# Remove Color Line In Churches, Schools, Industry, NCWC Urges

Washington—(NC)—Recommendations made by 40 nationally known Catholic leaders in interracial work during a four-day seminar on Negro problems in the field of social action have been published here by the Social Action department, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Among the specific requests made by the committees of the seminar and set forth in the 36-page pamphlet are: removal from union charters of clauses barring Negro members, a "family living wage" for all workers, federal and state FEPC bills, equal educational advantages at all scholastic levels, removal of discrimination in all Catholic schools, churches and hospitals, removal of restrictive covenants in housing, and equal service for all in business and the professions.

**Discriminatory Practices**

The committee examining discriminatory practices against Negroes in economic life, vigorously condemns those employers who discriminate because of color in hiring, upgrading and firing, and who interfere with the worker's "God-given" right to organize into unions for his economic protection.

Likewise condemned are those unions which exclude Negroes from membership or confine them to a "second-class membership in so-called auxiliary locals," since it is only through union organization, the committee notes, that the worker "can hope to acquire a wage which will measure up to the requirements of social justice."

Noting with concern "the emptying by current social and political 'illegal and immoral' any institutions and morality" the civil rights committee condemns as "illegal and immoral" and institutions by which "the right to vote is infringed upon," such as intimidation, the "white primary," or abuse of the poll tax.

Calling for equalized educational advantages for Negroes at every level of schooling and urging that Negroes be encouraged and assisted through private and public agencies to acquire ownership of property, the seminar members stress "the necessity of individual action on the part of every man, woman and child" in attaining these objectives.

**Should Set Example**

"Catholic educational associations should set the example for other educational bodies by insisting that the Negro be accorded equal opportunities at every level of schooling," the committee asserts, urging that Catholic schools open their doors without delay "to all qualified applicants, Negro and white alike."

Among the recommendations made in the matter of housing the committee urges an investigation of the housing shortage affecting Negroes and the full use of public and private agencies in its alleviation. "Moral as well as legal support to those who are defendants in litigation to enforce segregation," which is described as an "un-American institution" is likewise recommended.

Declaring that "Catholics should set an example of brotherhood to all men," the committee on Social Work and Health Services wholeheartedly condemns the practices of those hospitals which refuse to admit Negro patients or give them inferior accommodations, and urges the Catholic Hospital Association and individual hospitals "work toward an early elimination of discriminatory practices."

# Communist Slur On Hungarian Church Rebuked

Budapest — (Radio, NC) — The New Man, Hungarian Catholic weekly, has administered a sharp rebuke to a Communist leader, who in a recent speech referred to Catholics as "a bunch of tramps," and "tolerated adventurers."

The weekly's rebuke coincided with an address by His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, in which he set forth what must be done if the country is to have true religious freedom as the Government promised.

Indignant at the communist's slur, which had been printed in some leftist papers, The New Man reminded: "Catholicism has for the past 500 years been the source of unity in this nation; for 400 years it has been the creed of the majority of the nation, and at present it is the main Christian force in Hungary as well as the interpreter of genuinely Christian thought."

**Hierarchy's Letters Suppressed**

In an address at the reopening of the St. Stephen Society, Cardinal Mindszenty touched on the "religious freedom" which had been promised by all political parties, as well as in the National Assembly and by the Government.

"While we have been assured of religious liberty," the Cardinal stated, "two circular letters by the Hungarian Hierarchy have nevertheless been suppressed by the authorities."

"Catholic religious services and processions cannot be made dependent on the permission of the police," he declared, adding: "Nor may the Ministry of Interior Affairs be considered the final authority on the existence of religious associations, or the ultimate judge of whether a joint episcopal letters may or may not be read to the faithful." The Cardinal concluded: "The place of help shall not triumph over the Church."

