

# On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Rochesterians have just sweated out 14 trying days during which the City Administration and the Department of Public Works employees engaged in a bitter dispute climaxing in a 24-hour labor strike which paralyzed city life.

At this writing it is Wednesday morning and once again civic calm has returned to the City of Rochester. After a day of illness buses are rolling again. After two weeks garbage collectors are back at work and street cleaners are on the job. City Hall and the DPW workers made up their differences sometime during the early hours of Tuesday morning, and the Rochester Public, which was trapped in the middle of the battle, now breathes a little more easily.

The vital and basic issue in the whole trouble was whether or not the city employees of the Department of Public Works have the right to organize. Unfortunately this issue was obscured for many days. The rights of the City government, the rights of the DPW workers and the rights of the Rochester Public (remember us?) were pushed into the background by the political interests and ambitions of both parties to the dispute. There were unnecessary exchanges of personalities which only inflamed tempers to the danger point. Both the City Hall and the Labor Headquarters had their boards of strategy which expended great energy in planning maneuvers against the other side in the dispute.

We don't like to see Americans fighting against Americans but that is what went on in Rochester for 14 long days and nights. The settlement finally came when both sides finally did what should have been done in the first place — both sides sat down at a table and talked over their differences like intelligent Americans. During the dispute, labor leaders established their headquarters in the Powers Hotel which is directly across Main Street from City Hall, and for many days Main Street remained the symbol separating City Hall and the DPW employees from an understanding and agreement. When labor leaders walked across Main Street of a midnight hour and were received at City Hall it was only a short time before an agreement was reached and civic peace restored.

A reading of the points of settlement indicates that the DPW employees have won their real important objective — the right to organize. City Hall action precipitated the labor fight when 433 DPW jobs were abolished in an attempt to offset the attempt of the workers to form a union. In the agreement the City now recognizes the right of city employees to organize themselves, and they are given access to meet with city employees, or a committee of employees selected by organized or unorganized employees. Substantially the workers have gained a victory. The final settlement was reached at a conference table. Therefore, it represents a victory not only for the workers but also for reason and intelligence rather than violence or a feud of name-calling. Cool heads saved the day for Rochester!

An interesting phase of the DPW trouble was the part played by a group of religious representatives. This group included the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, vicar general of the diocese, the Rev. John S. Randall, managing editor of the Courier-Journal, and this writer: the Rev. Justin Wroe Nixon and the Rev. George E. Uip, both Protestant ministers; and Rabbi Leon Stulsky.

Father Randall worked untiringly during the days of strife to achieve civic peace and to protect the interests of the DPW workers. Besides the many hours of negotiation in which he engaged in an effort to gain a peaceful settlement, Father Randall also sat in with Dr. Nixon as an advisor to the workers when the final agreement was drafted at City Hall in the early hours of Tuesday morning. For the honest and energetic role which he played Father Randall has won the respect and open approval of the Rochester Public.

We regret that possibly there are a few who criticize priests for getting mixed up in labor troubles. It is rather late in the day for anyone to make such remarks but we suggest that such critics are in the tradition of those who cried "radical" at such labor champions as Leo XIII and Pius XI. It is possible, too, that such critics have never met their own archman or ever wandered how he lives.

From every evil come good must come. And from his labor troubles Rochester has learned the importance of the garbage man.

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## Court Defeats Atheist Attack On Religion Study

Springfield, Ill. — (NC) — The practice of the Chicago board of education of releasing elementary school pupils from school one hour each week to attend religion classes has been held constitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court in a ruling here.

The decision upheld a verdict made last November by the Cook County (Chicago) Superior Court in a suit brought by E. L. Lattimer, director of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, whose contention was that the practice was illegal because it brings social pressure on children to adopt religion. School board figures presented in the suit showed that of 24,000 pupils, 22,500 attend the classes.

The Supreme Court opinion held that it was not the province of a school board to be antagonistic to religion, and that school boards had discretionary authority to determine what constitutes a sufficient excuse for absence from school. Courts could not interfere with this authority unless it had been substantially abused, the opinion stated.

A suit by the wife of a University of Illinois professor, Mrs. Vashu McCollum, was dismissed by the Circuit Court at Champaign, Ill., earlier this year, seeking to stop religious education classes in Champaign. An appeal to this suit is pending before the State Supreme Court.

