THEY VOTED IN FRENCH ELECTIONS

Women voted for the first time in a French national election recently. Among those participating were these French Nuns pictured at a Paris polling station. (INP-NC Photos).

AFL Backs U.S. Aid to Private School Pupils

Washington — (NC) — The American Federation of Labor has pledged its support of the Mead-Aiken "Federal Aid to Education" bill in a pamphlet entitled "Opportunity for Education for All."

The A. F. of L. recommends the enactment of the Mead-Aiken Bill because it will: (1) "help the States maintain good public schools;" (2) "afford every child those services through which his health, welfare, and social well-being, as well as his mental capacities, are best developed;" (3) "aid needy students to remain in school."

In answer to the charge that the Mead-Aiken Bill "breaks down an established American tradition by giving aid to Church schools," the statement says:

"The practice of having our Federal Government give aid to schools, hospitals and other non-profit institutions which are under the control of Churches of every denomination is as old as the country itself. . . .

"The most recent example is the G. I. Bill which makes Federal funds available for tuition and for upkeep in sectarian as well as non-sectarian schools."

Furthermore, the A. F. of L. flatly denies that the Mead-Aiken bill violates State constitutional prohibitions against the use of public funds for Church schools, and insists that there is no need to apologize for circumventing a State law that discriminates against children because of their religious affiliation.

"We believe a Catholic child or a Lutheran child living in rural areas should not have to trudge in the mud to get to school, but should be allowed to ride on the school bus," the statement says. "Transportation to school is his right — no matter to what school his parents may decide to send him, regardless of what the State law may say; we believe that if a Catholic child can get greater enlightment by looking through a microscope bought by public funds — that he ought to have that microscope."

Industry Must Meet Social Justice Pleas Of Labor—Bp. Griffin

Springfield, Ill. — (RNS) — American industry must either meet the pleas of workers for social justice or face the end of the American system of free competition, the Most Rev. James A. Griffin, Roman Bishop of Springfield, told the 63rd annual convention of the Illinois State Federation of Labor here.

"Unless management and labor get down some real, self-sacrificing, mutual teamwork, the opposition — unemployment, depression, breadlines, and economic collapse — will most assuredly win the day," the bishop warned.

"Those glib propagandists of a decadent social era, with tired accents, still harp with deceptive rhetoric on the old theme that free competition is an American heritage. They forget — or perhaps they never knew —that there is as much difference between free competition and unlicensed competition as there is between freedom of expression and libel."

Bishop Griffin declared that when employers use the right of free competition to exploit their workers they are "just as guilty before the bar of divine justice as are the men who bear false witness."

Henry Wallace's "symbolic goal" of 60,000,000 jobs can be achieved, he said, only when leaders of management decide "to sit down on all fronts and talk things over with conscientious representatives of organized labor."

The Catholic prelate stated that the cause of American Labor had been handicapped by the presence "of profiteering labor organizers, of graft-tainted walking delegates or out-and-out racketeers."

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Heads Cyprus School

Jerusalem — (NC) — The Rev. Godfrey Kloetzle, O.F.M., formerly of the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C., has been appointed director of the Franciscan School at Holy Cross Friary in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Justice for Negroes In South Forecast

New York — (RNS) — The South holds our great promise in the field of interracial justice, the Rev. John LaFarge, S.J., chaplain of the Catholic Interracial Council, declared here at the council's annual presentation of the James J. Hoey Awards for Interracial Justice.

Recipients of the 1945 awards were Paul D. Williams, of Richmond, Va., vice-president of the National Council of Catholic Men, and first secretary of the Catholic Committee of the South, and Richmond Barthe, prominent Negro sculptor, formerly of Bay St. Louis, Miss.

"Today in the South," Father LaFarge declared, "we see an evergrowing band of men and women, clergy and laity, who are destined in a short time to set us to shame here in the North. Dixie is habitually slow in waking up, but when it does, it is very much aroused, as can be seen in the example of the Catholic Committee of the South."

Vatican Sees Hope In French Vote

Vatican City — The French elections to the Constituent Assembly brought a surprise; three parties with a number of seats practically equal; a very strong shrinkage of radical votes and of those of the right wing parties, Osservatore Romano comments.

"A very important factor in the outcome was the new party of the Christian democrats," Osservatore continues. "Also, this new alignment of parties was occasioned by the great number of votes cast by those who had refrained from voting in the recent regional elections.

"What we should like to see is this: that the new political situation, brought about by the presence of a strong party inspired by Christian principles, may exclude any possibility, in the new Constitution, of the lay or anti-clerical measures which have brought so much harm to the French people. It is a hope that we express of full freedom for the Church and for the welfare of France," Osservatore Romano concludes.

Prelate Hails Parley on Labor

Washington — (NC) — Labor and management should discuss how they can cooperate by whole industries and in the country as a whole, the Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference, has suggested in a letter to President Harry S. Truman, congratulating him on calling the Labor - Management Conference.

