

ON GUARD

The Protestant Attack
Other Side of the Story
Prayer for Bishop O'Connell
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The Protestant attack against the Catholic Church in New York City — "based on publishing the Italian prayer to the Holy Father" — is a by-product of the letters exchange between the Holy Father and the American bishops. Protestant leaders are lined up in a hostile attempt to destroy the Catholic Church.

The chronic attacks against the Catholic Church by Methodist Bishop Bromley Oxnam and other Protestant leaders are being continued in the daily press. We can say the same about the Protestant charge that the Vatican is seeking political power throughout the world and that the American hierarchy seeks political privileges over other religious groups in this country. American Catholics who see their fellow religious persecuted in Yugoslavia have small reason to be thankful to the seven Protestant ministers who attempted their recent white-wash of these inquiries.

These attacks and acts of unfriendliness on the part of Protestants create dangerous tensions and tend to foster bitterness among angry Catholics who naturally resent hostility to their church as hostility to themselves.

Nevertheless, American Catholics must preserve a calm and temperate judgment in the presence of these attacks. We must not generalize about the attitude of American Protestants towards the Catholic Church on the basis of statements made by Bishop Oxnam or resolutions passed by the Baptist Convention of Tennessee.

Let us get a correct picture of this postwar religious tension. Against those Protestant groups who are repeatedly attacking the Catholic Church we must balance the important fact that there are many American Protestants, including leaders, who have a deep respect for the Catholic Church.

Only last month Dr. Mark Dabner, executive director of the Protestant Home Mission Council, advised his fellow Protestants to "catch up" with Roman Catholicism. "Look," he stated, "what Catholics are doing in Buffalo. They are going to do away with Negro churches and build a new one into a single congregation." This instance of Protestant admiration for Catholic progress in the social field is not isolated. Not long ago this writer was present in the Rochester Chamber of Commerce when a noted Presbyterian clergyman pulled from his pocket copies of Leo XIII's "Rerum Novarum" and Pius XI's "Quadragesimo Anno," and extolled them to his audience as landmarks in the history of the labor movement.

Catholics in this country have been particularly disturbed by the storm of Protestant opposition raised against the appointment of Myron Taylor as ambassador to the Vatican. But here again we should remember that many Protestants have disavowed any sympathy with the opposition to the Taylor mission. Only last week a group of Southern Baptist ministers visited Pope Pius and publicly lauded the efforts of the Pontiff and President Truman in behalf of world peace.

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THANKS, HOLY FATHER!



Los Angeles — (Special) — Because Rita Banford, 11, only wanted to say "thank you," Pope Pius XII got a long distance call from America and Rita's parents got a telephone bill for \$33.69.

A few days after enjoying a concert by the Roman Singers from the Vatican, given in Hollywood Bowl, Rita remembered her manners. She made up her mind to call the Pope at Vatican City and thank him for allowing the choir to travel to her country.

She said nothing about the business, but went to the telephone and placed the call.

Eventually a voice from thousands of miles across the ocean identified himself as "Mr. Walter Carroll. (Mister Carroll is a nephew of Thomas Carroll of 79 Glasgow St., Rochester.)"

The Monsignor took Rita's message and told her he was sorry, the Pope was busy, but he would see that the Pontiff was advised of her sentiments.

When Rita told her mother about calling Vatican City, Mrs. Frank Banford thought it a good joke, until the telephone company informed her that the joke was on her — a \$33.69 joke.

Minister Says: Catholics Have Right To Influence U. S. Life

New York — (RNS) — Roman Catholics have as much right as Protestants to make their influence felt in American life, the Rev. William Johnson, program director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, declared here in an appeal for better understanding and cooperation between leaders of the two faiths.

Writing in the fall issue of "Christendom," published by the American Committee for the United Nations, Johnson said:

Speaker Listed For Red Mass

Rev. James H. Gillett, Chancellor of the Military Diocese of the United States from New York, will address a large turnout of judges and attorneys at the Lawyers' Third Annual Red Mass, Wednesday, Sept. 17 in St. Joseph's Church.

The Mass which will be again celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney at 9 a. m. in the Franklin St. Church of the Redeemer is a votive Mass of the Holy Ghost. The Mass is offered annually to beg God's blessing on the courts of justice as the fall term opens.

SUPREME COURT Justice William F. Love of the Appellate Division is handling arrangements for members of the legal profession. Invitations have been sent to leading members of the bar in the Rochester area.