## Six Priests to Mark Their 25th Jubilee



REV. EDWARD K. BALL REV. IGNATIUS X. CAMERON



REV. WILLIAM M. CANNON REV. RAYMOND J. EPPING

Five diocesan priests and one member of the Jesuit order, all of St. Bernard's Seminary class of 1921 will mark their Silver Sacrodotial Jubilee in June.

Ordained by His Excellency the Most Rev. Joseph H. Conroy, late Bishop of Ogdensburg on June 11, 1921, the Silver Jubilearians are the Rev. Edward K. Ball, the Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron, the Rev. William M. Cannon, the Rev. Raymond J. Epping and the Rev. Raymond M. Lind of Rochester diocese and the Rev. George C. Macaulay, S.J., now stationed at St. Michael's Church, Buffalo.

Plans for observance of the jubilee and highlights of 25 years in the Holy Priesthood of each of the jubilearians are:

The Rev. Edward K. Ball, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva since Feb. 27, 1945. Solemn High Mass, Sunday, June 9 at 11 a. m. with Parish dinner, Mark Twain Hotel, and reception at rectory Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights, Jubilee Mass, Sunday, June 9 at 11 a. m. with Parish dinner, Mark Twain Hotel, and reception at rectory Sunday afternoon.

Assisting Father Cannon in the Mass will be Assistant Priest, the Rev. Frederick J. Zwiernicki, Deacon, the Rev. Francis X. Coyle, Hoboken, N. J., Subdeacon, the Rev. John A. Smith, Corning. Mrs. J. Faustine Clune will be in charge of a special program of music.

Prior to his present pastorate, Father Cannon was pastor at Revville, Colo., Hammondport and Addison. His first assignment was St. Andrew's Church, Rochester and he served as assistant pastor also of St. Paul's Church, Corning and St. Ann's, Hornell.

Born in Rochester, the son of Michael and Jane Higgins Cannon, he attended Immaculate Conception School, St. Andrew's Seminary, His sister is Mrs. George Bauman of Rochester.

The Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron, pastor of St. Ignatius Church, Hornell since July 31, 1931 when he founded the parish.

Solemn High Mass, Sunday, June 9, at 11 a. m. Assisting assistant priest, the Rev. Charles P. Reiter, Deacon, the Rev. Francis E. Hooper, Subdeacon, the Rev. Joseph M. McCarthy, Masters of Ceremonies, the Rev. Earl M. Tobin and the Rev. Francis M. Feeney, Sermon, the Rev. Leo V. Smith, Priest's dinner Hotel Sherwood, Hornell at 1 p. m. Silver Jubilee Mass for children, Tuesday, June 11 at 8 a. m. Reception for parishioners and friends, Confraternity Center corner Center and Elm Streets, Hornell, Sunday, June 9 at 8 p. m.

First assigned to St. Alphonse Church, Auburn, Father Cameron in 1922 was transferred to St. Francis de Sales, Geneva where he served as teacher in De Sales High School. After serving at St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester as assistant he was commissioned by Bishop O'Hern to found the second Hornell parish.

Born in Hornell, son of Joseph and Mary Curry Cameron, he was graduated from St. Ann's School, Hornell and St. Andrew's Seminary. He has two sisters, Mrs. John M. Robinson and Mrs. A. Lally, both of Canaseraga, N. Y.; Francis M. Cameron, Hornell; the

## VATICAN SETS UP CHINESE HIERARCHY

Rome — (RNS) — Plans for setting up a Roman Catholic ecclesiastical hierarchy in China for the first time were announced in a decree promulgated by the Sacred Congregation for Propagating the Faith, which has jurisdiction over all missionary areas.

The decree stated that China will be divided into six vicariates, each headed by a vicar apostolic. There will also be 38 apostolic prefects, but these will not be included in the hierarchy.

Card. Tien Tsi-Ping, who became China's first member of the Sacred College of Cardinals at the consistory last February, will also be China's first archbishop. A decree stated that Cardinal Tien, formerly Apostolic Vicar of Tsingtau, will be transferred to Peking, which will hereafter rank as an archdiocese.

Replacing Cardinal Tien in Tsingtau will be a decree which will name Father Maunilo Nink, a member of the Pius Society of St. Francis, Xavier for Foreign Missions.

