

Catholic Educators Approve Federal Aid To Schools Where Financially Necessary

St. Louis — (NC) — The National Catholic Educational Association, concluding its 43rd general meeting here, went on record as approving federal aid to education where financially necessary, with the reservation that it be distributed to both public and non-public schools. It also supported United States entry into the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., of Cincinnati, was re-elected President General of the Association, a position which he has held since February of this year, when he accepted the invitation of the Executive Board to serve as successor to the late Bishop John B. Peterson of Manchester, N. H.

The federal aid resolution stated that "the compelling purpose for federal aid to education will be defeated unless the federal funds are distributed: (1) only to those areas where state and local resources are inadequate; (2) without distinction because of race, color, creed or attendance at a public or non-public school.

Tax Funds Insufficient

"In many localities of the United States where the taxable resources are insufficient to finance a satisfactory school system, children lack suitable educational opportunities. To remedy this situation, some form of federal aid appears necessary," it recommended.

The association urged that the State Department establish a national commission which will be "truly representative of the people," educational, scientific and cultural bodies of the United States, and that Congress bring about America's entry into UNESCO.

"Recognizing the importance of a world-wide commitment of education, science and culture to the cause of peace among nations, the National Catholic Educational Association urges upon the Congress that the United States become a member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization," the resolution stated, adding:

"We note with considerable satisfaction the agreement now well under way to form a Catholic commission for intellectual and cultural affairs, which is expected to mobilize Catholic scholars in the interest of international peace. We trust that this new body will have the encouragement and support of peace-loving people everywhere."

Loyalty To Pope
The convention also officially pledged its loyalty and full obedience to the Holy Father, and esteemed it "an honor and privilege to assist in his noble efforts to heal the wounds of war with the precious ointment of Christian charity and mercy."

Another resolution expressed appreciation to President Truman for his message recognizing the opportunity of Catholic education in stressing moral training for American youth. The meeting also went on record as voting "deep sorrow to the clergy and laity of St. Louis" on the death of Cardinal Glennon.

The Vice Presidents General of the association, all re-elected, are: the Revs. John J. Clifford, S.J., Mundelein, Ill.; William F. Cunningham, C.S.C., Notre Dame, Ind.; Paul E. Campbell, Pittsburgh; Msgr. Joseph V. S. McClancy, Brooklyn; and Brother Eugene A. Paulin, S.M., Kirkwood, Mo. Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt, Washington, D. C., was re-elected Secretary General, and Msgr. Richard J. Quinlan, Winthrop, Mass., was re-elected Treasurer General.

The Presidents of the various departments were also re-elected. They include: Msgr. Edward G. Murray, Boston, Seminary Department; the Rev. P. A. Roy, S. J., Miami, Fla., College and University Department; the Rev. Edward J. Goebel, Milwaukee, Secondary Department; Msgr. Leo M. Byrnes, Mobile, Ala., School Superintendents' Department; and the Rev. Francis J. Byrne, Richmond, Va., Elementary School Department.

Chairmen of the Association's sections, re-elected also are: the Very Rev. Edward M. Lyons, Rochester, N. Y., Minor Seminary Section; the Rev. Stephen J. Landherr, C.S.S.R., Philadelphia, Catholic Deaf Education Section; and the Rev. William F. S. Dolan, S.J., New York, Catholic Blind Education Section.

France Honors Prelates For Resistance to Nazis

Paris — (NC) — His Eminence Jules Cardinal Salgado, Archbishop of Toulouse, has been awarded the cross of the Legion of Honor by the French Government for his firm stand during the Nazi occupation of France.

Bishop Joseph Heintz of Metz has been awarded the insignia of the Legion of Honor. The citation praised him for his courage and "ardent patriotism" and also called him "an indefatigable proponent of hope and of moral resistance."

At Catholic Educational Convention



Pictured at the annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association, meeting in St. Louis, are, left to right: Dr. Hugh Stott Taylor, Dean of the Graduate School of Princeton University, who addressed the delegates; Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., of Cincinnati, re-elected President General of the N.C.E.A.; His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Glennon, S.V.D., Ohio's first Primate of the Church and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Mark P. Carroll, rector of the Cathedral Latin School, St. Louis.

