

# U.S.-Vatican Peace Front Bolstered By Truman, Papal Notes

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 Rome — (RNS) — The exchange of messages between President Truman and Pope Pius XII pledging mutual efforts for world peace has made a deep impression in religious circles here.

## TAYLOR TRIP REVALUED BY PROTESTANTS

New York (RNS) — Official Protestant circles here expressed the view that the exchange of messages on world peace between President Truman and Pope Pius XII constitutes an extension of the Myron Taylor mission to the Vatican.

The exchange, during which Mr. Truman and the Pope pledged to work together for lasting peace, was effected through Mr. Taylor, the President's personal representative to the Vatican.

Protestant officials here recalled that Mr. Truman had promised to terminate the Taylor mission following the signing of the peace treaties. They commented that Taylor's role in the correspondence exchange indicates a strengthening rather than a weakening of the position of the presidential representative to the Holy See.

Protestant leaders said they had no previous knowledge of the correspondence exchange and that the President had not taken any Protestant officials into his confidence. Regrets Expressed

One leading Protestant executive expressed regret that Mr. Truman had ignored Protestants and Jews, addressing his appeal to the head of one faith only. This executive said the President gives the impression in his correspondence that he regards the Pope as the head of world Christianity.

(In Washington, Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, issued the following statement: "With the supreme need of world peace as the objective in view, certainly Protestants as well as Roman Catholics everywhere can rejoice that President Truman and Pope Pius XII can enter into open, free conferences either by mail or by representatives."

"Protestants cannot help but wonder, however, just why it is necessary for the President to correspond so conspicuously with one single leader of one great faith through a special, government-delegated official, sent so far at public expense. "Surely religious leaders the world around stand ready to lend all possible cooperation for world peace."

## Cardinal Orders Start on Hospital

New York (RNS) — Authorization has been given here by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, to start construction on the Alfred E. Smith Memorial at St. Vincent's Hospital. Two new buildings will be started immediately, a ten-story structure to replace part of the present hospital, and a two-story kitchen and laundry. Remodeling and modernization of the present main building will also be begun. Cost of this construction, to be completed in 1949, is estimated at \$4,700,000. Of this sum, \$2,000,000 of the original estimate of the cost of the Smith Memorial has been subordinated.

## ON GUARD!

General Johnson Laying Wage Defined On the Side of Angels  
 —By REV. PATRICK J. FLANN

OR FORFEIT FREEDOM. This is the title of a new book published this week. And if you have ever cut your finger you should recognize the author. He is General Robert Wood Johnson, chairman of the board of Johnson & Johnson, manufacturer of bandages and other surgical dressings.

This book deals with the weighty problems of American economic life. It is the kind of a thing you read with pencil in hand. As you turn the pages you want to stand and cheer. This is light from on high, the high tower of capitalism. And it is a good light in which all Americans, both employers and workers can see things more clearly.

Mr. Johnson is no impractical theorist. He is an industrialist whose liberal labor policies have gained him nationwide recognition. Service as a brigadier general in army ordnance and as vice-chairman of the War Production Board and chairman of the Smaller War Plants Corporation enhances his competency as a critic of our economic front.

Catholic business leaders who ignore the social encyclicals of the Popes on the score that the Popes cannot possibly understand the hard reason of the industrial world will find a shock from General Johnson's book. He pays generous tribute to the social leadership of the Pontiffs and does not hesitate to borrow principles and guidance from Leo XIII's "Rerum Novarum" and Pius XI's "Quadragesimo Anno."

Mr. Johnson does not agree with those Catholics who find it comfortable to think that

# Record 28,500 Pupils Enroll in Schools of Rochester Diocese

The doors of Rochester's parochial school system opened yesterday and a record-breaking 28,500 boys and girls filled the classrooms.

The estimated registration to the largest in recent years, eclipsing last year's official total of 27,800 by upwards of 700. The influx of "war babies" to kindergarten and the first grade accounted for most of the increase.

A record number of 40 kindergartens are in operation throughout the diocese, 13 in Rochester and the remainder in other localities. St. Salome's and St. Margaret Mary's opened kindergartens for the first time and Holy Rosary School opened a second classroom for kindergarten pupils.

Estimated attendance in the diocese's 1,000 high schools is put at 4,500 while the remaining 24,000 children are in the 30 grade schools. Exact registration figures await a survey under the supervision of the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, diocesan school superintendent.

The youngsters came back to their books after a ten-week vacation which found them running the recreational gamut. To give the pupils their say on summer vacation and the return to school, the Courier-Journal polled five Rochester representatives who agreed that (1) vacation was fun, (2) it was nice going back to school (3) the sisters were swell.

One little fellow, however, deserted from the general fun, mostly because he had gone back, he is just entering.

Five-year-old Robert Drans was helpfully non-committal. "Don't know. Okay, I go to school," he registered in Blessed Sacrament kindergarten, following close on the heels of a brother and sister.

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