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Thanks from Poland

[illegible] Friends of Poland, [illegible] with [illegible] George Seedy (right), War Relief [illegible] in Poland, as they received the grati[illegible] children for summer vacations in the [illegible] War Relief Services. (NC Photo)

[illegible] Faiths Honor Priest [illegible] Promoting Tolerance

[illegible] a citation from the Conference for his service in promoting "justice, amity, and cooperation between Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, in America."

Roger W. Straus, Jewish co-chairman of the National Conference, declared that without Father Ahern and "men like him, there would be no National Conference."

"Only such a movement, he added, and such a spirit could prove an antidote to the "hate philosophy of the Ku Klux Klan as exemplified by (Senator) Bilbo and his collaborators and the Communistic philosophies which wish to break down everything we hold sacred."

Father Ahern, in his response, pleaded not only for interfaith good will at home but for international toleration as well. He announced a gift of $10,000 from an anonymous donor to continue the work of the International Conference of Christians and Jews, the first meeting of which was held at Oxford, England, last August.

Card. Spellman Warns Chaplains On Communism

Washington — (NC) — Your labors, sacrifices and achievements overseas are glories that will fail and die unless you continue to protect America against the aggression of enemies within her borders, Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, told the Chaplains' Association of the Army and Navy at their 18th annual convention here.

"Our beloved country is, at this moment, at war for its very soul," Cardinal Spellman said. "For the glory of God and country, you, our chaplains, have kept faith with our boys on the war-fronts. For the glory of God and country, you, our chaplains, must continue to keep faith with our boys on the home-fronts, and keep aflame fires of freedom, so that with God's merciful help, the heart of our noble nation may never be fatally bruised or broken by the brutal bludgeon of communism!"

Approximately 125 Catholic chaplains and ex-chaplains of the Army, Navy and Veterans Administration took part in the three-day meeting, joining with Protestant and Jewish chaplains at the general sessions and participating in a reception of their own at the Washington NCCS USO Club.

Bishop Arnold Speaks

The Rev. Robert J. White, dean of law school at the Catholic University of America, was elected president of the association at the close of the three-day sessions. Father White is a veteran of both World War, and is a commodore in the Naval Reserve, the first Navy chaplain to attain that rank. He has just completed four years on active duty, mostly in the Mediterranean area, where he was awarded the Bronze Star.

Bishop William R. Arnold, Military Delegate and former Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Army, looked back in his convention address on the wartime period when the Army's Chaplain Corps expanded from a membership of 125 to more than 8,000.

Cardinal Spellman, who is Military Vicar to the United States armed forces and visited many of the chaplains whom he addressed on his wartime trips to the battlefronts, declared that despite the way the world is "poised upon the cliff of chaos," the chaplains must, "in the inspiration of charity, continue to hope and work toward the golden goal of international understanding, for only when nations are bound by bonds of good will instead of steel can there be a rebirth of peace on earth."

Listing Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb, recently condemned by a Yugoslav "people's court," along with chaplains and soldiers who gave their lives in the war, the Cardinal said that with "such godly men" as he and they "we hope we shall keep the faith."

Greek Catholics Get New Leader

Pittsburgh — (RNS) — The Rev. Daniel Ivancho has been appointed by Pope Pius XII as Coadjutor Bishop of the Greek Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, with the right of succession to Bishop Basil Takach.

The diocese has jurisdiction over 272,000 Greek Catholics of Russian, Hungarian (Magyar) and Croatian nationalities in the U. S. The Bishop-elect will be consecrated in St. Paul's Cathedral here on Nov. 5.

Bishop Takach, who was named to his post in 1924, has been ill for nearly a year, during which time his duties have been carried out by the Rev. Stephen C. Gulovich, chancellor.

Bishop-elect Ivancho, 38, was born in that part of Carpatho-Russia ceded by Czechoslovakia to Russia, and came to the U. S. from Croatia at the age of six. He was ordained in 1934 and has held pastorates in Minneapolis and Cleveland.

Medical Mission Board's Work

New York — (NC) — Efforts of the Rev. Edward F. Garesche, S.J., as president of the Catholic Medical Mission Board and organizer of the Leafleteers crusade have been praised in a letter received here from His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Pizzardo, prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and Universities.

Swallows Leave Capistrano

San Juan Capistrano—(NC) —The swallows of the old Franciscan Mission here celebrated the same day of the Franciscan friar whose prayers and miracles turned back the Turks from Hungary in the 15th century in their traditional way, flying out to sea at dawn.

