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ON GUARD!

Our Country!
Along The Tracks
Some Green Grass

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We went out to St. Paul, Minnesota, last week to attend the Catholic Press Association Convention annual gathering of those desk-ridden folks who work on a shoestring to give this nation Catholic newspapers and magazines

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St. Paul, capital city of the State of Minnesota, shares the banks of the Mississippi River with its sister city of Minneapolis. To reach these famous twin cities of the West from upstate New York consumes many hours of train travel. As the miles roll by, one gets a chance to see a lot of America. From the train windows you can enjoy a realistic and panoramic view of our nation's life, its beauty, richness, industrial might, fertile lands, endless waterways, roads and train tracks. And always there are the busy people — Americans like you and me. On every horizon there are the church spires with their challenging crosses as well as angry smokestacks, haughty skyscrapers and drowsy hamlets. This is America! This is democracy! As you watch America race past your train window you whisper to yourself "This is my country! I love it! It's good and great!"

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A stranger traveling in this land can find no better vantage point for viewing democracy than Chicago's vast Union Station, giant artery of four rail road lines. Here one sees democracy in action — the kind of democracy which professors write about so profoundly in their lordly tomes. Waiting in this terminal for the crack Hiawatha train to take us on to St. Paul, we spent some time watching the people — thousands of them coming and going. They were well-dressed, well-fed, brisk stepping, freedom-enjoying Americans. Where were they going? That was THEIR business. They were on their ways without any fear of interference from anyone. Today in many countries the State makes it its business to know where citizens go and what they do. Police agents are at every corner checking travellers and pulling their bags apart. But here in the United States we go and come when we please and how we please. We buy a ticket and are off without reporting to the police department or worrying that a secret government agent may arrest us at the first stop. In this country you can learn more about freedom in a rail road station than you can in a college classroom.

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But even in this country life has some gloomy features. Out in St. Paul we picked up the newspaper to read the rebuke made by Archbishop Cushing of Boston to those landlords who have hung "No children allowed" signs over their apartments. The Boston prelate warned that "America cannot pretend to be the land of youth as long as our veterans cannot find homes in which to have children." Archbishop Cushing's words reminded us of some of the houses which we saw during the long train ride. We were shocked, for example, at the unpainted, tottering, dirty houses around

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U.S. Supreme Court Gets Protest of Cromwell Kin

San Diego Bishop Flays Educators On Release-Time

San Diego, Calif. (RNS) — Aroused by action of the San Diego Board of Education in discontinuing the released time religious education program after a year's trial, the Most Rev. Charles Francis Buddy, bishop of the Catholic diocese of San Diego, has demanded that four of its members resign. Action to discontinue was taken on a 4 to 1 board vote.

"Your ill advised decision in rejecting the released-time petition requested by a majority of parents is another victory for the atheistic Kremlin and its brutal Communistic doctrine which liquidates the child as a mere creature of the state," Bishop Buddy wrote. "Obviously shallow thinking and unbelief are responsible for your action. Moreover, the arguments fabricated to defend your 4-1 vote were puerile — sheer nonsense — offensive to intelligent people.

'Weak Subterfuge'

"You were not satisfied with the results of seven months of religious education. What did you expect after a century of neglect? Your weak subterfuge that the children be penalized by assembly after school hours shows again that you missed the mark. When pupils apply themselves during school hours they need recreation after school and before starting their home work."

The American way of life the bishop continued, depends upon a high degree of spirituality. And yet you go on record as willing to break down the spiritual props on which your democracy was founded."

Action of the board, Bishop Buddy charged, deprives children of their God-given rights — the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of moral law — essential for a well-balanced education.

Spiritual Hunger

"You cannot help but be aware that a keen spiritual hunger stirs in the world," he said. "In your highly responsible position, what have you offered to satisfy that hunger?"

"You therefore, with one exception convict yourselves of incompetence and total disregard for the present and future welfare of the children . . . It will serve the best interests of the community if you will resign."

