

Laski's Trip to U. S. Protested as Our Troops Wait Ships

Members of the Knights of Columbus in New York State are asking why Britain's leading Socialist can obtain transportation to the United States while thousands of American fighting men are forced to wait overseas because of a shipping shortage.

Matthew F. Kennedy, Chairman of the Catholic Affairs Committee of the New York State Council of the Knights of Columbus, this week urged all state councils to register disapproval of the forthcoming visit of Harold J. Laski, British Socialist, to the United States.

Laski, chairman of the British Labor Party, is slated to arrive in this country about December 1 to address a dinner forum at the Hotel Astor in New York City. The forum is sponsored by The Nation Magazine. The topic is: "The Challenge of the Atomic Bomb."

Abp. Schrembs Eulogized at Final Rites

Cleveland — (NC) — Archbishop Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, over "prodigal in spending himself," worked "intelligently for the Church in Michigan and Ohio and for the advancement of religion throughout the United States," Archbishop John T. Muffinholan, O.P., of Cleveland, said in his sermon at the funeral Mass of the 85-year-old prelate in St. John's Cathedral here. The body was interred in the crypt beneath the Cathedral, burial place for Bishops of the diocese.

Five Archbishops and 13 Bishops were present and the Cathedral was filled to overflowing as Bishop Edward F. Hoban of Cleveland, offered the Mass of Requiem. Among civic dignitaries were Gov. Frank J. Lausche of Ohio and Mayor Thomas A. Burton of Cleveland. While the body of Archbishop Schrembs lay in state it was surrounded by more than 50,000 people.

In his sermon, Archbishop Muffinholan said that after serving as Bishop of Cleveland for 12 years, Archbishop Schrembs had been a "great blessing to the diocese."

Chaplain Welcomed by Brother



Army Chaplain Donald M. Cleary (right) who returned to his Rochester home Wednesday, is greeted by his brother, Rev. Thomas Cleary, of Corning. Chaplain Cleary served with the 36th Fighter Group, 9th Air Force and rates three presidential citations, two battle stars and bronze star. His brother points to many decorations.

Wounded Chaplain Cites Needs for A Lasting Peace

New York — (NC) — There can be no lasting peace unless all citizens of every nation become imbued with and live the ideal set before us by Christ, the Rev. Andrew F. Cervini, S.J., Army chaplain, declared in his sermon at the tenth annual Armistice Day Mass of the Catholic War Veterans in St. Patrick's Cathedral here.

Bishop J. Francis A. McIntyre, Auxiliary of New York, presided at the Mass. Bishop William R. Arnold, Military Delegate, was present in the Sanctuary. Weather forced cancellation of a parade, but 1,500 veterans gathered in front the Cathedral, massed colors and marched into the edifice.

"All of us here today," said Father Cervini, who was a prisoner of the Japanese and who was seriously wounded in action, "can bear witness to the fact that we have left a little bit of America on every island of the Pacific and in most every country of Europe." He characterized the war dead as "America's mute ambassadors to the people of those lands."

"America's task is a great one," Father Cervini said. "She must help secure the peace of the world. There can be only one way to that peace — the teaching of Christ."

Socialist propagandist Laski recently aroused the ire of American Catholics when he attacked the Vatican in a radio address to the United States. He has also joined Soviet spokesmen in their demands for the forcible overthrow of the present Franco regime in Spain.

"IT IS DEPLORABLE," states K. of C. official Kennedy, "that an alien, who, according to our State Department, does not hold a position with the British Government, can get transportation from England when thousands of our service men are stranded for lack of space."

Kennedy appeals to K. of C. councils to ask Secretary of State James Byrnes how this is possible.

Councils are also urged to write to Lord Halifax, British Ambassador at Washington. "We should state," suggests Kennedy, "that we are not opposed in any way to the freedom of speech granted visitors. However, we feel that in view of Laski's recent open attack on the Catholic Church, he should not be permitted to leave England at this time to expose Great Britain to further criticism. Laski did a disservice to the British people by his recent attack, and he has made more difficult the task of complete understanding between our countries."

Strategy of Aquinas Urged in Broadcast

New York — (NC) — "If our world is to be saved, it must change its strategy and from Thomas Aquinas it can learn the only strategy worth following," the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. McCarthy, editor of The Tidings, said Sunday on the Catholic Hour program.

Father McCarthy's address, one of a series he is giving on

"Saints for the Times," was devoted to St. Thomas Aquinas. The Saint's great contribution, he said, "lay in his taking what was true from the pagan philosophers and relating that truth to the truths he found in Christian tradition, and co-ordinating both in a splendid testament of the truth."

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