

# Senate Lunch Bill Would Bar Equipment to Catholic Schools

Washington — (NC) — Some of the aid granted public schools would be refused non-public institutions under the school lunch bill in the form in which it has been passed by the Senate this week after a routine three-hour debate.

The Senate version differs in this respect from the House bill passed a week earlier. Both will now go into conference, where differences will be reconciled, and the final form returned to House and Senate for final vote.

The Senate rejected two motions made by Senator Robert A. Taft, one to reduce the appropriation from \$100,000,000 to \$57,750,000 (the amount now spent for the school lunch program) and the other to strike out all of Title II which authorizes an appropriation of \$15,000,000 to the Office of Education for the expansion of the school lunch program through the purchase of equipment and the development of a nutritional education program. Senator Taft's proposals were designed to bring the Senate bill into substantial conformity with the House version.

**Equipment Purchase Prohibited**  
It was pointed out during the debate that Section 203 (a) (3) forbids the States to purchase any equipment for children in parochial schools.

A sponsor of the bill replied that in his opinion it was "against public policy" to use public funds for capital expenditures in nonpublic schools, insisting there was a valid distinction between aid to the child and aid to the school, and that on the basis of this distinction it was reasonable to grant the benefits of Title I to children in nonpublic schools while denying the benefits of Title II.

Spokesmen for nonpublic school interests pointed out that discrimination against nonpublic schools in Title II might make it impossible for children in such schools to participate in the food benefits of Title I.

Since non-public schools lacking resources to purchase necessary lunchroom equipment may not have recourse to the State for assistance, it was said, the children in these schools would be deprived of the government-subsidized school lunches, while a needy public school might call upon the State for funds to buy the equipment needed to establish the school lunch program for their children.

## Former Soldier to Give Paris Lenten Sermons

Paris — (RNS) — Father Jean Riquet, one-time sergeant in the French Army, who returned to Paris last July in the striped suit of the deportee, has been chosen to conduct the Lenten services in the Cathedral of Notre Dame this year. His sermons will be broadcast throughout the country.

## Monk, Once China's Premier Publishes His Memoirs

Paris — (NC) — The one-time Prime Minister of China, Lou Tsung Sheng, who also served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and who became a Benedictine monk in 1927, has published a book of his memoirs, in which he details how he deserted the philosophies of Confucius and became converted to the Catholic faith.

His father was a Christian and his mother, a Chinese, belonged to the London Missionary Society. He recalls that his wife, the former Berthe Bovy, a Belgian Catholic, started him along the road to conversion through the example of her many charities and her considerate Christian attitude.



La-Rue Beckman, 21-year-old technician with the Radio Corporation of America, pictured at her radio test board, showing how she chatted for seven minutes with a pleasant voice in Rome Sunday night, Feb. 24th. At the end of the conversation, La-Rue asked whom she was talking to. The voice replied "Cardinal Mooney of Detroit." Miss Beckman says she was so surprised "I could only say, 'How do you do.'" Then the Cardinal said it was the first time he had ever spoken with a lady technician. It was Miss Beckman's job to test trans-atlantic radio programs in previews and she was preparing for a broadcast from Rome.

## Chats With Card. Mooney Via Short Wave

## Christendom's Fate Linked With Poland

Boston — (NC) — The "fate of Christendom" always is involved "when Polish destiny is at issue," Archbishop Richard Cushing of Boston, asserted here at a Mass which marked the bi-centennial of the birth of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Polish patriot who fought in the American revolution. Gov. Maurice J. Tobin of Massachusetts was among the 3,500 persons in attendance.

"Poland is a Catholic nation," he continued, "thrust like a sword between the Byzantine tradition of Muscovy and the materialism of Prussia. That is infinitely the most determining and important thing about Poland. She has traditionally been the providential Catholic wall between Asia's mysticism to her east and Prussian materialism to her west. Poland has always chosen for Christendom and for Europe, and for that choice she has been willing to pay with the partition of her land, the destruction of her state, and the persecution of her religion."

Kosciuszko joined the revolutionary army in 1777 and added through his engineering ability. He constructed various fortifications including those of West Point, where a monument has been erected to his memory. After the war Congress conferred on him the rank of brigadier general. Upon leaving the United States around 1800 he left his estate for the liberation and education of Negro slaves.