The swallows of Capistrano, famous in song and story, have done this for 147 years, and the villagers look for them to return from their unknown destination next spring, as they always have in the past, on the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19.

Arkansas Bishop Dies at Eighty

Little Rock — (NC) — Eighty years old, 54 years a priest and 40 years a member of the U. S. Hierarchy, the Most Rev. John Baptist Morris, third Bishop of Little Rock, died here at St. Vincent's Hospital. Death came to the Bishop only a few hours after he had entered the hospital.

His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, offered the Solemn Mass of Requiem on Tuesday in St. Andrew's Cathedral. Bishop Morris was born in Hendersonville, Tenn., June 29, 1866 — during the reign of Pope Pius IX.

Pope Pius X chose Monsignor Morris to be Titular Bishop of Acmonia and Coadjutor of Little Rock on April 6, 1906. He was consecrated on June 11, 1906, the anniversary of his ordination, at Nashville and succeeded to the See of Little Rock on February 21, 1907, upon the death of Bishop Edward Fitzgerald.

During Bishop Morris' able administration of the Little Rock diocese, the rural communities in Arkansas have been dotted with mission churches while every effort was made to increase a native clergy.

Navy Chaplains' '45 Service Reported

Washington — (RNS) — United States Navy chaplains in 1945 conducted 407,577 religious services which were attended by 32,[illegible] persons, according to a Navy Department announcement here.

Navy chaplains held 340,[illegible] services aboard their own ships, 38,501 on other than their own ships or stations, and 42,186 services in civilian churches. In addition to regular services, 12,501 marriage ceremonies and 14,851 funerals were conducted by the chaplains. They also performed 15,088 baptisms, accepted 13,818 men and women into the church and visited 5,311,406 in hospitals, sick bays, and brigs.

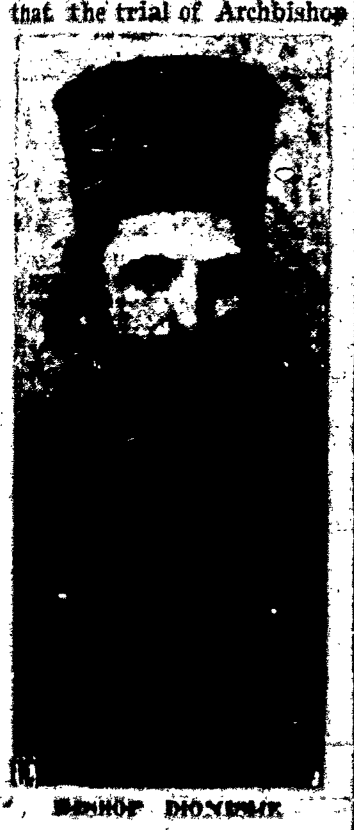
Book Club's Fall Survey Lists Reviews

New York — (NC) — A review of Francois Mauriac's new novel, "A Woman of the Pharisees," is the principal item in the Fall Fiction Survey of the Newsletter of the Catholic Book Club, which has been released here.

"Animal Farm," by George Orwell, "Mistress Masham's Repose," by T. H. White, "Joy in the Morning," by P. G. Wodehouse, "Lord Hornblower," by C. S. Hornblower, and "The Sudden Guest," by Christopher La Farge, are also considered in the survey.

Orthodox Bishop Asks U. S. Action on Trial

Libertyville, Ill. — (NC) — The Bishop who heads the entire Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church for the United States and Canada not only asserts flatly that the trial of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb, Yugoslavia, was grossly unjust, but that the trial was a direct onslaught on religion as such, engineered from Communist Russia.



BISHOP DIONISIJE

He vigorously believes the United States Government should intervene in Yugoslavia in opposition to the persecution of religion in that land.

These expressions are all the more impressive as coming from an Orthodox prelate who lived most of his life in Yugoslavia, is the author of books concerning religious persecution in his native land, but is now an American citizen.

Bishop Dionisije Millvojevich is 48, precisely the age of Archbishop Stepinac, who in recent days was condemned by a Tito court to 16 years at hard labor on charges widely considered to be trumped up.

In Political Sphere

"This trial was prepared in the political sphere," declared the Bishop. "It was for the purpose of dividing the Catholic Church in Croatia from its leadership at the Vatican—Tito has openly expressed this purpose.

"The strategy, which comes definitely from the Kremlin in Russia, is to break down the leadership of religion.

"It should be noted that opposition to atheism is stronger when there is an outside leadership. I refer to the Pope.