In voting to abandon the experimental program, the board majority expressed belief that "it interferes with the school program, increases the work of principals and teachers and results in confusion and loss of time to all children, both those who have been released and those who remain."

Notre Dame Degrees

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Bishop Lawrence L. Graner, C. S. C. of Dacca, India; the Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C. S. C. former Notre Dame president and the Army Air Forces' General six persons awarded honorary degrees at the University of Notre Dame's 102nd annual commencement here June 1.

Washington—(NC) — The case of Mrs. Vasthi McCollum against the Champaign (Ill.) board of education, which questions the constitutionality of the released time program for religious instruction of public school students, has been docketed for review by the United States Supreme Court.

The Champaign County Circuit Court and the Illinois Supreme Court already have ruled that the program does not violate the constitutional principle of separation of church and state.

The dispute centers about the voluntary religion classes offered in Champaign public schools during the past six years under the joint sponsorship of Catholics, Protestants and Jews. Each of the three groups furnishing its own teachers, provides 30 minutes of instruction weekly to children whose parents have signed consent cards. Children are released from other classes during the instruction periods, which are held in the school buildings.

In presenting her case in the lower courts, Mrs. McCollum, who is the atheist wife of a University of Illinois instructor, and the daughter of Arthur Cromwell, Rochester, N. Y., "Freethinker", charged that the program violated the constitutional principle of separation of church and state and "subjected her son to embarrassment" because he was the only student in his grade who was not enrolled in the program.

Reich Cardinal Asks Return of Ousted

Cologne — (NC) — There can be no peace and tranquility in Europe until the people expelled from their homes in the East are permitted to return and have their properties restored, Joseph Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, told a recent gathering of Catholic workers.

Elaborating on his recent pastoral letter concerning social justice which has attracted wide attention the Cardinal pointed out that no reform of society can succeed unless man is again recognized as the center of creation, not man insisting on his pride but man subject to God. He said that in the future the larger share of the income of industry ought to go to the working people rather than to those providing capital.

Swiss Heads Salvatorians

St. Nazianz, Wis. — (NC) — The Most Rev. Francis Emmenegger, S.D.S., who has been chosen Superior General of the Society of the Divine Savior by a general chapter of Salvatorians in Rome, is the third general of the Salvatorians since their founding by the Venerable Father Francis Jordan in 1881.

FDR-Card. Mundelein Notes Secret

Washington — (NC) — Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1943 bracketed a series of letters exchanged between the late George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, and himself, in citing examples of his correspondence which he died should be retained by his estate and never made public.

This information has been disclosed here as a result of inquiries made by Senator Owen Brewster of Maine in connection with the work of the Kilgore War Investigating Committee.

"Official letters may be turned over to the library," the former President wrote, "but those which are in effect personal such as, for example, the long-hand letters between the King of England and myself, or between Cardinal Mundelein and myself, are to be retained by me or my estate and should never be made public."

President Roosevelt's long friendship with Cardinal Mundelein began in 1909 when the prelate became Bishop of Brooklyn. On October 5, 1937 when the President made his historic "quarantine the aggressors" speech at the opening of the Outer Drive Bridge in Chicago, he spent two hours with the Chicago Cardinal at his residence. Cardinal Mundelein, who died in 1939, was a frequent White House visitor.

Godless Schools Seen Peace 'Saboteurs'

Boston — (NC) — "The greatest saboteurs of world peace are those in the universities of the world and particularly America who deny the existence of God and the dignity of man as God's creature," the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Hart of the Catholic University of America, declared at the New England Conference of the American Catholic Philosophical Association here.

"The universities now are Towers of Babel," Dr. Hart said. Five centuries of negative philosophy and devotion to impersonal science culminated in the past four decades of brutality and bloodshed."

Catholic Hospital Suspends 4 Doctors

Springfield, Mass. — (RNS) — Four physicians have been suspended from the courtesy staff of Mercy Maternity Hospital here because of their support of planned parenthood.