### Education Aide's Ouster Sought

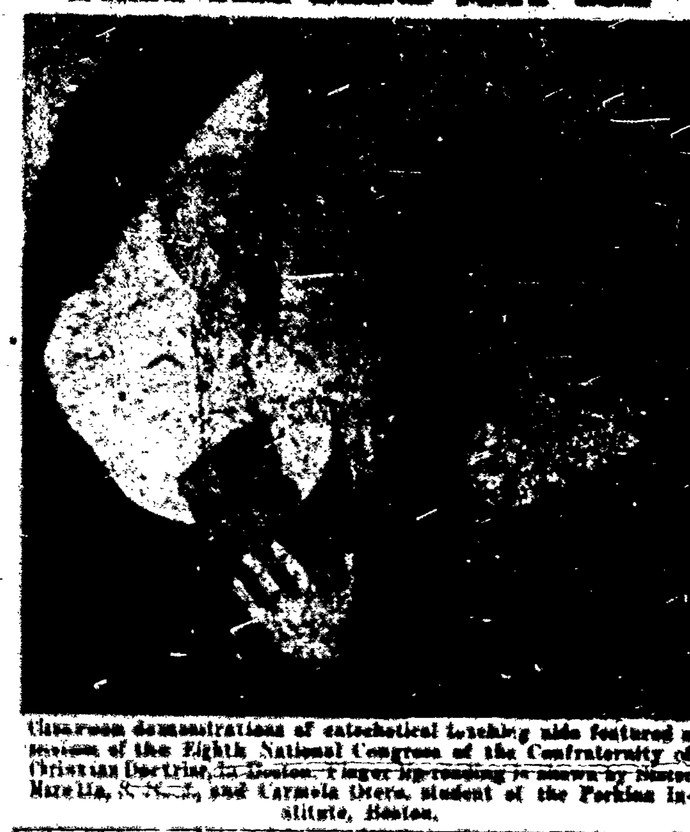
Budapest — (RNS) — Demands for dismissal of Education Minister Deszider Keresztury on the ground that he has shown a "tolerant attitude" toward Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, are being made here by leftist party leaders.

Opponents of Minister Keresztury, who is a Catholic, have urged the government to appoint Joseph Darvas, Protestant author and former leader, in his place.

### Organ of 4 Catholic Groups is Banned

Budapest — (Radio, NC) — The Hungarian Minister of Interior Affairs has banned the publication which serves as the official organ of four Catholic groups in this country. The organizations are Pax Romana, the Students' Association of Hungarian Catholic High School Students, the Association of the Circle of St. Emmerich, and the National Association of Catholic Tradesmen and Labor Youth.

## THAT THE BLIND MAY SEE



Classroom demonstrations of catechetical teaching aids featured a session of the Eighth National Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, in Boston. Finger lip-reading is shown by Sister Marella, S.N.D., and Carmela Otero, student of the Perkins Institute, Boston.

# Dublin Teachers Accept Prelate's Plea to End Strike

Dublin — (NC) — In response to the wish of Archbishop John McQuaid, of Dublin, more than 1,000 teachers in Dublin who had been on strike since last March 20, have just returned to work.

The seven-month strike, which caused much loss and hardship to the children of the city at tending the primary schools and to their parents who cannot afford to send them to other schools, was called as a result of the failure of the Irish National Teachers Organization to secure from the Government certain specified claims for better salaries and conditions for its members.

During the strike teachers picketed the schools daily. A number of schools conducted by religious Orders and Christian Brothers were allowed to remain open, but lay teachers employed in them did not report for duty.

It is estimated that during the strike 45,000 children were deprived of education in Dublin.

According to a statement by the executive committee of the INTO, the persistent refusal of the Irish Government to meet the "just claims of the teachers and its insistence on being the sole arbiter of what was right and equitable regarding rates of remuneration and conditions of service."

The statement pays tribute to Archbishop McQuaid, who "from the beginning showed in no uncertain manner his sympathy with and understanding of the teachers' position.

"Before the strike and while negotiations were in progress, he lent his valuable aid toward bringing about an amicable agreement," the statement says. "It was not the teachers' fault that he failed in his efforts. The strike was less than a month in progress when he offered to act as mediator between the Government and the teachers. That offer, which would have brought peace and harmony was rejected by the Government.

"When, therefore, His Grace invited the Executive to consider the advisability of calling off the strike, the Executive could not but have regard to the significant terms in which that invitation was couched. The invitation was accepted and acted on, without prejudice to the natural rights of the teachers or to their just and equitable claims."

### 600 VA Chaplains Seen 1965 Need

Washington — (RNS) — The Chaplaincy Service of the Division of Special Services, U. S. Veterans' Administration, expects to have about 600 full-time chaplains in veterans' hospitals by 1965, Chaplain Crawford W. Brown, chief of chaplains of the VA, told chaplains from various parts of the country at a meeting here.

There are now 183 Protestant, 74 Roman Catholic and four Jewish chaplains serving full-time in VA hospitals throughout the nation, Chaplain Edward McDonough, chief of personnel at the central office here, told the gathering. These figures include six colored chaplains.

**Inter-American Seminar Booklet**

Washington — (NC) — A booklet on the Second Inter-American Catholic Seminar on Social Studies held in Havana last January has been published by the National Catholic Welfare Conference here and by the Catholic Action of Cuba in Havana.

