

## 34 States Sign Up For Federal School Lunch Assistance

Washington—(NC)—Thirty-four states and the Territory of Hawaii have signed agreements to take advantage of the Federal school lunch program provided under the Federal School Lunch Act, the Department of Agriculture has announced.

## POPE LAUDS CZECH COURAGE IN WAR, CITES TASK AHEAD

Vatican City—(NC)—The courage displayed by the Catholics of Czechoslovakia during the war was lauded by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in an address to Dr. Arthur Malenka, who presented his credentials as Czechoslovakia's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Holy See.

Expressing his joy at the re-opening of full diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Czechoslovakia after the sorrowful days of the war were now happily a thing of the past, the Pontiff said that the peoples of Czechoslovakia have well done their task ahead of them in a new Europe that is trying to free itself from the moral and material effects of the war.

This task, the Pope continued, involves grave responsibilities and serious danger which put the very lives of the nations at stake. The Pope emphasized the necessity of rulers proving themselves wise and vigilant, always keeping before them those moral principles on which alone a good peace can be based. In concluding, the Pontiff imparted the Apostolic Blessing to President Edward Benes, the people of Czechoslovakia, and the Holy See.

Dr. Malenka in his address expressed his admiration at being given the opportunity of re-opening diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Czechoslovakia, and spoke of the high esteem of President Benes for the Holy Father. Czechoslovakia, he said, fully recognized that the needs of the assistance of the Holy See in finding solutions for the difficult problems left by the war of the war. The envoy, too, praised the sacrifices made by Czechoslovak Catholics in the war for the liberation of the country.

Dr. Malenka, who later paid the traditional visit to St. Peter's Basilica where he prayed at the Tomb of St. Peter, and at the altar of St. Wenceslaus, Czechoslovakia's patron saint, is a native of Prague where he was born in 1882 as son of an old Catholic family.

## Attack on Clergy Said Red Plot

Guatemala City—(NC)—Communist leaders in Latin America are endeavoring to weaken the Catholic Church by arousing nationalistic prejudices against the foreign clergy, especially those from Spain, whom they accuse of having "fascist" or "fascist" connections, the weekly *Verbum* asserts here.

Defining the position of communism vis-a-vis the Church in Central and South America, the newspaper brings out the revealing statement of Eliaz Laferte before the Mexican Communist Party Congress in May, 1944, in which the Chilean communist Senator said: "Where our declaration of principles speaks of doing away with the vestiges of semi-denialism that characterize Latin American countries, we refer especially to the spiritual and political power of the Catholic Church... . Technical necessities make us appear yet as sympathizers of religion, just as in Russia, the Soviet Government has been obliged to allow religious practice. However it is not possible that either we or the Catholics deceive one another."

## Taylor Will Return To Vatican Says Ross

Washington—(NC)—Myron C. Taylor, President Truman's personal representative at the Vatican, is returning to the United States on other than official business, but it is "assumed" he will take advantage of his presence in this country to come to Washington and see the President. Charles G. Ross, White House press secretary, has re-

## Hungary Status Deplored at Honor for Saint

Budapest—(Radio)—Hungary has celebrated its great national holiday—St. Stephen's Day, in honor of Saint Stephen, the country's patron saint—with devout manifestations of faith and devotion, but the holiday spirit was overshadowed by a sadness arising from the troubles of the present and the uncertainties of the future.

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, pontificated at Mass in St. Stephen's Cathedral. H. F. Arthur Schoenfeld, the United States Minister to Hungary, was among the members of the diplomatic corps who attended the Mass. Members of the American military mission were also present. The government was represented by the president of the National Assembly and one minister.

**Only Through Truth**

Bishop Nicolo Dudo, of the Byzantine Rite diocese of Hajdorog, declared in his sermon that a nation can only be re-deemed through the truth of Christ, not through pretty words and programs which only too often are maudlin lies.

In the afternoon of the feast day, about 300,000 persons, most of them men, joined in the traditional procession of the incorrupt right hand of St. Stephen, the national palladium, which was found last year by American troops in a barn in Austria and solemnly taken back to the Hungarian capital. The procession was led by Cardinal Mindszenty.

It had originally been planned to hold the procession along the largest avenue of the capital but, "for technical reasons," permission was not granted.

In his address to the multitude, Cardinal Mindszenty referred to the present Paris conference where the peace treaty with Hungary is one of the five under discussion. The Cardinal expressed the hope that the Christian nations would not forget how

Hungary during 50 years has been a citadel of western Christianity and how far it had gone to the heart of the Hungarian field had saved from Hitler's destruction. It was an irony that today claim the right to sit in judgment on the Hungarian nation.