Monsignor Griffith, etc., will deliver this year's sermon. He has his headquarters in the chancery of the Military Ordinariate. His wide experience with men and women in the military service will give him added background for his message.

Speakers other years were the Rev. Dr. Maynard Connell of St. Bernard's Seminary and the Rev. Florent O'Rourke, C.F.M., of St. Bonaventure College.

Church arrangements are being taken care of by the Redeemerist Fathers under the direction of the Rev. John Prosser, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Joseph's.

Tradition of the Red Mass which derives its name from the red vestments worn by the ministers of the Mass, and historically called from academic splendor which surrounded the robes of distinguished persons who assisted at the Mass is spreading in this country. The ceremony took place in New York City, Columbia, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia and Illinois.

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Conference Of Diocesan Teachers Set

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Rochester will hold their 43rd Annual Teachers' Conference at Aquinas Institute on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 15 and 16.

Nationally prominent educators will discuss current problems and methods of education before approximately 1,000 priests and sisters, teachers on every level of the diocesan school system from the kindergarten to college.

The principal speaker of the two-day session will be the Rev. James M. Keller, M.M., the founder of the national organization of "The Christophers," a group of men and women pledged to bring Christian ideals into our everyday life.

Father Keller, widely known as an author and editor, was responsible for the attempt begun last year to Christianize May-Day celebrations by promoting outdoor religious exercises on that day. The subject of Father Keller's address will be "Missions, Vocations and the Christophers Movement."

THE KEYNOTE address of the first day will be made by the Rev. Arthur J. Hegeman, Ph.D., an alumnus of St. Bernard's Seminary and the superintendent of schools of the Diocese of Hartford. His topic is "Catholic Education Looks Ahead."

An interesting session for high school teachers is planned for Thursday morning when the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent of schools, will preside over a panel discussion entitled "Our Catholic Teachers: Are We Doing All We Can?" Panelists who will discuss the current problems of high school teachers are the Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell of Nazareth Academy, Rev. John T. Callahan of Mercy High, Rev. Raymond P. Nolan of St. Ignace High, Genoa, and Rev. Thomas F. Slattery, C.S.B., of Aquinas Institute.

A general forum for all teachers on Friday morning will discuss "Special Problems and Special Remedies." The closing sessions of Friday afternoon will feature the Rev. John Volpe, Ph.D., superintendent of schools of the Archdiocese of New York, who will speak on the "Reflections of a School Superintendent."

The Teachers' Conference will close with an address by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

An important feature of the Teachers' Conference will be an exhibit in the Aquinas gymnasium of school equipment, visual aids and educational material of every description. Fifty-four different firms from every section of the country will be represented in the display of school supplies.

Cardinal Van Rooy Sets Golden Jubilee

Mallines, Belgium — His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Van Rooy, Archbishop of Mallines, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sept. 18.

Simultaneously the International Association of Bishops will mark the 21st jubilee as a member of the hierarchy and his 20th anniversary as a member of the Sacred College of Cardinals. In a letter sent to all parishes of the archdiocese and diocese of Belgium, the Venerable General invited the faithful to receive Holy Communion on Sept. 18 and the following Sunday for the intinction of the cardinal.

John Kieran Takes Bride

Brookline, Mass. — (NC) — John Kieran, New York newspaperman and "Information," Press radio actor, was married to Miss Margaret Ford of Boston at St. Aidan's Church here by the Rev. John C. Ford, S.J., of Western College. Mr. Kieran's first wife, the former Alma Boldmann, died in 1944. Miss Ford is a Sunday editor of The Boston Herald, and has conducted children's radio programs.

New Germ Killer Discovered by Nun; Yeast Waste Found Source of Vitamins

Cincinnati — (NC) — A new use for the brewing industry's yeast waste as a corrective for vitamin deficiencies and discovery by a nun of a new germ-killing extract which speeds up the cure of tuberculosis — an extract which shortens healing time of ulcers by 50 to 60 per cent — have been announced by the Institut Divi Thomae and revealed at its eighth annual research conference held here.

Among those who delivered reports on various discoveries were Sister M. Petronella, Schroeder, instructor in bacteriology at the Institut here, and the Rev. Urban Klegist, C.F.S., of St. Joseph's College, Collegeville, Minn.

