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Senate Hears Priest's Plea On Unionism

Washington — (NC) — Congress should have more substantial evidence before it outlows the closed shop, "an institution which has served so mutually well for nearly every unionized bargaining union in the world," the Rev. Dr. Jerome L. Toner, C. S. V., professor of labor and industrial relations at St. Martin's College, Lacey, Wash., told the Senate subcommittee on Labor and Public Welfare.

Dr. Toner, an Army chaplain in World War II and author of a book on the closed shop, told the committee that "the history of all English-speaking peoples shows that the closed shop has consistently and increasingly been defined and obtained."

"Employers, sincerely interested in the welfare of their employees who complain that they are deprived of the right to work because they were expelled from their union, with the consequent loss of their jobs, might ask for contractual right of review as the union does for its discharged members," Dr. Toner said.

"The courts and boards have protected the rights of the workers, and especially employees, from being discriminated against because of prior union affiliation when closed-shop agreements are made, and, if necessary, Congress could provide such a law.

Asks Small Changes

"Workers who are acceptable to employers should be acceptable to unions having closed-shop contracts with that employer.

"Employees expelled from union should have an opportunity to have their case tried before some public board, as is the practice when they are unjustifiably discharged by an employer. If the union is found to be at fault, the employees should be reinstated, with reimbursement for damages incurred.

"For the preservation of democracy under closed-shop contracts some provision should be made for minority members' freedom of speech during a reasonable period previous to the renewal of the contract. This is especially true where an election was held to determine the representative of the employee. The closed shop should be no bar to democracy.

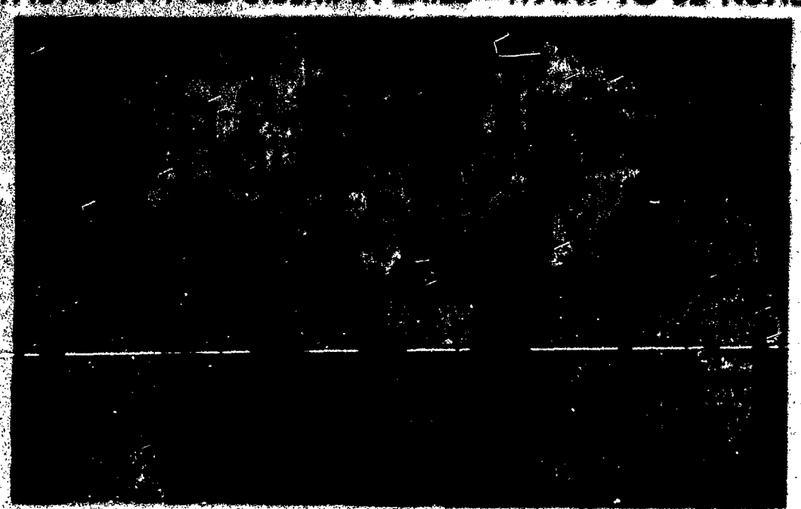
"A constitution should be appointed to do extensive research into the causes of labor trouble and especially those dealing with the right to work. The causes of power or unions are merged to the closed shop, when there is probable reason to believe that the workers and employers should be blamed."

Quotes Holy Father

Dr. Toner closed with this quotation from His Holiness Pope Pius XII: "Neither collective bargaining, nor arbitration, nor all the directives of the most progressive legislation will be able to provide a lasting labor peace unless there is also a constant effort to infuse the breath of spiritual and moral life into the very framework of industrial relations."

In the course of questioning by committee members, Dr. Toner, pointed out that under the Wagner Act employers are made responsible financially if they unjustly discharge a worker. He suggested that the act be broadened so that the same rights would be given to the worker, to protect him against unions, and particularly the closed shop.

THEY SURVIVED SIBERIAN EXILE—WANT TO BE NUNS



Nine out of seven (seven there) of the Sisters Catholic Polish war orphans, deported to Siberia by the Russians at the beginning of the war, and later evacuated to India and now enroute to the Immaculate Heart Convent, Mt. Alverno, Hendon, Pa., where they hope to join the Bernadine Sisters. They are pictured in the courtyard of Our Lady of Tours Cathedral, Manchuria, when their ship made an unscheduled stop there enroute to San Francisco. Accompanying them as their guide is the Rev. Edward Zielinski, Belgian Jesuit from India, and Mrs. L. Rozwadowska, a Polish exile.

