

## On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

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This is still the "unwritten law" of America. You may have defended this nation's freedom on the field of battle. You may have avenged out Guadalcanal or the Battle of the Bulge. May be you have come home with a cheerful of Purple Heart. You are proud, of course, to be an American. You are proud of what you have done for your country. You would do it again and again, if necessary. But, if you're a Catholic, never try to be President of the United States. Remember the "unwritten law."

Like most Americans you have your share of sentiment. You like to dream. You like to dream that your chances are as good as the next fellow's of becoming president of your country. Perhaps, it is your little boy you dream about. In your mind's eye you imagine him walking in the footsteps of a Lincoln or a Roosevelt. Sure, why not? This is a natural instinct of every American. But for Catholics this is also an empty dream. It can never come true. The "unwritten law" says that "no Catholic shall be president of the United States."

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Catholics are Americans enough to hope that some day one of us might have the honor of holding the highest office in the land—the presidency. "We have not forgotten that fateful year of 1928 when Governor Alfred E. Smith made his heroic bid for the presidency. Smith

a Catholic with a magnificent record of public service, was called "the Roman candidate" and the tool of the Vatican. Hateful bigots could see in the profile of the "Happy Warrior" only the shadow of the Pope. The "unwritten law" haunted Smith throughout his campaign and on a dark November night it spoke decisively. "No Catholic shall be president of the United States!"

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And the world is looking pleading, hoping to be led out of the miasma of party—only to see it become criminal—jealousy, persecutions, distrusts and finally ambitions up to the point where the pure air blows freely for one and all mankind. Oh, pray, as we pray every day that the world may not get its hopes turn to ashes.

And when life has again resumed its accustomed even-toe-for you in your native cities, may your memories of Rome be happy ones, refreshing and uplifting. May you still, at times at least, hear the far-off echo of those voices from out the hollowed shrines and buried tombs and monuments which you have placed so often in this mother city of Christian civilization, and may you find comfort and inspiration in their message that Christ lives, Christ rules, and that the union and peace men of good will are searching for can be found if they will but rally to His enabling and imperishable standard."

"Unholy Klansmen" Cardinal Spellman's characterization of the eleven Protestant leaders is deadly accurate. The Protestant argument against the Taylor appointment is that it endangers our American policy of separation of church and state. The Catholic Church is politically ambitious. She is a cause as well as a Church. She is a foreign power. This is the gist of the Protestant argument. This is the old Protestant myth which sees the "shadow of the Pope" on our shores. And oddly enough, the argument which Protestants are now using against the Taylor appointment to the Vatican is the very same argument that the Klansmen used against Governor Smith's election to the presidency. In plain language, the "unholy Klansmen" are saying that the Catholic Church is ambitious for political power in this country and consequently must be blocked in every way.

Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist Bishop of New York and one of the eleven Protestant leaders who visited the President, has betrayed the fact that the Protestant cause against the Vatican is also a Protestant conspiracy against 25,000,000 American Catholics, even those who wear the bloody scars of Turawa and Normandy. "How can an American citizen," he asks, "be at once loyal to his own country and his President and also loyal to another political state and its political ruler, if the two states differ in international policy?" When Dr. Oxnam speaks this way he is speaking the "unwritten law." He is saying, "No Catholic shall be president of the United States!"

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## Pope Stresses America's Duty Of Leadership

Vatican City—(NC)—The world is looking, pleading and hoping to be led out of the "mazes" of distrust, jealousies and ambitions, and the wealth, power and virtue of a country like the United States "impose the heavy responsibility of leadership." His Holiness Pope Pius XII told a large group of American officials attached to the American Commission in Italy who will return home in the near future.

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Girl Graduates In Sick Room

Portsmouth, Va.—(NC)—Unique graduation exercises took place at the sick bed of a senior student of St. Joseph's Academy here to baptize a girl whom illness confined to bed but whose will to succeed remained undimmed.

Mary Pat Mahan was stricken with rheumatic fever last December. She continued her studies to her sick room and passed final examinations with excellent marks. Her 81 classmates, wearing caps and gowns, gathered round her bed while the Rev. Leo P. Creamer of St. Paul's Church gave her her high school diploma.

## THE CLASS OF '46—KINDERGARTEN STYLE



The Very Rev. Richard M. McDermott, Pastor, Prior and Moderator of St. Catherine of Siena School in New York, helps little John Sinnott adjust his mortar board before giving him his diploma at commencement exercises for the kindergartens class of the school. Thirty-four children, between the ages of 4 and 5 were graduated in caps and gowns at the colorful exercises. (Tame)

## TWO YUGOSLAV PRIESTS EXECUTED UNDER TITO

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New York—(JNS)—The family of Helen Marie Norton, 22-year-old socialite singer who has appeared at the Stork Club and the Pierre Hotel, disclosed this week that she has entered the Mount St. Vincent Convent near Riverdale, N. Y. to become a nun.

