

## UN to Draft World Human Rights Bill

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The United Nations Commission on Human Rights will meet in New York today to begin work on a bill which will define the rights and obligations of every human being born into the world.

The commission, which was set up by the United Nations General Assembly in 1946, is made up of representatives from 18 different countries. It is the first time that the commission has met in New York.

The commission's task is to draft a bill which will define the rights and obligations of every human being born into the world. The bill will be presented to the United Nations General Assembly for its approval.

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## NEA Blacklist Of Schools In Dispute Lifted

Cincinnati — (NC) — The National Education Association, at its convention here, voted to withdraw its blacklisting of the schools of North College Hill, a suburb of Cincinnati, which action had been taken by the association following a dispute on the five-man board of education, three of whom were Catholics.

The board of education of North College Hill resigned on June 27 and the schools were placed under the supervision of Probate Judge Chase M. Davies, who, acting on a ruling of Attorney General Hugh S. Jenkins of Ohio, has appointed a new five-man board of education. Two members of this board will serve until January, 1948, their places to be filled at the election next November. The other three members will serve until January, 1950. Of the new board members, four are Protestants and one is a Catholic.

The controversy arose among the civil officials over a matter of administration when the school board refused to renew the contract of the superintendent of schools, Dr. William A. Cook. This action followed the deposition of Dr. Cook of the principal of one of the schools and his refusal to resign.

At this point the religious issue appeared. Legal action was instituted to prevent the school board from making further payments for the use of what was formerly St. Margaret's parochial school, but then known as the Grace Avenue School.

The initiative in the removal of the former parochial school had come originally from the public school authorities and the arrangement, it is pointed out, contained a saving to the community, as the State of Ohio allowed the school board to take over the school and use it for public purposes. The school board's action was in accordance with the law.

The school continued to be attended by Catholic pupils and to be taught by nuns and one or two lay teachers. Religious instruction was given after class hours. This situation, it is pointed out, was a violation of the law.

Under the present circumstances joint international action is considered to be the best approach toward a solution of the problem.

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## Heat Waves No Worry to Young America



A new wading pool and shaded roof playground after both wet and dry relief from the heat at Divine Providence Emergency Shelter, conducted by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, in New York City, typical of Catholic relief agencies throughout the country. Here a sister watches her young charges, temporarily in her care, due to illness or other misfortune at home. (NC Photos)

## EIRE ACCEPTS BID TO PARIS

Dublin — (Radio, NC) — The Dail, the parliament of Eire, has passed a bill appropriating 750,000 pounds (about three million dollars) to provide funds to March, 1948, for Ireland's contributions to alleviate the sufferings of war-stricken European countries. Only one vote was cast in opposition to the measure.

At the same time, the Government Information Bureau has issued a statement announcing the acceptance by Eire of the Anglo-French invitation to take part in the forthcoming Paris conference on the Marshall plan for European reconstruction. The government of Eire will be represented by Sean Lemass, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and by the Minister of Agriculture, in Eamon de Valera's cabinet.

## CWV Asks Europe's Vets to Peace Crusade

New York — (NC) — In a broadcast beamed to Europe Max H. Sorenson of Philadelphia, national commissioner of the Civil War Veterans, urged veterans of the world to unite "in a crusade calling on the delegates to the United Nations to establish a permanent peace, based on the four freedoms and the individual dignity of man."

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## Childless Pairs Need Not Apply

Washington — (NC) — Back in the days when George S. Patton was a corporal in the Army, he couldn't find a house to live in because he was the father of two children. He has a house now — in fact he has a house to spare. Employed by the Treasury Department, he is being transferred from Washington to Mississippi. So when he advertised his house for rent, he stipulated that consideration would be given only to applicants who have children.

## Military Training In Schools Urged

Washington — (NC) — Military training in the schools, which "would keep our youth at home, under the influence of home, a much-needed factor in the development of real citizenship," was advocated by the Rev. Daniel A. Lanning, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Mission, Tex., in an appearance before the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee which has been holding hearings on the proposal for Universal Military Training.