Msgr. Sheen Says UN Probe Lacking

New York — (NC) — The United Nations Security Council was criticized for proposing to investigate Spain without demanding the investigation of every other country in the world guilty of the same charges.

"This criticism was voiced by Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen of the Catholic University of America, in an address to 1,000 women employees of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, members of the Vincentia Guild, at their fifth annual Communion breakfast here.

Monsignor Sheen spoke on "Womanhood" and shared the Security Council had evaded an issue because "men fear to speak the truth." He added: "Perhaps it will take a woman to appear on the scene and do this."

"Clarity of thinking has disappeared when even in councils of peace men fear to speak the truth," said Monsignor Sheen. "The Security Council, he continued, proposed to investigate Spain on charges that it had a 'one-party system, an agreement with Hitler and that its people were afraid to speak their minds."

"Why doesn't somebody say," he asked, "certainly let us investigate Spain and let us investigate every other country in the world guilty of the same charges?"

Speaking of woman's role today, Monsignor Sheen said that the world is on the threshold of a woman's age. Women today are living in a false freedom and will find true freedom only in the community of the family or of spiritual enterprise, that is, the Church, he said.

Priest Ordained At Age of 69

St. Bonaventure — (NC) — The Rev. Jerome Poppenberg, O.F.M., who holds the distinction of having been ordained at the age of 69, recently visited St. Bonaventure College here, where he once was a student.

Father Poppenberg was ordained last month in Washington. A native of Germany, he lived in Brazil before coming to this country 23 years ago. He will return to Brazil as a missionary in the province of Sao Antonio.

Bishop Arnold Will Get Degree

Bensenville, Ind. — (NC) — The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws will be conferred upon three Bishops each an alumnus, by St. Joseph's College here at ceremonies on May 8.

The three Prelates are Bishop William A. Arnold, Military Delegate; Bishop John G. Bennett of Lafayette, La.; and Bishop Henry J. Grumelmann of Evansville. Bishop Arnold was graduated from the college in 1902. He also is an alumnus of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

Cistercians in Paris
New York — (NC) — Six American Superiors of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance arrived by plane in Paris to attend the General Chapter of the Order at the Motherhouse at Cîteaux yesterday.

BRITISH PRELATE CALLS FOR MORAL LAW WORLD RULE

London — (NC) — Observing that "at present in the international sphere there is literally anarchy" and that there is small proof that the United Nations will be capable of functioning satisfactorily, Archbishop Richard Downey of Liverpool, one of Britain's foremost Catholic prelates, urged in an address in Liverpool establishment of an international authority which will recognize the natural law and strive to translate it into positive law.

"We are told that criticism of the U.N., the Archbishop said, 'must adjust itself to what is feasible in the world as we find it. If this means that we are to waive the eternal verities and the basic principles of morality because they are unpopular in certain quarters, it is nonsense. A sound edifice cannot be built on quicksand.'

The Archbishop asserted that there are certain elements required of member States of any governing organization. He outlined a four-point minimum requirement as follows:

1. Freedom from external control by other States and legitimate internal liberty.

2. Acceptance of provisions corresponding with those of our Habeas Corpus Act, insuring that no one can be imprisoned or mere suspicion or left in prison indefinitely.

3. Adherence to international undertakings. It is useless negotiating with a State that breaks solemn pledges at its own convenience.

4. Ability to govern at least in such a way as to win the respect of the civilized world.

Recognition of the moral law by an international authority is not simply a matter of convention, Archbishop Downey said. The world may not get an international order and a positive authority until there is a return to Christian standards, bringing with it a sufficient degree of religious agreement among the nations to serve as an ethical basis, he added.

Present agreements among nations have been born of war weariness and dread of another conflict, he declared, adding that this is a psychological state of nervous apprehension and a poor base for stabilization of peace.

