

Farley Reports 28 States Supporting Al Smith Memorial

New York — Twenty-eight States have swung behind the drive for a \$2,000,000 Alfred E. Smith wing to St. Vincent's Hospital here, James A. Farley, general chairman, disclosed today and announced the names of State chairmen.

Quotas totaling \$485,000 thus far have been accepted by eight States. They are Massachusetts, \$150,000; Missouri, \$100,000; Indiana, \$80,000; Texas, \$50,000; New Jersey, \$50,000; Delaware, \$25,000; Maryland, \$25,000, and Idaho, \$5,000. The tentative quota for all organizations outside of New York City is \$1,115,000.

New York State is being organized intensively by county committees. Buffalo, under the chairmanship of Mayor Joseph J. Kelly with Mrs. Norman Mack as co-chairman, has undertaken to raise \$50,000. Active solicitation of funds is under way throughout the country, Mr. Farley said. The campaign started October 4, the first anniversary of Gov. Smith's death and will continue until December 30, the 72nd anniversary of his birth.

Mr. Farley expressed satisfaction at the widespread response to the memorial project, which "proves again that Al Smith did not belong just to his own city or state, but to the whole nation."

The Alfred E. Smith Memorial wing a 16-story addition will increase St. Vincent's to 750 beds including 100 additional beds for charity patients and special accommodations for sick children; new operating rooms; power plant; laundry, and training facilities for nurses and internes.

Lithuanian Abstinence Alliance Names Chaplain

Worcester, Mass. (RNS) — The Rev. John J. Jakaitis, M.I.C. of Marianapolis College, Thompsonville, Conn., former pastor of St. Casimir's Church here has been named chaplain of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Total Abstinence Alliance of America. The Rev. Joseph Dambrauskas, M.I.C. of Marianapolis College has been named national president.



James A. Farley

AL SMITH STAMP ON SALE NOV. 26

The U. S. Post Office has announced that on November 26, it will issue a memorial stamp in honor of the late Honorable Alfred E. Smith, former Governor of New York State.

"Never before," it is stated, "has any American who did not exercise the presidency of the United States, receive such an honor so shortly after his death."

Governor Smith died last year. Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York in a letter to the Bishops of the country urges that many "Alfred Smith" memorial stamps be purchased on the date of issue as a tribute to the famous American and statesman.

Thousands in Pilgrimage On Fatima Anniversary

Lisbon — (NC) — Thousands of pilgrims from all sections of the country journeyed on foot and by donkey to Fatima to attend the twenty-eighth anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima which took place in 1917.

Many ecclesiastical dignitaries took part in the pilgrimage, also the chaplain to Gen. Charles de Gaulle, and the wife of the Brazilian Ambassador, accompanied by 22 Brazilian seminarians. It is reported that 3,000 Americans have placed their names on a reservation list for a proposed pilgrimage to Fatima in 1946.

China Missions' Future Concerns Papal Delegate

Chungking, China — (Cable) — (NC) — Archbishop Mario Zanin, Apostolic Delegate to China, has concluded discussions here with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other government leaders concerning Catholic mission programs, personal and property.

Accompanied by his secretary, Monsignor Buziera, Archbishop Zanin left here Nov. 14 by airplane for Shanghai. Both the Archbishop and his Secretary had been in Peiping, all during the war.

The Apostolic Delegate was received cordially by the Chinese Government. He was a dinner guest of President and Madame Chiang. During the course of the dinner the Generalissimo expressed his appreciation and approval of the war-time work of the Church. Dr. Wu Te Chen, secretary general of the Kuomintang, (China's ruling political party) thanked Archbishop Zanin in the name of the government for the help rendered China by the Church.

Archbishop Zanin celebrated Mass at the Chungking Cathedral for the intention of the prosperity of China and her leaders. The Chinese diplomatic Corps and diplomats of foreign countries were present. The Apostolic Delegate revealed that after visiting Shanghai he expects to return to Peiping.

Liturgy in Peace — New Orleans — (NC) — "Catholic Liturgy in Peace and Reconstruction" is the theme for the annual Liturgical Week to be held on December 11, 12,

French Parents in Protest Of Religious Teaching Curb

Washington — (NC) — French Catholic parents of secondary school children have strongly protested a decree of the Minister of Education suppressing optional religious instruction in a great number of secondary schools, according to a Vatican radio broadcast monitored here by the Federal Communications Commission.

The parents' protest, endorsed by La Croix, French Catholic daily, is reported to have pointed out that the new decree, following hard on the suppression of grants for religious instruction, "is no more return to a policy of neutrality, but a violation of the very policy of complete laicization, which essentially involves complete respect for all sincere religious convictions." The decree requires the abolition of religious instruction

since 1939-40, unless the Administrative Council ignores its maintenance, the Vatican radio explained, adding:

"So far from respecting the liberty of conscience, the new circular smother the belief of children and makes it impossible for many families to provide such culture as they consider indispensable."

Release-Time in Montana

Libby, Montana — (RNS) — Release-time religious instruction was introduced for the first time in Montana, when the public school board here adopted a plan calling for release of pupils in grades one through eight for one hour of religious instruction a week. The plan was first presented by the Ministerial Association of Libby to the local school board.

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