

Catholic Hospitals Hit 'Gratis' Classification of Nuns' Work



Milwaukee — (NC) — The Rev. Alphonsus M. Schwilke, S. J., dean of the school of medicine of St. Louis University, was elected president of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada at the closing session of its 31st annual convention here.

A resolution adopted by the association registered complaints that Catholic hospitals have been victims of discrimination through designation of services by nuns as "gratis" services in the computation of hospital care purchased on a per diem basis by some Federal and State agencies.

The resolution "reaffirms the principle that in computing per diem costs of such hospitalization in Catholic hospitals maintained by religious brothers and sisters that equitable compensation must be included as an

Vatican Paper Answers Papal Politics Charge

Vatican City — (NC) — In answer to the editorial assertion of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that the Holy Father's June 1 address on the eve of the Italian and French elections was an unwarranted interference in temporal affairs, *Osservatore Romano* comments in an editorial that the Pope pointed out two choices facing the electors: that they might either continue to be founded on "the firm rock of Christianity," with belief in a personal God and the spiritual dignity and eternal destiny of man, or that they give their destiny to an omnipotent materialistic state without religion.

"Are these temporal affairs?" the Vatican daily asks. "Is this a question of religion and Christian civilization or is it not? Is it or is it not within the competence of the Church and of all persons of good will when Christ charged to guide even these things?"

Will Show Envy of German Cardinal

Munster, Westphalia — (NC) — "I will accept death willingly, at any time, in any place, in any fashion, as it pleases God."

That is the opening statement in the last will of the man whose unwavering courage left Hitler, Himmler and the Gestapo afraid to act against him. It is an expression of fearlessness of death contained in the testament of a man who is the stronghold of Nazism retained its religious and outposts for, Christian August Cardinal von Galen, late Bishop of Munster.

The priest expressed the hope that he would "be a faithful child of Holy Mother Church," and implored the blessed Virgin to "intercede on my behalf for a happy death," according to the will published in *KURIER UND LEBEN*, organ of the Munster diocese.

Peace Will End Taylor Mission to the Vatican

Washington — (NC) — Myron C. Taylor has a special mission at the Vatican — to aid in making the peace — and he will remain at that post as his personal representative until the mission is completed, President Truman told a press conference here.

When peace is achieved, he added, the United States will have no official representative at the Vatican.

Asked by a reporter if he spoke of Mr. Taylor's mission with reference to the conclusion of the Italian peace, President Truman shook his head and said he meant the peace of the world.

Later in the day, speaking to four veterans to whom he awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor on the White House lawn, President Truman declared: "The war is only half won. We haven't won it until we have won a peace which makes individual safe in his liberties throughout the world over." He added that "we are going to win the peace."

No Peace Without Revising Yalta Say Polish-Americans

Washington — (NC) — Revision of the Yalta decisions, "made without the knowledge or consent of Congress or the American people" is basic to the restoration of Europe to its pre-war freedom and to world peace, declares the Polish American Congress in a letter addressed to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes prior to his departure for the meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers in Paris.

The decisions taken at Yalta "are not binding upon the U. S. Government," the letter maintains because "in the light of all legal and moral concepts of justice and international law they are absolutely illegal" and because the failure of the Soviets to live up to the pledges given at Yalta "freezes the U. S. from any legal or moral obligation to abide by them."

HUNGARIANS BAR CATHOLIC PRESS

Budapest — (NC) — Refusal of the Hungarian government to permit publication of Catholic newspapers constitutes a "serious breach of religious freedom," according to a statement by authoritative Catholic circles to the Budapest correspondent of N. C. W. C. News Service. The charge was made in comment with the renewed attacks launched by some Hungarian newspapers against the Church and, particularly Catholic schools.

"Catholic newspapers were discontinued by the Szalaski Nazi regime," the statement says. "Official circles have repeatedly requested the present government to permit publication of Catholic newspapers. Until now, such permission has not been granted to Hungarian Catholics, who form 70 per cent of the population and are exposed to certain and obvious attacks by plan and device." This constitutes, a serious breach of religious freedom.

Continuance of State aid to religious education and denominational schools is asked in a memorandum presented to the minister of education, Gencso Hecser, by a strong delegation of Catholic parents.

Calling attention to the fact that 70 per cent of Hungarians are Catholics, the memorandum urged the government to take steps toward stopping the press campaign in leftist papers against Catholic schools and requested that Catholic children be not ordered to attend meetings and lectures where they are exposed to attacks on their religion.



More than 1,500 delegates, engaged in hospital work, were among those participating in the sessions of the 31st annual convention of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada, in Milwaukee, June 2 to 18. In the upper photo, Rev. Maurice F. Griffin of Cleveland, Ohio, vice-president of the Association, is shown introducing some of the speakers. Left to right, Rev. H. L. Bergmann, S. J., President, Catholic Hospital Association of Canada; Mary Griffin, Mother Superior of St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto; Mother Superior, St. Louis, Lower photo: Left to right: Rev. H. C. Reed, General Secy, W. A. Bishop, Karl J. Amor, Toledo; Mgr. Maurice F. Griffin, Cleveland; William F. Montava, Director, Legal Dept., National Catholic Welfare Conference, (NC) (Phila.)

House Group Says Fellow Travelers Worse Than Reds

Washington — Communist front organizations in some respects constitute a more insidious agency of contamination than the Communist Party itself, and there are some 150 such organizations in the nation following the Party line, the House Committee on Un-American Activities declared in a 35,000 word, 73 page report to the House of its 1943 activities.

The report asserts that the Soviet Union lacks a communist movement in this country whose members openly proclaimed their loyalty to the revolution and the overthrow of the present government of the United States. The committee declares that some 150 such organizations are active in the United States, and that they are "worse than the Communist Party itself."

Identifiable form in the computation of per diem operating cost.

Another resolution recommended that Catholic hospitals give prompt consideration to development of formal personnel policies and practices, including sensitivity rights, wage-classification, regional studies and living cost variation, privileges, sick leave benefits and pension plans for both professional and non-professional personnel.

The association also resolved to continue the support of the Inter-American Hospital Association as a means of fostering closer relations with and increasing assistance to Catholic hospitals in Central and South America.

Another resolution urged cooperation with the program and plans of the Veterans Administration for the hospitalization of veterans, and another urged a coordinated public relations program for each diocese which would include joint conferences and other necessary means of perfecting a smoothly operating program.

In a message to the convention, Father Schwilke expressed his appreciation to the delegates for their reassurance of confidence and called for continued loyalty to the aims and purposes of the organization in the care of the sick.

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