It is expected as a matter of course that the Sacred Congregation will shortly issue decrees announcing the new archdioceses and dioceses and appointing the bishops and vicars to be named by the Congregation, which regulates all matters in "mission" countries until a hierarchy has been fully constituted, are subject to approval by the Pope.

The first Catholic mission was established in China by Father John of Monte Corvino, O.S.A., in the 13th century, and a permanent settlement was made by Jesuits in the 16th and 17th centuries. At the beginning of the war, there were 63 vicariates apostolic, and 17 prefectures in China.

## BISHOPS' FUND NEAR 3 MILLION MARK FOR 1946

Erie, Pa. — (NC) — Total contributions to the nation-wide 1946 Lactera Sunday appeal for the benefit of the bishops' War Emergency and Relief Committee "will exceed by far the \$2,000,000 mark and may approach the \$3,000,000 mark," Bishop John Mark Gannon of Erie, chairman of the committee, stated here.

Bishop Gannon said that returns from the appeal still are coming in from dioceses throughout the nation and "I would say that all collections are running from 25 per cent to 100 per cent greater than last year's when the donations totaled \$1,000,000."

This year's appeal was spearheaded by the "Prayers in the Fall" campaign, originated in response to appeals of the Holy Father for children, and carried on with great success among the students of Catholic schools throughout the country.

"In some instances," Bishop Gannon said, "the increase in the offering of some of the dioceses has been astounding."

Bishop Gannon said that thus far he has received responses from several archdioceses each of which totaled \$100,000 or more.

The bishops' War Emergency and Relief Committee was organized at the annual meeting of the U. S. Hierarchy in Washington in November, 1940. The committee was formed as a centralized agency to meet war emergencies as well as relief needs among suffering people in war-devastated lands. Distribution of the committee's funds generally is made through the Holy See, although some funds are distributed through established Catholic charity channels of other nations. Funds for the committee are raised mainly through the annual Lactera Sunday appeal.

## Spain Cleared In UN Probe by United States

Washington — (NC) — The hollowness of Moscow-inspired Polish accusations against Franco-Spain was further exposed when the United States Government, in a memorandum to the subcommittee of the United Nations Security Council investigating the Franco regime, submitted facts which clearly tend to disprove charges that Spain presents a threat to international peace.

The American document, while not presenting any conclusions or definite recommendations, deals mainly with the charges made by Dr. Oscar Lange, Polish delegate to the Security Council, that Spain is making military preparations, particularly in the field of atomic warfare.

"The military potential of Spain has not changed significantly during the past few months," the U. S. memorandum says, and "the armed forces have continued their overall trend of gradual reduction in size."

"The Spanish armed forces appear to lack the material and trained personnel to fight a modern war and at present are not employed for offensive operations, although Spain probably could defend herself against her neighbors in their present military condition," the document says.

With regard to unsubstantiated rumors that Nazi scientists are active in the development of atomic energy, the memorandum declares that the United States Government has "no evidence" in that respect, nor any "confirmation" that there has been significant progress in the development in Spain of new weapons or methods of mass destruction.

Regarding the charge made by Dr. Lange that 2,000 German agents have been incorporated in the Spanish secret police, the American memorandum states that neither the American nor the British Embassy in Madrid is aware of any specific case of any Gestapo agent of German personality being taken into the service of Spanish intelligence agencies. Although Spanish agents employed by the Germans may have been taken over, lack of assistance.

On the other hand, the American document states that Spanish officials and agencies in this hemisphere encouraged "groups" in the other American republics which opposed inter-American unity against the Axis during the war and which will strive to perpetuate the principles of the Axis system.

"It is also apparent that a lack of Spanish assistance in efforts to gain control of German assets in Spain and of repatriating former Nazi officials."

Taken all in all, the memorandum submitted to the subcommittee is held to be in conformity with the previously expressed view of the American Government that, while disapproving of the present Spanish Government, it can see no evidence strong enough to warrant action by the United Nations as proposed by Poland.

## Seven Priests Get New Assignments

His Excellency Bishop Kearney has given new assignments in the diocese to seven priests, including three former war chaplains. The appointments effective immediately were announced today at the Chancery.

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## French Cardinals Urge Catholics To Vote June 2

Paris — (NC) — His Eminence Emmanuel Celestine Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, has issued a reminder to be read in all churches of his archdiocese that all eligible persons of both sexes are bound in duty to vote in the elections of June 2, and that an individual's failure to do so would be regarded as "a serious desertion." Similar instructions were given prior to the constitutional referendum on May 5.