Cardinal to Make Up Medical School Loss

Chicago — (NS) — Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, has agreed to pay the annual deficit of the medical school of Loyola University, Jesuit school here. Though no official announcement of the deficit was made, it is estimated that the medical school despite a capacity enrollment and endowment funds runs at a loss of \$100,000 annually.

Bishops Urge Poles to Safeguard Faith, Reject Communism

Washington — (NC) — "Poland cannot break her links with the Christian world. Poland cannot betray its Christian past. Poland cannot become a communist country. Poland must remain a Catholic country."

Thus speak the Polish Bishops in a recent joint pastoral text of which has become available here. At a time when, as the Bishops state, "Poland is standing at the crossroads of history," they ask that the Catholics of Poland renew their allegiance to the Blessed Virgin Mary and practice their faith in rebuilding Poland as a great Christian nation.

On the Sunday after the Feast of the Annunciation (July 7), vows of obedience and loyalty to Mary will be made in all churches in Poland after solemn Mass, the Bishops announce. This ceremony will be preceded by a Triduum and general Holy Communion of all Catholics.

On the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), solemn vows will be made by all Polish Bishops during special Masses.

On the Feast of the Birth of the Holy Virgin (September 8), all members of the Polish Hierarchy will hold a special religious service in the Church of the Mother of God in Czestochowa and commend to Mary the people of the Poland and the Polish Republic.

"We are joining all other Catholic nations who have followed the encouraging advice and the example of Pope Pius XII, in saying 'and in homage to the Most Holy Virgin, the Queen and the Advocate of all living beings,' the Bishops pastoral states, 'If this act of devotion is accomplished in a spirit of genuine faith and put into action, it will have a profound significance and meaning upon the future of our Republic.'

Observing that the effects of war and slavery have been deep-ly etched upon the face of the Polish nation and that evil forces are endeavoring to weaken the spirit of the country and induce it to abandon its traditional Faith, the Bishops warn: "It seems that the nearest future will decide whether Poland will remain a Catholic country. We do not intend to tell the world that Catholicism in Poland is doomed because we are convinced that neither in Poland nor in other European countries can Christianity be destroyed. We wish, however, to tell the truth and to warn you of dangers connected with the present situation."

"Materialistic philosophy is competing with Christianity and is endeavoring to become the sole educator of future generations," the Bishops continue. "Its one ideal is the increase of material wealth. It does not believe in an eternal goal. It believes religion used to merely opposing the Catholic Church."

"We would assume a heavy responsibility in the face of God if we were not to use the power of our mission as a shepherd to protect the soul of the Polish nation against the danger of materialistic civilization. Poland must be a modernized country, a country where justice and general welfare reign, enriched by scientific and technical achievements, a civilized country wisely guided."

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Wyn's 3 Children At New Protestant

Apex, N.C. — (NC) — Three children of a notable woman arrested at the outbreak of the Korean war here, Wyn's 3 children, are being raised in the Protestant faith. Their mother, Mrs. Wyn, who was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, was converted to the Protestant faith by her husband, Mr. Wyn, who is a prominent Government official and the daughter of a famous English convert.

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Clergy Support Asked
Asking the faithful to give their full support to the struggle, "whose ranks were being replenished by the great martyrs," the Bishops urge that the spiritual heritage of the faithful be not wasted and that they be "very honest and very serious" in their work.

"Let us work in a calm and dignified manner as better Catholics; let us steadfastly believe in the superiority of spiritual values over materialistic achievements, of man above nature, of God over all living beings," the Bishops say.

Praising the faithful Christians who shunned "the treacherous way of Godless ethics and of a materialistic concept of life" and showed the greatness of Catholic spirit under the rule of Communist tyrant papa Hiltner, the pastoral says especially those who suffered humiliations and persecutions, and expresses gratitude to those who carried on clandestine religious activities during the German occupation and to those who suffered and died in prisons "with a serene courage also to that of the Holy Mother."

Father Flanagan To Fly to Ireland

Boys Town, Neb. — (NC) — Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan, founder and director of Boys Town, will make an air journey to his native Ireland in June, visiting schools and corrective institutions there.

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