"She's very happy," the mother added.

Mother Cabrini and the Blind Baby Who Became a Soldier

His Sight Was Restored After Her Relic Was Pinned to His Clothes

Mother Church as a miracle wrought by Mother Cabrini.

The story goes back more than two decades. Peter had just been born, and an hour after his birth an accident befell him. He was blinded.

Peter was cared for at Columbus Hospital Annex and there his attending physician, Dr. Michael J. Horan, of 1155 Park Ave. and the consultant called in by Dr. Horan agreed the infant would never again see. Then Peter's condition was complicated by an attack of pneumonia. His temperature rose to 103 degrees.

The hospital chaplain baptized the infant, as physicians despaired of his life. Then Mother Charles, Mother Superior and administrator of the hospital, walked in and turned to Dr.

The miraculous things that happened to him—things that were signs of imaginative minds. This made Peter stay away from public life.

"What are you going to do," she asked.

"There is nothing I can do," he told her.

"Do you mind?" she inquired.

"If I put this relic on the lad."

The doctor told her he had no objection and Mother Charles pinned a small vial containing a few drops of Mother Cabrini's blood and a silver of her bone to the infant's sleeping garment.

The doctor retired, awaiting what they considered the inevitable end.

Next morning the infant was quivering lustily, his temperature back to normal, his sight restored. That was indeed a miracle.

As Peter grew older, stories frequently were circulated about a relic of Mother Cabrini.

## Give Non-Public Schools U.S. Funds Under New Bill Senate Group Demands

### Prelate Lashes Taft On School Aid Stand

Cincinnati—(NC)—Opposition to the proposed Thomas-Hill-Taft Federal Aid to Education Bill, which would bar non-public schools from participating in its benefits and which is now pending before the U. S. Senate, was made here by Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., of Cincinnati.

Speaking at the joint graduation exercises of the archdiocesean high schools at which 1,000 students received their diplomas, Archbishop McNicholas said that a Senator from Ohio (Robert Taft) was one of the sponsors of the legislation and that it "is my unpleasant duty to tell the Senator he does not represent the public system of Christian Catholic education in the State of Ohio." The bill has been approved by the Senate Education Committee.

"If this bill should become law," Archbishop McNicholas said, "it will be revolutionary in nature, of the veracity of their conscience." He said that the current bill and similar educational bills of the past few years which have been before Congress "would indirectly weaken the freedom of education for the poor and religious-minded people."

Asserting that his support of the proposed bill is unworthy of the Ohio Senator, the Archbishop declared that he "apparently would force poor parents to accept this education in public schools even against the verdict of their conscience."

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Many State Constitutions and the statutory laws and regulations of some States have unjustly discriminated against the American child and American parents, especially poor parents, in the field of education. We have reason to be proud of our Federal Government for its fairness to all parents of our children in the matter of education with which it has dealt."

The family has the responsibility from nature and from God to educate the children and no government on earth can really take away this right, the Archbishop mentioned the Bill of Rights and the National School Lunch Act.

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Bishop Yu-Pin Now Archibishop

Buenos Aires—(NC)—The appointment of Bishop Paul Yu-Pin, Titular of Socorro-in-Palau and Vicar Apostolic of Ningpo was announced here at the Secret Consistory at which the appointments of 25 Archbishops and 109 Bishops throughout the world was formally proclaimed by the Holy Father.

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Eliseo Jose Gobbi, Cardinal Fumasoni-Llano, postulated the pallium for His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Yu-Pin, newly named Archbishop of Beijing, and Confidential advocate made application to confer the pallium on 15 other Archbishops.

It was also announced that His Eminence Juan Gobbi, Cardinal Gobbi, Cardinal of Lima, has been appointed Papal Legate to the Ecclesiastical Congress at Sucre, Bolivia, which will take place at the end of this month.

Boston College Medal To Arbp. Cushing

Boston—(NC)—Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston was presented with the William J. McKinley memorial medal at the year's outstanding dinner at ceremonies marking the 70th annual commencement of Boston College.

Byrnes Asks 'More Prayer'

Washington—(NC)—More prayer is what Secretary of State James F. Byrnes wants of the American people, he told reporters on the eve of his departure for Paris to resume discussions of the Big Four Ministers.

Mr. Byrnes made this statement in response to the question of a reporter who pointed out to the Secretary that "before you departed for Paris last time you said you were not pessimistic but stood in need of prayer" and asked Mr. Byrnes if he cared "to describe your feelings now and tell us what is it you think you may need this time."

"I would say more prayer," the Secretary replied, adding that we stand in need of prayer and I hope those prayers will continue," he said.

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