His Eminence Achille Cardinal Liénart, Bishop of Lille, has issued a notice of the same character.

Without taking sides in the matter of political preference, Cardinal Suhard asked Catholics to insure through their vote "a respect for the rights of human beings, and of the family, a safeguarding of the interests and the dignity of workers, a defense of civil and religious freedoms for the individual, and the construction of a France of a spiritual and moral consistency with the genius of the nation."

Buenos Aires — (NC) — An analysis of the rejected French constitution by Msgr. Gustavo V. Franceschi appearing in the review "Christians' politics" out that this constitution would have treated a government run by "puppet assembly," a government lacking legislative as well as executive power.

Msgr. Franceschi contends that the proposed one-legislature system, without counterbalancing, would have the sole right to interpret the declaration of the rights of the people and would make the President merely a figurehead, without veto power or even the privilege of addressing the public.

## Cardinal Blames Reds For Attacks on Spain

Granada, Spain — (NC) — Communists and some non-Catholic groups are to be blamed for the current attacks against the Spanish government, His Eminence Aquilino Cardinal Garrido y Garcia, Archbishop of Granada, declared in a Pastoral dedicated to the month of the Blessed Virgin and to charity toward the poor.

The Cardinal called upon the faithful to meet the attacks upon their nation with devout prayer and faith in God. Although he did not mention the present form of Spain's government in the letter, he belittled the assertions that Spain constitutes a threat to the peace of the world.

Cardinal Garrido urged the faithful to provide for the hungry and needy. He quoted from the recent address of His Holiness Pope Pius XII on the world-wide scarcity of food and urged donations for children who are victims of war. He declared that a collection to aid the war-needy will be taken up at all churches of his archdiocese.

Urging unity of all peoples, the Cardinal called for "renunciation of party preferences and particular aims, which must be sacrificed for the common good and recommended faith in God, who sees to it that in the end truth and justice shall prevail."

## Lottery to Aid Veterans Played

Boston — (NC) — A proposal for a State lottery to meet obligations toward veterans and the aged was approved by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, speaking on the occasion of the annual anniversary of the American Council on Education, held in the Park Hotel, Boston, on Wednesday.

"Why perpetuate the spirit of gambling," the Archbishop asked, "which, like the black market, is ruining business and taking the savings of persons who can ill afford to lose? How can we do this to the aged and the needy of our country and expect to supply inspiration for the reconstruction and restoration of devastated nations? Most people in this Commonwealth agree that the moral decay of the community would be hastened by the establishment of a State lottery with its inevitable consequences of crime, graft and public waste. The colleges and aged citizens can and must be met without resort to a State lottery."

Archbishop Cushing said his opposition to the proposal was shared by Bishop James E. O'Connell of Fall River.

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## Dr. Moehlman Launches New Attack on Release Time

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The Citizens' Committee against Release Time, which sponsored the meeting, was authorized to "take whatever action is required to secure the elimination of this dangerous plan from the program of the Easton public schools." It is the School Board does not rescind its action.

Dr. Conrad H. Moehlman, professor emeritus of history of Christianity at the Colgate Theological Seminary, said the practice of release time is seriously damaging the value of American education.

"Any release-time plan is a confession of weakness and failure on the part of the churches," he said. "Scarcely two per cent of the religiously neglected children are reached by it. It demonstrates the dispossessions of denominationalism. Other subjects can be objectively, historically and scientifically taught in any classroom. Only religious instruction is necessary to nurture the children off to isolated spots in separated churches."

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At least nine other cities have 30 per cent or more tax-exempt property. They are according to The National Association of Real Estate Boards: Duluth, Minneapolis, Washington, New Haven, Trenton, Cambridge, Des Moines, Hartford and Albany.

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## Moscow Apostates Are Not Bishops

Vatican City — (NC) — Commenting on Moscow radio reports stating that three "Bishops" of the Russian Church had arrived in the Russian capital to oppose the "renovation" of the Patriarchal Church with the Orthodox Church, the Vatican said that the three "Bishops" were not bishops.

"The Russian people," General Franco went on to say, "will be called upon to render judgment on the old laws of the State by means of a national referendum and to say whether they are willing to tolerate the increasing interference of alien countries in the international affairs of Spain."

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