The doctors were dropped, authorities said, because their support of planned parenthood was "not in keeping with the code of the hospital which is a Roman Catholic institution."

Nation Facing Worst Bigotry Wave Since '28, Editors Told

FOR THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Delegates from 96 national and local Catholic societies and several thousand witnesses participated in the silent annual Solemn Memorial Field Mass for the war dead, offered in the amphitheater of the Arlington, Va., National Military Cemetery, Sunday. The Most Rev. Patrick J. [illegible], Bishop of Brooklyn, who presided at the Mass, is shown standing at right, at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which was placed by Judge John E. Swift, (right) of Boston, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

St. Paul — (RNS) — Told that "never since 1928 has American democracy been more menaced by bigotry than today," Catholic editors at the nation were called on here to discuss "calmly and wisely" the "truths" in the controversy over federal aid to Catholic schools and the mission of Myron Taylor to the Vatican.

"Rational discussion" of the subjects was urged by the Rev. Gerald G. Walsh, S.J., professor at Fordham University, and editor of the national quarterly review Thought, at the 27th annual convention of the Catholic Press Association of the United States.

"Never since 1928 has American democracy been more menaced by bigotry than today." Father Walsh said in an address on "separation of church and state." "Bigotry is poisoning public opinion by irrational fears just as Communism is confusing it with irrational hopes."

'National Necessities'

"Public opinion, formed by subservient or timid newspapers and violent hate-filled radio, blind to the dangers of democracy will be poisoned and national unity endangered."

Catholic editors, Father Walsh said, "have a grave responsibility in this national crisis. They must give an example of sober discussion. Simply by putting truth into words that people can understand they will dissipate the fog of confusion which bigotry has brought upon us."

The confusion is being spread, Father Walsh went on, "not only by professional bigots, but even by the decisions of religious sectarians and by some at least of the Supreme Court judges."

Father Walsh emphasized the "need to make clear the meaning of the separation of church and state."

Catholic editors, he said, "must keep repeating the simple truth that the expression nowhere appears in the first amendment. What that amendment did was to guarantee, not the liquidation of religion from American life, but the equality of all religions before American law. The real violation of the first amendment is the attempt which is being made today to 'establish' the religion of 'secularism' as a national faith."

Four Simple Truths

The editors were urged to tell "four simple truths" regarding the "confusion of issues involved in federal aid to Catholic schools." They are:

(1) "That every Catholic child is an American citizen and as such is entitled to the benefits of American welfare legislation."

(2) "That every parent in the country—Catholic or non-Catholic—has a right to choose the school where his child is to be educated."

(3) "That the original and authentic American school was and is the school where morality and belief in God are inculcated along with the principles of science and art."

(4) "That the so-called 'secularist' school must end, by sheer logic, in the positive profession of atheism."

On Taylor Mission

Regarding the mission of Myron Taylor to the Vatican, the editors were urged by Father Walsh to make clear "that the sovereignty of the Holy See is an established fact of recognized international law."

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Noted Editor to Be Heard At Nazareth Commencement

The Rev. John S. Kennedy, nationally known literary critic and editor of The Catholic Transcript, official weekly of the Diocese of Hartford, will be the speaker at Commencement Day exercises set for Wednesday, June 4, at Nazareth College.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will open the annual Commencement Week this Sunday with celebration of the Baccalaureate Mass in the St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel at 11 a. m. for graduates and their friends and relatives.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. John E. Maney, S.T.D., secretary to Bishop Kearney. The Mass and sermon will be followed by the traditional Rose Ceremony. At 12:30 there will be an alumnae reception and luncheon for members of the senior class.

Monday's events will include a freshman-senior luncheon at Rupert Gray's at 12:30; moving-up day exercises in the college auditorium at 4 p. m., and a faculty dinner for the senior class at 6:30 in John Fisher Hall.

