

ON GUARD!

The Catholic Church in this country is on guard against the forces of materialism...

The salvation of souls is the supreme law but the Catholic Church in realistic enough to know that saving a body is usually the first step in saving his soul.

There is nothing contradictory in the fact that the world's greatest spiritual organization is also vitally concerned at all times about the material welfare of human beings.

In this world men's souls live in weak bodies—bodies which need food and medicine, clothes and shoes, and warm houses.

This social consciousness of the Church and her genuine concern for man's material security were strikingly dramatized at the two-day Catholic Conference held this week in Rochester.

Particularly impressive were the noted orators, all champions of social justice, who spoke at the conference. There was Father Raymond McGowan who has devoted more than a quarter of a century in trying to teach his fellow Americans how to use the material wealth of this nation in the way that God intended it should be used.

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More in Rochester this week these men of the cloth talked about things seemingly very mundane. They defended trade unionism, collective bargaining and labor participation in management.

Was anybody surprised that priests would dare talk about these affairs of the marketplace? Not if he has ever read Leo XIII's encyclical on 'The Condition of Labor' or Pius XI's encyclical on the Reconstruction of the Social Order, or any of Pius XII's recent Christmas addresses to the world.

More than 50 years ago Leo XIII started the world by speaking out boldly on the moral necessity of giving workers a just wage and recognizing their right to organize into trade unions.

Let us not forget the urgent insistence of Pius XI that wages must be sufficient to care for the needs of the worker and his family. Let us not forget either the Pontiff's insistence that the dignity of the family gives it a right to a decent home.

And long before our current housing shortage Pius XI did not hesitate to point out that the government has a duty to assist the material needs (houses) of its people when the efforts of private initiative fail.

The present Pontiff, Pius XII, the great architect of world peace, has repeatedly underscored the imperative necessity of economic reform if we are to build a new world order. Like his predecessors, Pius XI has pleaded for a wage which will satisfy the needs of the worker and his family and the right to an adequate home for all.

Yes, there is good precedent for priests talking about the practical affairs of the marketplace. The Church has always insisted that economic life cannot divorce itself from the authority of God and His laws.

When leaders of industry act without any regard for God's law or the public welfare, there is always danger that workers may go hungry. So often men who complain against God and His Church are only disgraced workers who have lost their jobs and their homes.

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Area Holy Name Units Meet Sunday

Reorganization of the Holy Name Society program in the Rochester diocese and diocese-wide membership campaign will be on the agenda for the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union in convention Sunday afternoon, May 4, in Columbus Civic Centre, Rochester.

Catholics Ask U.S. School Aid Compromise

Washington (NC) - A compromise Federal aid to education bill which would give practically all the money to the public schools and would give a few dollars to non-public schools as a token recognition of what they are doing for the nation and as a safeguard for freedom of education in our democracy was recommended to Congress at a Senate subcommittee hearing by the Rev. William E. McManus, assistant director, Education Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Father McManus proposed an adaptation of the School Lunch Program procedure in the \$250,000,000 Taft Bill, so that non-public school children in all States could be benefited.

Under his proposal an estimated \$24,500,000 would go to public schools and \$7,000,000 to non-public schools, none of the latter to be spent for teachers' salaries.

The N. C. W. C. official said, however, he realized that such an amendment to the Taft bill would probably be rejected at the present time, and offered his support to a compromise proposal which would:

- 1. Provide funds specifically allocated for raising the salaries of public school classroom teachers in the poorer States of the nation.
- 2. Provide funds so that the children attending all schools, public and nonpublic, would receive certain essential school services such as transportation, non-religious textbooks and supplies, and health and welfare services.

Dr. Fowler spoke for the National Association of Evangelicals, which he said represented 28 Protestant groups with a membership of approximately one and one-half million members.

His charges, such as "the Roman nose is already in our democratic tent," "the Church of Rome continually denounces the public school system of the United States," "to Roman policy makers, State support of their schools is only a step toward Roman Church control of all government institutions," brought criticism from Senators Lister Hill of Alabama; Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana; and James E. Murray of Montana, members of the subcommittee.

Other Views Presented Senator Hill also drew from Dr. Fowler the personal admission that the School Lunch program, under which children in parochial schools are benefited, was a worthy undertaking. The Alabama Senator then said that (Turn to Page 8)

Jesuits Near China On Photo Survey

Manila, P. I. (RNS) - Father Bernard Hubbard, S. J., famed "Glaetzer Priest," and Father Calvert Alexander, S. J., president of the American Jesuit Missions Association and editor of Jesuit Missions, are enroute to Shanghai on the next lap of a world photographic survey of the Jesuit work and its problems.

The two priests will spend about two weeks in China, and from there will travel to Japan and to the Marianas and Marshall Islands. They have already visited countries in the Middle East and India, Ceylon, and Singapore.

At Conference On Industrial Problems Held In Rochester

Conference on Industrial Problems held Monday and Tuesday in the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. From left to right are Leon H. Keyserling, vice-chairman of the President's Economic Council; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V. G., Vicar General of Detroit; educational director of the United Auto Workers Union (CIO) and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the Rochester Diocese.