"The trial was not based on justice but was an outrage on justice. Tito's regime has no interest in justice. It seeks only to stifle opposition."

Bishop Dionisije saw only martyrdom for Archbishop Stepinac if the sentence of the Tito court —sixteen years at hard labor— is followed out.

In confirmation of his assertion that the Yugoslav regime seeks to uproot all religion, Bishop Dionisije said there is much evidence that Tito is now preparing a trial against Metropolitan Joseph, the actual head of the Orthodox Church in Yugoslavia. Numerically, the Orthodox Church is the largest religious body in the country, followed by the Catholic Church.

Asks Intervention

Bishop Dionisije did not qualify his judgment that the United States Government should intervene earnestly on behalf of religion in Yugoslavia and against its persecution.

"I see no reason for government to exist if it does not support moral law, and this means the great teacher of morality—religion. Be it Mohammedan, Buddhist, or a faith purified through Christ's sufferings and teachings, government should intervene earnestly on behalf of religion in Yugoslavia and against its persecution.

"We as Christians should support a Government in its defense of Christianity against persecution."

The Orthodox leader appealed for all Christians to work together in defense of Christianity. He asserted that all heads of the Orthodox Church had been called together in Russia and requested to sign a declaration against the Catholic Church.

All refused, he declared, only the new Patriarch, supported by the communist government, issuing a statement.

"We differ in many points, and sharply," said the Bishop, "but in defending Christianity we can work together."

All Pupils Entitled To Buses, Prelate Says

New Orleans — (NC) — Other state aids, such as free text books, will be endangered if it is decided in the New Jersey court that bus service to children of Catholic schools is unconstitutional, Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans said at a luncheon of the Council of Catholic Schools Cooperative Club, here. The service of school busses is given not to the school, he said, but to the children as citizens of a community who are entitled to the protection of being conveyed safely to school.

Nation Watches Wisconsin Vote On Bus Issue

Milwaukee — (RNS) — The parochial school bus referendum, to be voted on Tuesday in Wisconsin, was discussed hotly at a series of Protestant mass meetings and at 90 Holy Name societies in the Milwaukee archdiocese. The entire nation is watching the results.

In a state-wide fight, with the Wisconsin Council of Churches opposing the issue, and Catholics urging parishioners to vote for it, the referendum which would amend the state constitution, is making an off-year election here a subject of great speculation.

Dr. Charles R. Bell, Madison, chairman of the committee for religious liberty of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, called the referendum "a wedge that the Catholic hierarchy is going to drive into the principle of separation of church and state which is basic to the economic and social health of our nation."

Dr. Hugo Hellman, dean of the Marquette University school of speech, said in a talk at St. Mary's Church hall that "because bus transportation to and from school is a service to the child and not to the school he attends, the amendment involves no question of state support for private and parochial schools."

The Milwaukee Journal went on record editorially for the amendment, stating that the bus question should be looked on as a public service only.

Louisiana OK's School Buses

Baton Rouge — (RNS) — An opinion reaffirming the authority of Louisiana parish school boards to provide transportation for children attending private and parochial schools approved by the State Board of Education was issued here by State Attorney General Fred S. LeBlanc.

New Orleans Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel had asked for a review of an opinion rendered by former State Attorney General Gaston L. Porterie.

Cambridge Pupils to Get Free Bus Rides

Cambridge, Mass. — (RNS) — The Cambridge School Committee has voted 5 to 2 against a petition proposing to prohibit the use of school buses for parochial and private school children.

Opposing the petition were the Mayor, John D. Lynch, chairman of the school committee; Thomas P. O'Neil, Jr., Margaret Kelleher, Russell A. Wood; and Robert J. Reardon. Favoring the petition were Mrs. Cora B. Conant and Bradley Dewey.

A Whole Population Is Starving!

In Germany, according to Anne O'Hare McCormick in a dispatch to the New York Times on October 21, 1946, "The military government health figures tell a story of decreasing resistance reflected in worried, pinched faces of women, hollow-eyed men, weak lunged children . . . most willing laborers can't work more than four hours. After that they get confused and wobbly from hunger. With few exceptions the whole population is hungry."

These words were written by one of the most competent American correspondents now in Europe. Dispatches from other well-known correspondents tell the same story, as do the reports from representatives of War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference stationed in Germany.

All agree that the German people are hungrier and weaker than they were last winter, and that, unless relief in large quantities is sent immediately, these conditions will last for a long time to come. For many helpless children, old and ill persons in Germany, such conditions will mean certain death from starvation and disease.

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