The junior-senior breakfast at the Sheraton is scheduled for Tuesday at 11:30 a. m. In the afternoon Class Day Exercises will be held at the college at 4 p. m.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will confer the degrees at Commencement Day exercises on Wednesday which will be conducted on the college grounds at 4 p. m.

The Commencement Day program also includes a 12:30 luncheon at which the seniors will entertain their parents at Lorenzo's and the senior ball in the evening, starting at 9 o'clock, at Sheraton Hotel Starlight Roof.

On Decoration Day evening the sophomores will entertain the seniors at a dance at the college.

This Saturday will be devoted to a special day of recollection for the seniors. Exercises will begin at 9 a. m. and be conducted by the Rev. Albert J. Shamon of Aquinas Institute. The day will be concluded in the afternoon at 3 o'clock with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament celebrated by Bishop Kearney.

Officers of this year's graduating class are: President, Eleanor Humphrey of Rome, N. Y.; vice-president, Betty Mulcahy of Elmira; secretary, Mary Quinlan of Rochester; treasurer, Yvonne Frey of Penn Yan; council representative, Frances Ennis of Rochester; parliamentarian, Sylvia Fernandez of Puerto Rico.

Niagara Gives Three Degrees

Niagara Falls — (NC) — Bishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Buffalo; the Very Rev. Daniel M. Leary, C.M., provincial of the Eastern Province of the Vincentian Fathers, and Julian J. Reiss, commissioner of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, will receive honorary doctor of law degrees at Niagara University's commencement exercises here on May 31, it has been announced by the Very Rev. Francis L. Meade, C.M., president of the university.

Washington — (NC) — William C. Bullit, former U. S. ambassador to Russia and France, will address the graduating class and receive an honorary doctorate of laws at the Georgetown University commencement exercises here on June 8.

Villanova, Pa. — (NC) — U. S. Senator Francis J. Myers of Pennsylvania will receive an honorary degree from Villanova College here at the graduation exercises on June 15. Senator Myers will address the graduating class.

Dr. Tiso Buried Secretly, Report Reveals Offered Mass Just Before Execution

New York — (NC) — The body of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Tiso, one time president of Slovakia, was buried secretly with Catholic rites in the main cemetery of Bratislava, according to information received here.

The Slovak authorities have refused to disclose the exact grave where the body was buried and the people fear that it was desecrated, informant related.

Just before his execution on war crimes charges Dr. Tiso had requested that he be buried in his parish cemetery at Banovce, where he had labored as a pastor even during the six years that he served as president of Slovakia.

It was also pointed out that Dr. Tiso offered his last Mass just two and one half hours before he went to the gallows. According to the information received the condemned priest declared: "It is a great gift from God that the exact hour of my death was revealed to me so that I could prepare well to meet my Creator and Redeemer."

At the same time there has been received here the text of a farewell message said to have been penned by Dr. Tiso in his prison cell to the Slovak people the night before his death. In it he affirmed that all his life he tried to observe the law of God and regarded himself "as a martyr in the defense of Christianity against bolshevism." The text follows.

"In the spirit of this sacrifice which I am about to offer, these are my words to the Slovak nation.

"Be unanimous and united in pursuing always, everywhere and in every respect the great principle 'For God and for the Nation.'

"This is not only the unequivocal sense of Slovak history, but also the explicit command of God, who made it the law of nature which he inculcated in the nation and all its members.

"This law I have served all my life. And for this reason I regard myself before all as a martyr in the defense of Christianity against bolshevism, against which our nation must in all possible ways defend itself, not only in order to remain true to its character, but also in the interest of its future survival.

"In the same way as I am making all of you to remember me in your prayers, I will also pray to God Almighty in your behalf and supplicate that He might bless the Slovak people in their life-struggle for God and for the nation, and that the Slovak nation shall always remain faithful and devoted to the Church of Christ."

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Dispensation For May 30

The Bishop has dispensed the faithful from the law of fast and abstinence on the day, May 30, observed by the Christian Church as the day to honor the Ascension.