LEGATE JAILED; 2 PRIESTS SLAIN

Vatican City — (NC) — Anti-Catholic demonstrations, which have persisted for months, have reached a bloody climax in Albania, according to reports which have been confirmed at the Vatican. These reports state:

Msgr. Francesco Gjini, Regent of the Apostolic Delegation in Scutari, has been arrested and jailed.

Two secular priests were tortured to death and then their bodies were thrown from a window in an attempt to make it appear that they had committed suicide.

The Franciscan Provincial and two Franciscan Friars have been sentenced to death. All other Franciscans, with the exception of two very old priests, have been placed under arrest.

Among others who have been arrested are Father Karma, a Jesuit, and Father Valona, a pastor, and an Oriental Rite priest whose identity was not contained in the advices. The Servite and the Stigmatine Sisters have been obliged to abandon their religious dress.

The chapel at the military hospital in Tirana has been desecrated and turned into a ballroom and the chapel altar has been smashed to bits.

Prelate Asks Jews Entry into Australia

Sydney — (RNS) — A plea for admittance of Jewish immigrants to Australia was made by the Most Rev. Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne.

Denouncing criticism of Jewish immigration as based on "jealousy," Archbishop Mannix said the Palestine incidents are "regrettable," but Australian Jews are not responsible.

"The Jews," he said, "are a great people with centuries of tradition. Credit should be given to the hardworking, successful Jew, and eligible immigrants should be welcomed with open arms in order to assist Australia's need for an increased population."

Catholic U. Scholarships

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Thirty-one fellowships and Scholarships will be granted for the next academic year at the Catholic University of America.

Spanish Primate Asks Pope To Define Assumption Tenet

Toledo, Spain — "Spain's devotion to the Assumption of Mary is in accord with the sentiment of the entire Church," His Eminence Enrique Cardinal Pla y Deniel, Archbishop of Toledo and Primate of Spain, said in a letter to His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

He wrote in response to a letter in which the Sovereign Pontiff had sought the views of Patriarchs, Archbishops and Bishops the world over and of their people, regarding the matter of defining the Dogma of the Assumption of the Most Holy Virgin.

After having expounded the special titles and motives of the Marian devotion in his Archdiocese, Cardinal Pla y Deniel pointed out that "28 other Spanish cathedrals, aside from that of Toledo and many smaller churches, have the Assumption of the Virgin Mary as Patroness."

The letter cites a series of important historic facts which show clearly the profound sentiment and desire manifested by Catholics in order that the Dogma of the Assumption may be defined.

BETHLEHEM, CONN. TO GET ABBEY

Hartford, Conn. — (NC) — Something important is going to happen within a township which bears the same name as that far-away town in which something of tremendous importance to the whole world happened 1947 years ago. The name of the township is Bethlehem, and it will be the resting place of the Benedictine tradition in Connecticut.

The Benedictine nuns who came from France with a view to establishing a monastery within the Diocese of Hartford, now are busy with preparations for an authentic Benedictine establishment, Regina Laudis, to be located high on a hill overlooking some of the loveliest valleys in the East. They mean to acquire an old farmhouse to serve as temporary quarters, and when it has been adapted to their needs, four other nuns will join them, constituting, for a space, a cloistered community. The strict Benedictine cloister will be kept. Silence will reign, to be broken only for the singing of the Office and the Mass.

Catholic Slovak Union Condemns Communism

Middletown, Pa. — (NC) — Resolutions scoring communism and communistic organizations were adopted by The First Catholic Slovak Union of the U.S.A. at its annual meeting here. One resolution emphasizes that The First Catholic Slovak Union with its 95,000 members, is in no way connected with The American Slav Congress, described as a leftist organization, and condemns all subversive organizations which favor communism and other un-American activities.

Communism Has Cheapened Women, Says Msgr. Sheen

New York — (NC) — Though "the proudest boast of communism is that it has finally emancipated the woman," it has actually robbed her of her special dignity, Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, declared on the Catholic Hour program Sunday.

It was the Monsignor's sixth in a series of sixteen talks on communism as his 17th consecutive year on the Catholic Hour program.

Karl Marx taught that if all people were made "instruments of labor," difference in sex would no longer have "any distinctive social validity," Monsignor Sheen pointed out. "The key word here is instrument, which reduces a human being to the dignity of a monkey wrench," he stressed. The assumption was that woman was free as soon as she become available for production."