### Brother Andre's Friend Dies at Age of 81

Montreal — (NC) — Azarias Claude, who has died here at the age of 81, was a close friend of the late Brother Andre, founder of the St. Joseph's Oratory shrine and attributed 31 years of his life to the intercession of St. Joseph through the prayers of Brother Andre.

When Mr. Claude was 50, his health was such that doctors gave up hope that he would live. One day Brother Andre visited his home and prayed to St. Joseph that his friend might be cured. Mr. Claude felt a great pain and then expressed the desire to get up. That evening he drove his automobile, and never again experienced illness.

**Salvatorians' Golden Jubilee**

St. Nazianz, Wis. — (NC) — A Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Ambrose Church here offered by Bishop Stanislaus V. Bona of Green Bay marked the golden jubilee of the arrival of the Salvatorians in this country and the taking over of a unique communal village. Among those assisting the Bishop was the Very Rev. Bede Friedrich, S.D.S., American Provincial of the Salvatorian community.

**Negro Gets U. S. Post**

Detroit — (NC) — Charles R. A. Smith, a Detroit Catholic Negro leader, has assumed the duties of an assistant United States District Attorney here, the first member of his race to hold such a position.

# Parliament Gets Cardinal's Plea In Stepinac Case

London — (NC) — His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, in a final appeal for Archbishop Stepinac of Zagreb, issued a special statement "with a fervent request that everything possible will be done to secure the release of a great and innocent man."

The Cardinal's message was sent to every Member of Parliament as well as to the press but has so far been given little publicity, only one daily newspaper 'The Times,' quoting it.

At the same time, the Scottish Hierarchy, through Archbishop Joseph McDonald, O.S.B., of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, sent a protest to Prime Minister Clement Attlee "against the flagrantly unjust trial and sentence" of Archbishop Stepinac asking the British Government "to do all in its power" to secure his immediate release."

"To condone such monstrous mockery would be a betrayal of the avowed principles and ideals for which so many fought and died and on which world peace must be based," the Scottish Bishops wrote.

**Charges Declared False**

Cardinal Griffin's statement pointed out that the Zagreb Archbishop has been imprisoned after a trial in which it was repeatedly held against him by the prosecution that, since the war ended, he had objected to measures introduced by the government of Marshal Tito. He had objected in pastoral letters to new legislative measures, notably those affecting education and marriage in a country where at present no objection is tolerated."

"None of the other charges brought against the Archbishop will stand examination, the Cardinal declared. He then took up the accusations that the Archbishop had given "his approval to the massacre of Orthodox Serbs carried out by the Croat Ustashi;" that he "gave the sanction of the Church to the blasphemous 'forcible conversion' of Orthodox Serbs en masse;" and that he was "hand in glove with the Pavelic government."

In refuting these accusations the Cardinal cited the frequent protests of Archbishop Stepinac against executions without trial, against persecution of Serbs and Jews, and against "forced conversions."

**Complained To Vatican**

Cardinal Griffin pointed out that the Pavelic regime had complained to the Vatican about Archbishop Stepinac's unfriendly attitude and that "both British and American propaganda, as well as Tito's own, made constant use of the Archbishop's courageous words" during the war years.

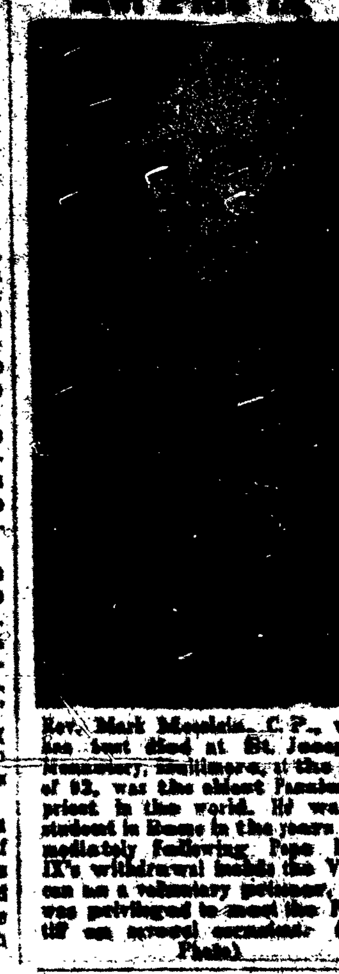
The Cardinal's statement recalled that Archbishop Stepinac, as a result of a sermon he had delivered in October 1943, "was kept under house-arrest by Pavelic for some days" and was "violently attacked in the very newspapers with which he is now alleged to have been closely connected."