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Moral Principles of Papal Encyclicals Urged to Solve U. S. Economic Crisis

Immediate application of moral principles found particularly in the Papal encyclicals is urgently necessary to solve the present national economic crisis and accept the challenge of world leadership by democracy.



Several speakers strongly attacked pending labor legislation. The Hartley bill, passed by the House, came under heavy fire from two nationally-known priests, who charged it would worsen labor relations. They were the Rev. Raymond A. McGowan, director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, and the Rev. Benjamin L. Massey, S. J., associate editor of "America," of New York.

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With encyclicals of Popes Leo XIII and Pius XI as the central theme and social justice as the keynote, the speakers focused attention on such varied topics as moral reform, labor-industry legislation, wages-prices-profit, collective bargaining, housing and minority discrimination.

Religious Revolution. Prominent among proposals advanced were pleas for a religious revolution "to bring Christ into the marketplace," issuance by government of an invitation to labor and management to confer on prices, a greater labor voice in management and a worker share in profits.

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First Post-War Diocesan School Building Started

The first major diocesan school building project in eighteen years was started this week at St. Margaret Mary's parish in Rogers Parkway, Irondequoit.

The Rev. Charles J. Bruton, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's, broke ground to officially start the construction of a new addition to the school.

This addition will provide six new classrooms, a club and recreation center, and will be ready for occupancy when the new school term opens in September.

Not since 1929, when the original St. Margaret Mary's School was built has there been any major diocesan school construction, and this marks the first such project of the post-war era, according to the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent of diocesan schools.

Future plans at St. Margaret Mary's call for the construction of a subsequent addition to the school, a new church and a rectory adjacent to the church.

Father Bruton said that the present addition will meet the immediate school needs of the parish and has been made necessary by the rising school population.

Joseph P. Flynn is architect for the new school with A. Friedman & Sons Co. serving as general contractors. O'Connell Electric Co. is doing the wiring and plumbing, and heating is under the supervision of Walter J. Rosenhouse.

Abp. Stepinac Better Ailee Tells Scots

London (NC) - Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb, the imprisoned Yugoslav prelate, is being well treated in prison and his health appears to have improved, Clement Ailee, British Prime Minister, stated in reply to a resolution of protest against the sentence forwarded from Glasgow, Scotland, "Free Archbishop Stepinac" rally.

The Archbishop Stepinac Committee, of Glasgow, is, however, still doubtful and an official statement that it was considering the "full purport" of Mr. Ailee's reply. "It is probable that a delegation will go to London to exchange views with Members of Parliament who have interested themselves in the case."

Dr. Mahoney Asks Highest Penalties For Sex Crimes

City and County Court Judges were urged to impose maximum sentences on convicted sex criminals who prey on children in a statement issued this week by the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, diocesan superintendent of schools.

Dr. Mahoney's statement follows: "Within the past week public attention has been focused in a most tragic manner on the activities of so-called sex criminals who prey on the children of our community."

There seems to be a certain sense of frustration on the part of authorities as to the disposition of these cases, the great majority of which result in arrests and convictions, thanks to excellent police work.

"That some special treatment is needed for these men is obvious. But while we await the construction of institutions for such treatment, are we going to allow these men to stalk our streets and terrorize children and parents alike?"

Which should come first—the moral and physical integrity of our children—and even their lives or the rehabilitation of these sex perverts?

"Let the courts answer that question by imposing maximum prison sentences in all cases. It seems to me that our judges in general—and our City Court judges in particular—have a responsibility to the community to act now and remove these menaces. This cannot be done by suspending sentences or by giving these men sixty or ninety days as has been the practice of most of our City Court judges. It can only be accomplished by imposing the maximum sentence for all misdemeanor convictions one year imprisonment and \$500 fine or an additional 500 days."

"I think that confinement of sex criminals in a penitentiary while not psychologically or 'set' in every detail—is far more advisable than turning them to society in order to repeat their crimes. And they do repeat them."

"The time for action is now and that action must come swiftly and decisively from our City and County Court judges unless they choose to incur the justifiable wrath of an irate community."

Modern St. Agnes Beatified On Testimony Of Her Own Murderer Now In A Monastery

ROME (RNS)—In the great Basilica of St. Peter, within a short distance of the Capuchin monastery where her murderer has been a servant since his release from prison, a young Italian girl, Maria Goretti of Anzio, was solemnly beatified by Pope Pius XII on Sunday.

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Father of Mother's Day The story of the football coach who put Mother on the calendar.

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On the Air Presenting the first national radio column ever offered by the Catholic Press. Bill Smith, who is in charge of three network broadcasts, is the author.

Crossword Puzzle Another "first" in Catholic journalism. Watch for it and try to solve it.

Joe and Judy The lovable cartoon characters are back.

The Budenz Story Appears in its fourth installment plus our other features including Father Gillis, Father Higgins' Yardstick, W. H. Mooring's "Hollywood Review," Father Flynn's "On Guard," Father Ginder's "Just Between Us," Dan Patrick's "As We See It," Father Schmiedeler's "Wedding Ring" and Larry the Leprechaun. All these features in your May 8 issue of

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