Control Asked For Atomic Power

New York — (INS) — Immediate action to insure international control "over all atomic power which can be used in bombs" was asked by the Rev. Richard M. Fagley, secretary of the commission on a just and durable peace.

He warned that the "menace of atomic war would become acute" if the control of such bombs were to slip "from the sole possession by the United States into the hands of two or more competing powers."

Opposition to the proposed United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, which is to be established to coordinate and control atomic energy, was reported.



School Days

September 11th to all school children

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and the world

and the future

and the peace

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and the faith

and the charity

and the grace

and the glory

and the kingdom

of God the Father