Sent To Mines

The speaker narrated that in the first Soviet five-year plan millions of housewives stayed in their homes and refused to accept what the communists called "the emancipation for women from depressing domestic atmosphere." He related that they were ultimately "forced into 'emancipation' and began working in mines, sewers, and in the manipulation of pneumatic drills. A few years ago 23 per cent of the miners were women."

The communist attitude toward women, which, Monsignor Sheen said, was borrowed from industrial, capitalistic civilization of the 19th century, has two basic errors, he asserted: "1. Women were never emancipated until [illegible] modern times. Religion particu- Equality means the right of a woman to do a man's work."

"It is not true that women began to be emancipated in modern times and in direct proportion to the decline of religion," the speaker continued. "The fact is that woman's subjection began in the 17th century with the break-up of Christendom and took on a positive form at the time of the Industrial Revolution. Under Christian civilization women enjoyed rights, privileges, honors and dignities which have since been swallowed up by the machine age."

Error on Equality

The second error of communists on womanhood, Monsignor Sheen stated, arises from their failure to distinguish between "mathematical and proportional equality." Christian civilization has never stressed "equality in the mathematical sense," he continued, because in this sense "all the psychological, social and other advantages which are peculiar to women" were ignored until the climax is reached "where a woman was emancipated the moment she went to work in a mine." The Christian doctrine has always been that woman is man's equal only in the proportional sense, he asserted, "for equality is wrong when it makes the woman a poor imitation of man." He added: "Once she became man's mathematical equal, he no longer stood when she came to the room, no longer gave her a seat in a bus, and no longer took off his hat in an elevator."

In her search for mathematical equality with man, the speaker continued, modern woman has become "cheapened in two ways: by becoming a victim to man, and a victim to the machine." He explained: "A victim to man by becoming only the instrument of his pleasure, ministering to his needs in a sterile exchange of egotisms. A victim to the machine by subordinating the creative principle of life to the production of non-living things, which is the essence of communism."

In cheapening the dignity of womanhood, communism has actually lowered civilization, Monsignor Sheen declared, because "the level of any civilization is the level of its womanhood." The nobler women are, the nobler the love of men for women becomes, he stated, adding: "In these pagan days when women want to be only equal with men, they have lost respect. In Christian days when men were strongest, woman was respected." In the 12th and 13th centuries when woman did not claim equality in sex and the right to work at the same lathe," he declared, men without exception "bowed down before the woman."

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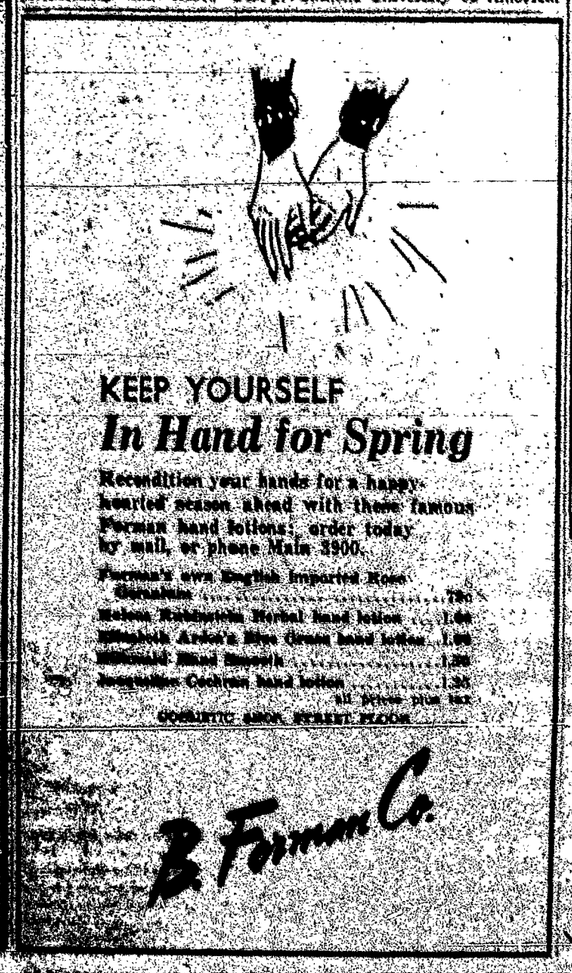

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