"In Yugoslavia today there are thousands of men, women and children, Orthodox as well as Catholics, communists as well as anti-communists, Serbs as well as Croats, Jews as well as Gentiles, who owe their very lives to the intervention of the Archbishop whose refusal to be intimidated has led now to his arrest and imprisonment," Cardinal Griffin said in conclusion.

**Nuns Elect Mother General**

Sherbrooke, Que. — (NC) — Mother St. Pierre was elected Mother General of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Angels.

## Met Pius IX



Rev. Mark Moeslein, C.P., who has just died at St. Joseph's Monastery, Baltimore, at the age of 93, was the oldest Passionist priest in the world. He was a student in Rome in the years immediately following Pope Pius IX's withdrawal inside the Vatican as a voluntary prisoner, and was privileged to meet the Pontiff on several occasions. (NC Photo)

# CDA AID SOUGHT FOR HOUSING BILL

Washington — (NC) — All members of the Catholic Daughters of America have been advised to be on the alert and ascertain the stand of their respective Congressmen on the Wagner-Ellender-Taft Housing Bill, in a letter sent out this week by Miss Margaret J. Buckley, of Chevy Chase, Md., the organization's national legislation chairman.

The letter includes a resume of "The Present Housing Situation" compiled by Msgr. John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, in which he says that "the situation in regard to the production of building materials looks brighter" but the "channeling of scarce building materials into housing has not been by any means an easy task."

Half of the 200,000 temporary housing units have been built from materials secured from army camps, naval stations and war industries, in addition to new materials. These buildings have been erected as villages for ex-GI's attending school under the G.I. Bill of Rights, the Monsignor said.

# Oregon [illegible] Catholic Meet On Industry

Washington — (NC) — [illegible] Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems [illegible] completed [illegible] Portland, Ore. [illegible] preparations [illegible] be held in Columbus on [illegible] ber 9 and 10 under the sponsorship of Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus.

The conference in Portland, which featured speakers from labor, management and government, drew a large attendance. More than 1,000 persons listened to Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary of Chicago, declare that "the right to life has a higher priority than interest or profits."

The Bishop added that four million American workers are receiving only $16 to $20 a week, a wage insufficient to [illegible] living. He also stated [illegible] workers should have more [illegible] in the [illegible] own welfare, and [illegible] a guaranteed annual wage to give the worker a greater sense of security.

**Accent on Morality**

Archbishop Edward D. Howard, sponsor of the conference, expressed the hope that its discussions would [illegible] the steps that [illegible] age."

The Rev. R. A. McGowan, director of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, stated that more accent must be placed on morality in labor relations, declaring that all groups, whether of labor or management, [illegible] in their dealings [illegible] other "live up to the laws of God."

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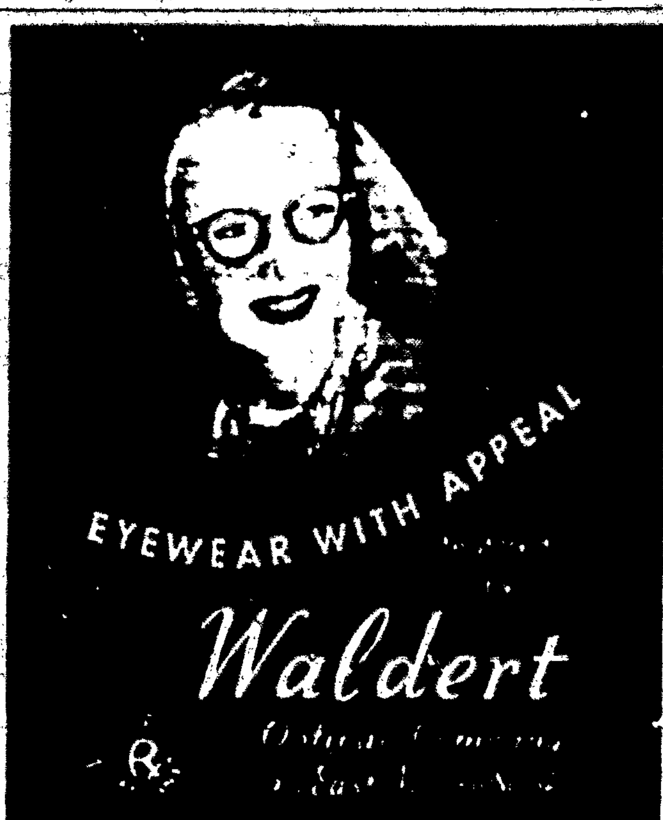

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