British Catholics Hit U.S. Loan and Bretton Woods Agreement

London — (NC) — The British Catholic attitude, as expressed by legislators, economists and the Catholic Press, is decidedly opposed to a proposed U. S. loan to Britain and to ratification of the Bretton Woods Agreement.

Daring the anger of his fellow Labor Party members, Richard Stokes, leading Catholic member of the House of Commons, called for a free individual vote on the Bretton Woods Agreement Bill and then voted against it, despite the overwhelming support by his party members. Two of the Conservative members who opposed the bill are Squadron Leader Christopher Hollis, Catholic author, and Sir Patrick Hannon, British industrialist.

Father Francis H. Drinkwater of Birmingham, economist writing in **The Catholic Herald**, calls the Bretton Woods Agreement "crazy and morally wrong." He said "bitter experience" has taught that "to base money on gold at this time will lead to injustice and suffering, and that exchange control is necessary for a nation to keep its money stable along with a healthful balance of imports and exports. Ireland, he points out, "had the sense to stay away from Bretton Woods." To defenders of Bretton Woods, Father Drinkwater says: "All they can say is that these things won't happen like that if American business interprets Bretton Woods in a reasonable way. That's a mighty big 'if'."

Father Paul Crane, S.J., of Heythrop College, Oxfordshire, chief spokesman for the British Catholic Social Guild, writing in the same paper asserts: "We shall find ourselves at one and the same time a deficit country and a partner to an agreement by which we pledge ourselves to multilateral trade whilst we lack the means of fulfilling it."

He concludes that the "key to our position lies in our selling more and America buying more, which does not exclude America from helping the world to reconstruct." The loan agreement, he contends, increases America's selling, increases British buying, but cripples British selling. Father Crane foresees an American slump in 1950-51 and "both nations, tied together by Bretton Woods, will crash together."

The Catholic Herald observes that the alternative to acceptance of the loan is accepting indefinitely a wartime industrial control, hard work, and increased austerity. The acceptance not only involves "physical payment and the sacrifice of economic independence but subordination of Britain's moral, social and cultural quality of life to the quantitative economic values of international finance." The paper holds that rejection is the only alternative "that can in good conscience be chosen, especially by a Labor Government."

The Tablet points out to those who complain of "America's hard bargain," the "poetic justice" of America's attitude "toward us as compared with Britain's attitude toward Europe." The attitude of the American public, the paper says, toward Britain is much the same as Britain's attitude toward the Poles and Czechs.

British Cardinal

Cardinal - Designate Bernard Griffin, 46-year-old Archbishop of Westminster, is pictured in the uniform of an air raid warden in Birmingham, where he was active in Civilian Defense during the past war. He is also a veteran of the Navy and R. A. F. in World War I. (NC Photos)

Cardinal Mooney Visits Home Town

Youngstown, O. — (NC) — A visit to this scene of his boyhood and home of his parents for almost 50 years was one of the first trips made by Archbishop Edward Mooney of Detroit after announcement of his appointment to the Sacred College of Cardinals.

From here Cardinal-designate Mooney left for Chicago, to visit Cardinal-designate Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, to discuss plans for their trip to Rome for the February 18 Consistory at which the Red Hat will be conferred on the newly named Cardinals.

While here Archbishop Mooney was guest of Msgr. Joseph N. Trainor, pastor of St. Columba's Cathedral, a friend from the days when both were priests of the Cleveland Diocese and the Archbishop was on the faculty of St. Mary's Seminary. He spent a day with his family and paid a visit to the Ursuline convent, where several of the Sisters reside who taught him as a boy. St. Columba's Cathedral is the church in which the Cardinal-designate served as an acolyte and later celebrated his first Solemn Mass, and has been the Mooney family's parish church since 1897.

Spellman Family to Fly to Rome

New York — (NC) — Archbishop (Cardinal-designate) Francis J. Spellman of New York will leave on a chartered plane February 13 for the secret Consistory at the Vatican, taking with him his 87-year-old father, his four brothers and sisters, and the Rev. John J. Starr, pastor of the Church of the Holy Ghost, Whitman, Mass., the prelate's home parish, it was announced here.