## Pope Grants Audience To K. of C. Secretary

Rome — (Radio, NC) — Joseph F. Lamb, Supreme Secretary of the Knights of Columbus, Illa Holiness Pope Pius said that he is not only deeply grateful for the generous assistance rendered by Catholics of the United States to so many important works of the Church but that he has a particularly deep appreciation of the spiritual contribution of the American Catholics. James A. Farley, former Postmaster General of the United States, was the recipient of a private audience.

## Pope Blesses America in Farewell Audiences With New U.S. Cardinals

(Radio, N.C.W.C. News Service)  
Rome — His Holiness Pope Pius XII conferred bounteous blessings on the "beloved" people of the "great" United States, in receiving in farewell audiences the new American Cardinals.

The Holy Father, who marked his 70th birthday Saturday on the seventh anniversary of his election, received Cardinals Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, and Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, Thursday, and Cardinals John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, and Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, Friday.

After having a private audience with the Holy Father, each of the four Cardinals personally presented to His Holiness the monsignori, priests and laymen of the party that accompanied him to Rome. The Pope received all with great cordiality and benevolence, blessed them and all near and dear to them, and gave pastors and heads of institutions the privilege of extending the Apostolic Blessing to their

people in his name. The Holy Father spoke feelingly of "great, beautiful, generous" America, and asked those he received to take home his paternal greetings and blessings to their fellow-countrymen. He said he was happy to have so many beloved sons from the United States about him.

In taking members of his party on a tour of St. Peter's Basilica after his farewell audience, Cardinal Stritch called attention to the statues of founders of religious Orders standing high in the walls of the great church and revealed that of two niches now vacant one is reserved for a statue of the Blessed Francis Xavier Cabrini, who died in Chicago in 1917. A miniature model of the heroic-size statue of Mother Cabrini already has been made in Rome. Her cause for canonization was further advanced at the recent Consistory.

## Vatican Mosaics Given Cardinals

Rome — (NC) — The four newly-created American Cardinals and members of their parties attended a reception which was given here by Francis C. Gowen, representing Myron C. Taylor, personal representative of the President of the United States at the Vatican.

The highlight of the reception came when each of the four Cardinals was presented with an exquisite mosaic, made by the Vatican mosaic workers at behalf of the National Committee for the Distribution of Relief in Italy.

Each of the mosaics, representing Madonna by famous Italian masters, bore a legend that it was given "as a sign of deep appreciation for the generous help lent by the Catholics of America to their suffering brothers in Italy."

The mosaics presented to Cardinals John J. Glennon and Edward Mooney were reproductions of the beautiful Madonna by Pietro Vannucci di Perugino (1446-1524); that given to Cardinal Samuel A. Stritch showed the "Madonna of the Olive" by Raphael, while Cardinal Francis J. Spellman received a representation of the striking Madonna by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo.

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## New Cardinals Welcomed Home

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LaGuardia Field, New York, Tuesday afternoon.

The homeward paths of the three Cardinals crossed in the early hours of Tuesday morning at Gaider, Newfoundland. Shortly before the take-off of the plane which had brought Cardinals Mooney and Stritch from Shannon, Ireland, the Seat of Vatican City with Cardinal Spellman aboard arrived from the Azores.

## Card. Spellman Welcomed in N. Y.

New York — (NC) — "Everything was wonderful, but the best thing is to be home again," said Cardinal Francis J. Spellman as he stepped from the Constellation airliner Star of Vatican City line, and brought him back from Rome in his first day via Madrid, Lisbon, the Azores and Newfoundland.

A huge crowd broke into cheers as the airliner, gliding in the sun, came to a graceful landing on LaGuardia airfield. In the evening the Cardinal was guest of honor at a public reception, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Committee of the Laity, at the Metropolitan Opera House. Delegations from each of the 274 parishes of the Archdiocese and all Catholic organizations were present. Among the speakers who addressed the meeting were Gov. Thomas E. Dewey

and Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan, who represented President Harry S. Truman. (Bishop Samuel E. McManus of Rochester was present.)

## Cards. Mooney, Stritch Land in Chicago

Chicago — (NC) — The three Cardinals went up to the Constellation airliner carrying Cardinal Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, and Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, and just before noon Tuesday.

The plane came here from Gaider, Newfoundland, a scheduled stop at Detroit had to be omitted because of unfavorable weather conditions. Cardinal Mooney and his party went by train here in the afternoon to Detroit, where they were met by Cardinal Spellman and his party.