## Episcopal Minister Urges Reappointment of Taylor

Mount Pleasant, N.Y.—(RNS)— Bishop of Myron C. Taylor's annual envoy to the Vatican was urged on by all thinking and stalwart Christians, the Rev. L. L. Twining, declared in a sermon at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, Easter.

Mr. Twining, known as an Anglo-Catholic, said "certain self-styled protestant leaders have taken to cut the bond between nation and the Vatican by putting pressure on President by persons in his office and

**Brings Religion  
To Kerky Hills**

Covington—(NC)—Nearly 7,000 copies of religious literature distributed during the summer mission of outdoor preachers in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky which has ended here, mission was headed by Rev. Joseph Williams of Samuel's Mission Center in Coville, Ky., who was assisted by the Rev. Cornelius McGivney of Holy Cross Monastery, Knott and two Covington diocesan seminarians.

The missionaries made excursions along creek beds and into the cañons where they erected a pulpit system and spoke to mountain folk on the natural necessity of religion and prayer and gave simple explanations of the Ten Commandments. Missionaries were well received and both Catholics and non-Catholics asked many questions about the Church and nation, Father Williams related.

The outdoor mission in the mountain areas introduced last summer Bishop William T. Malloy of Covington and has proved so successful that two more Catholic stations have been opened in area

## War Relief Shipment Reaches Hungary



The first shipment of relief material received at the headquarters of Actio Catholica, in Budapest, from War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, U.S.A., is inspected by a distinguished group. Left to right: Dr. E. Szentkiraly, Chief of Transport; Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Secretary of State; Rev. F. Kohler, C.M., Vice-President of the Charity of Actio Catholica and General Director of St. Vincent de Paul Conference and Association; Msgr. J. Vassaly (Countess Elek), Executive Director of Central Charity Office; Msgr. R. Miklavics, General Director of Actio Catholica. (NC Photo)

## Avers Planned Parenthood 'Bombs' Family

South Bend—(NC)—Modern wife takes a dominating position in her fight for equal parenthood with man, has rebelled

against the confinement of the fathering and mothering up to

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Msgr. Reddy's address was de-

livered at the 22nd annual meet-

ing of the National Conference

of Catholic Charities and the an-

nual meeting of the Society of

St. Vincent de Paul, held jointly

under the patronage of Bishop

John F. Neill of Fort Wayne.

Others who spoke to the dele-

gates included Archbishop Jo-

seph P. Ruane of New Orle-

ans, who gave the sermon at the

Solemn Pontifical Mass cele-

brated by Bishop Noll; National

Housing Administrator Wilson

W. Wyatt, and Msgr. John O'

Grady, secretary of the NCCC.

widely disseminated propaganda

directed to prevent the Chief

Executive from fear of Protes-

tant sentiment and prejudice.

"Myron Taylor is an Episco-

palian, a statesman of charac-

ter, tact, scholarship and toler-

ance. His mission has been in-

dispensable to the welfare of

mankind. Important moves to-

ward armistice and peace have

been furthered by the bond so

wisely established by President

Roosevelt.

"There has been definite in-

dication that Pope Pius desires

the return of Mr. Taylor to his

valuable post. In the interests

of peace, all Christians and mag-

nificent Christians should use

their influence by word and let-

ter to promote this tie of good

will and peace-making."

Pointing out that even the so-

called "best families" are guilty

of this spiritual warfare on the

family, the NCCC president

stated that although these peo-

ple would "resent being temted

by enemies of their country. Yet

they do not realize that they

would destroy a nation can suc-

ceed if they would but ruin

the family?"

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## Little Hope for Peace Catholic Press Says Of Paris Conference

London—(NC)—Editorial comment by the *Times*, a British Catholic weekly on the Paris peace conference, says a complete lack of enthusiasm, even pessimism, and despair among the European peoples strong from the war.

The Paris peace conference can only add to the sense of frustration and depression which is so much a feature of present-day life," writes The Catholic Times. "It met to conclude a truce with enemies but the first conviction is that the victorious allies cannot agree among themselves."

The Universe sees the "greatest obstacle to peace" in the absence among the great bulk of the individual citizens of a truly Christian packing for their representatives in Paris. If the Paris delegates fail, the paper concludes, "don't blame them too much before we have examined our own consciences and assured ourselves that they have our backs."

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