On December 26 the Cardinal-designate celebrated Mass in the Whitman church in memory of his mother and after the service spoke of his association with the residents of his Massachusetts birthplace. He revealed that he will take their own food along because "the people of Italy are close to starvation."

Speaking as the guest of honor at a reception given here by the Archbishop's Committee of the Laity for Catholic Charities —which will henceforth be known as the Cardinal's Committee of the Laity—the Cardinal-designate thanked his hosts for their part in the recent drive of War Relief Services-N. C. W. C., which collected more than 1,000,000 cans of foodstuffs for the war-needy in the Archdiocese.

In the Christmas Eve sermon at St. Patrick's Cathedral, the prelate told of the suffering he had seen in the world, now "shackled by the fantastic, fatal force of atomic energy," and said that men had too long put their faith in strength of arms, in science and in might.

"We cannot stand apart from Christ," he said, "if we are with Him we are the leaders of atomic age, if we are without, we are the slaves of Enemy Divine. There is no other hope of overcoming peace on earth."

Home from Wars, Chaplains Greet Bishop

Bishop Kearney is pictured at his New Year's Day reception for the clergy with four returning chaplains. From left, they are: Chaplain J. Emmett Murphy (retired after Persian Gulf service); Chaplain Elmer W. Heindl, Pacific veteran; Chaplain Daniel Fraher, U.S.S. Alaska; Chaplain Edward J. Waters, First Division European Veteran.

Chaplain Heindl Home from Pacific

U. S. Army Chaplain (Capt.) Elmer W. Heindl, wearing his best victory smile, the Distinguished Service Cross and the Silver Star, returned to Rochester on Sunday evening after 41 months of mostly frontline action in the South Pacific.

A delegation including members of his family, friends, former parishioners and priests gave the chaplain a surprise greeting on his arrival in the Central Station.

Although eligible for discharge on points he revealed that he has signed for another year of service with the armed forces.

Attached to the 148th Infantry Regiment of the 37th Division, popularly styled the "Buckeye Division," Chaplain Heindl participated in the battles of Munda, Bougainville, and Hill 700 in the North Solomons. Heroic action at Bougainville won him the Bronze Star.

In battles which liberated the Philippines he also saw frontline action at the Luzon Central Plains, Manila, Baguio, Balete Pass and Cagayon Valley.

During the Battle for Manila he repeatedly braved enemy fire to rescue wounded men and carry them to safety. For this he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Douglas MacArthur.

For heroic efforts in behalf of the wounded during the dangerous landings on Luzon the Army also decorated him with the Silver Star.

Father Heindl will spend a 45-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Heindl, who reside at 40 Florence Avenue.

Before entering the Army Chaplain Heindl was attached to St. Andrew's Church, Rochester. He had served previously at St. Mary's Church, Dansville; Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater; and St. Alphonsus' Church, Auburn.

11 Chaplains Have Returned to Diocese

Eleven priests of the Rochester Diocese who served as chaplains in the United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps are now numbered among returned veterans.

New posts have already been assigned to five former chaplains by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney. They are: Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, formerly a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Macedon; the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, former Navy Chaplain, pastor of St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg; Rev. John V. Loughlin, former Marine Corps lieutenant, chaplain at the Reception Center, Elmira Reformatory; Rev. John S. Maloney, ex-paratroop captain, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's, Elmira, and Rev. Thomas J. Manley, former Army major, now assistant pastor at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Other returned chaplains who will soon receive assignments are: Rev. Donald M. Cleary, Capt. AAF; Rev. James E. Murphy, Maj., USA; Rev. Donald J. Murphy, Capt., USA; Rev. Francis Pegnam, Lt., USNR; Rev. David B. Singerhoff, Capt., USA; Rev. John Woloch, Comdr., USN.

Major Edward J. Waters and Major Austin B. Hanna are expected to receive their military discharges in the near future.

This will lower the number in service of Rochester priests formerly on active duty in the diocese from 50 to 37.

1,666 Quebec Nuns

Quebec — (NC) — Recent statistics issued by the Sisters of Charity of Quebec show that the congregation has a total of 1,666 professed nuns.