Father Lanning, who served as a private in World War I and as a chaplain in World War II, said he appeared before the committee as an individual, but that he spoke the sentiments of some and other chaplains. He supported the principle of military training, but asked why current proposals have more or less arbitrarily fixed the age for its commencement at 18 years.

## TWO FRENCH SAINTS MADE

Rome — (RNS) — Two new French saints were canonized by Pope Pius XII in solemn traditional rites held in St. Peter's Basilica during which the Pontiff voiced the hope that their virtues might prove an example to all the faithful for the "achievement of a perfect Christian life."

The new saints are Elizabeth Bichier des Ages, co-founder of the Order of the Daughters of the Cross, and Michel Garretta, founder of the Congregation of Sacred Heart of Bethlehem, both of whom lived in the 19th century.

The ceremonies were witnessed by thousands of pilgrims, mostly from France, who hailed Pope Pius as he was borne to the basilica at the head of a procession in which twelve cardinals and about forty bishops marched in colorful ecclesiastical garb. Among the bishops was the Most Rev. Leon Albert Terrier, Bishop of Bayonne, France, where the new saints spent their lives.

## Churches Escape Flood With Minor Damages

(N.C.W.C. News Service) — Church property in the areas flooded by the rampaging Mississippi and Missouri rivers, and other chaplains, has escaped with but slight damage, according to survey reports which have been made thus far by diocesan headquarters in the flooded sections.

## German Recovery Needs Religion—Fr. LaFarge

New York — (RNS) — Lack of religious and cultural contacts with the outside world is one of the greatest obstacles to spiritual revival in Germany, the Rev. John LaFarge, S.J., editor-in-chief of America, national Jesuit weekly, declared here on his return from a six-weeks' tour of Germany and other Western European countries.

Father LaFarge asserted in an interview that in the American zone outside contacts are being hampered by military regulations continued into civilian life. He said the result is that Germans cannot subscribe to religious publications in other countries, nor can German editors arrange for magazine exchanges.

"The trouble," Father LaFarge declared, "is not with the top people who are anxious to do the right things, but with obstacles created by the cumbersome machinery of the AMG. I think our AMG is doing a fine work, much of which is not known or appreciated in this country, but unfortunately there is a lack of trained personnel."

Pointing out that he had visited only the French and American zones of Germany, the Jesuit editor asserted he had seen enough to convince him that our Western government lacks sufficient insight into the importance of religion in the reconstruction of the people.

"They are just beginning," he said, "to wake up to this need, but they still have a woeful lack of appreciation of the tremendously vital role that religion, and especially religious training for youth, is called upon to play in the rehabilitation of Germany."

The youth problem is the most acute that can be conceived, and will be utterly insoluble without the help of religious leaders. However, in order that religion may operate to its utmost, church leaders must have contact with religious developments in other countries. At present they know nothing of what is going on outside.

Two main factors underlying the German youth problem, according to Father LaFarge, are "the appalling religious ignorance" among all groups, Catholic and Protestant, and the lack of morale among young people caused by postwar bewilderment and the apparent absence of any prospects for the future.

## Near East Missions

Francis Cardinal Spellman, President Very Rev. Thomas J. McMahon, S.T.D., National Secretary Rev. Andrew M. Regan, S.T.L., Assistant Secretary

Archbishop Mar Ivanios, of Trivandrum, India, is now visiting this country. Seventeen years ago, he and four others came into the Church. Today he has 57,000 converts! Please remember his work.

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Send all communications to Catholic Near East Welfare Association 180 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York 17, N. Y.

## Catholic Unit To Aid Cypriots

London — (NC) — A Catholic Relief Unit, to raise money to help with a view to restoring the island of Cyprus, has been set up in London. The unit is made up of Catholics of all ages and backgrounds, and is intended to help the islanders who are suffering from the effects of the Greek Cypriot rebellion.

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