"Much of the conflict," Bishop Alter wrote, "between labor and management arises from the fact that unions and management meet so often to discuss differences and meet so infrequently to discuss what should be their common interest — service to the industry as a whole and service to the public. This engenders an atmosphere of hostility which magnifies the differences."

Asking that "God grant His special help to the conferees," Bishop Alter's letter pointed out that the problem with which the conference is dealing in its ramifications "is almost comparable to the problem of war. Indeed," he wrote, "the two are akin and even interdependent."

The whole country as well as management and labor "would suffer serious and perhaps irreparable damage" if the gains were now lost that have been registered in labor-management relations since World War I and during the course of World War II, the Bishop observed.

Rules on Religion In French Schools

Paris — (CIP) — A decree of the French Minister of Education, Rene Capitant, abolishing religious instruction in all public schools where it was not in the school curriculum before 1940, has created misgivings in Catholic circles. The decree was accompanied by a statement that the teaching of religion had to be discontinued because it was introduced under the Vichy regime. Before the war, religious instruction was a part of the regular school curriculum only in Alsace-Lorraine.

Under new regulations, religious instruction may be introduced in a French public school by a decision of the Board of Directors. In this case, teachers and priests giving religious instruction will not be paid by the Government or the school, but by the parents who desire such instruction.

Greeks Vote Crosby To Rosary Group

London — (NC) — In recognition of his work on behalf of the world-wide broadcast dedicated to the Family Rosary last Mother's Day, Bing Crosby, American movie and radio star, has been made an honorary member of the Athens Confraternity of the Perpetual Rosary, according to word received here from the Greek capital. He is the first honorary member of the Confraternity since it was formed.

Abp. Schrembs, Diocesan Head At Cleveland for 24 Years, Dies

Cleveland—(NC) — The death of the Most Rev. Archbishop Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, was stressed as a loss to the Church and to the nation in numerous tributes that have poured in here since his death November 2.

The Cleveland Diocese and the entire State are observing a week of mourning to culminate in solemn funeral ceremonies at St. John's Cathedral on Friday.

Archbishop Schrembs' death, in St. John's Hospital here at 3:30 p. m. last Friday, ended a long illness.

With the Archbishop in his last moments were the Most Rev. Edward F. Hoban, who had been his Coadjutor as Bishop of Cleveland for almost three years.

Bishop Hoban will pontificate at the solemn funeral Mass Friday in the Cathedral. Among members of the Hierarchy attending will be the Bishops of the several Dioceses of Ohio. The Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati will preach at the Mass.

A Solemn Pontifical memorial Mass will be celebrated Thursday by the Most Rev. James A. McFadden, Bishop of Youngstown, who was Archbishop Schrembs' Auxiliary in the Diocese of Cleveland for eleven years.

The body of the deceased Prelate was transferred from St.

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lie in state at the Cathedral until the funeral. Burial will be in the Cathedral crypt, alongside previous Ordinaries of the Diocese.

Archbishop Schrembs served as head of the Cleveland diocese for 24 years. He was ordained in the Grand Seminary in Montreal in 1889.

Born in Ratisbon, Bavaria, March 12, 1866, he came to this country at the age of 11. He attended St. Vincent's Archabbey at Latrobe, Pa.

Thirteen years after his ordination [illegible] Vicar General of the diocese of Grand Rapids, Mich. In 1906, he became domestic prelate, then Auxiliary Bishop in 1911.

In the same year, Bishop Schrembs was named First Bishop of the newly formed Toledo, O., diocese.

On the 25th anniversary of his ordination, June 29, 1918, he was made Bishop Assistant at the Pontifical Throne. Three years later he was installed as the fifth Bishop of Cleveland.

In 1935 the Seventh National Eucharistic Congress met in Cleveland. As president and protector of the Priests' Eucharistic League in the United States, Archbishop Schrembs was in a most appropriate position to act as host to the Congress.

On February 22, 1936, occurred the silver anniversary of the Archbishop's episcopate, an event which was noted by religious and civic groups. In 1939, the Diocese and the city of Cleveland united in commemorating his golden jubilee in the priesthood.

Pope Pius XII had honored the jubilarian with a personal letter on May 13, 1939, but the Holy Father had another gift to bestow. On March 29 of that year he had named him Archbishop.

Archbishop Schrembs' last visit to Rochester was made in October, 1931, when as Episcopal Chairman, N.C.W.C. Lay Department, he attended the convention of the National Council of Ca[illegible]

Cardinal Hits Forced Training

Washington — (NC) — A telegram addressed to Representative Louis E. Graham of Pennsylvania by His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, opposing peacetime military training was read in the House and placed in the Congressional Record by the legislator.

The message from the Cardinal stated: "Please oppose President Truman's project for peacetime military training and make known to your conferees my objection to it."

Addressing Congress, Representative Graham said: "The Ecclesiastical Prince of a great Church has spoken out of the fullness and richness of his years, and we would do well to heed his admonition and be guided by his devotion."