In his report on yeast waste, disposal of which has been a problem of brewing industries for centuries, Father Klegist stated that in a series of studies involving 210 chicks he found that the waste as a dietary corrective for deficiencies in vitamins A and D is 87 per cent more effective than cod liver oil. The yeast waste was first subjected to ultraviolet irradiation by

Pope Asks World Mobilization Now Against Communism and Irreligion

Papal Red Stand Hailed By Ministers

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As spokesmen for the group of Baptist ministers, Dr. Frank Norris of Fort Worth, Tex., in a statement issued after the audience said "the issue for America in the world is not the union of a state and church, but whether we will have a church or no church, a state or no state, a God or no God."

"Furthermore," he added, "in this, the world's greatest crisis, Catholics and Protestants are allies, and neither Catholics nor Protestants are compromising their own distinctive beliefs in their common war against atheistic, materialistic, Communist, and Communism."

ACCORDING TO Dr. Norris, the Baptist clergymen, told the Holy Father that those Baptist clergymen who are "attaching President Truman in his efforts to stop Communism are certainly doing the bidding of Stalin, whether intended or not."

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German Bishops Hit 250,000 Hear Pontiff Call For Action

Felds, Germany — (NC) — "Private property is based on an urge of human nature and the explicit will of God. It is indispensable and irreplaceable as a lever of progress and a source of creative joy."

These views were expressed by the hierarchy of Germany in a pastoral letter issued here following the meeting of the Cardinals, Archbishop and Bishops, all of whom signed the document.

"This however," continues the pastoral, "is not meant to say that the capitalist accumulation of earthly goods in a few hands is to be kept with the Divine order of things. Especially after a war as big as the last world war the fair distribution of earthly goods seems to be disturbed most heavily."

"It will be indispensable, therefore, that the burdens be properly distributed by legal means by taking into consideration the common good and social justice as well as the preservation of the principles of private property. The new social order must not consist of a conversion of private capitalism into State capitalism."

THE GERMAN BISHOPS elaborated on this basic thought by saying that the solution of the social problem is the prerequisite of a recovery of the German nation. "Employers and workers," they added, "should not be set against each other, but must always be considered, not only in his capacity as a part of the working process of the economic system, but also with the

BUDENZ NAMES RED 'CHESTER'

Detroit — (NC) — A mysterious "Comrade Chester," said to have detailed information on Communist attempts to infiltrate into and influence the U. S. armed forces, was challenged here by Louis F. Budenz to come out of the "Communist underground" and tell his story to Government agencies.

Mr. Budenz, former managing editor of "The Daily Worker," also declared that Eugene Dennis, present secretary of the U. S. Communist Party, with the help of a "Hollywood writer," directed Red infiltration into the Office of Strategic Services, "Comrade Chester," according to Mr. Budenz, also uses the names of Bernard Chester, Shuster or Zastor.

Attempts at infiltration or influencing of the armed forces, he asserted, had been accompanied "during World War II by a planned entry by Communists into sources of publicity and education of the soldiers and into such agencies as the Office of Strategic Services." The purpose of those infiltrations was for the Reds to be in a position to influence our fighting men in "a pro-Soviet line of thought," he said.

Praising Pope Pius XII's encyclical on Atheistic Communism as "the most accurate description and analysis of the Communist conspiracy ever made," the former Communist leader recommended that "the diabolical conspiracy" to which the Pope pointed as emanating from Moscow be thoroughly understood.

Catholic Schools Imperiled in Poland

Warsaw — (RNS) — Legislation to "reduce the influence of Roman Catholic schools" has been introduced in the Polish Parliament by Premier Jozef Cyrankiewicz. It was announced that 24 of Poland's 200 privately conducted colleges or higher schools are run by the Catholic clergy.

Opposition to Premier Cyrankiewicz's proposals was voiced meanwhile by representatives of the Roman Catholic clergy and Catholic laymen, and politically influential Catholic groups which hold three seats in the Warsaw Parliament.

Departure Ceremony — (NC) — Seven Society of the Divine Word missionaries, who soon will leave for posts in Africa, India, China, the Philippines, Iceland, New Guinea and other parts, will be honored at a departure ceremony at St. Francis Xavier Mission House, here, on Sept. 21.

Funeral arrangements for any deceased always properly served, and always held and showing for the deceased, will be held at 24 Lake Ave. Call Miss Thompson, 444-4444, for details.

Unearthed!

A Catholic Priest who lived like a monk in a remote corner of the world, is reported to have been discovered by a group of men.

Unearthed! — (RNS) — A call for a mobilization against the forces of Communism and Irreligion was sounded here by Pope Pius XII at a gathering of 20,000 persons in St. Peter's Square, which climaxed in the national convention of the Italian Catholic Action Organization.

Loud cries of "Viva il Papa!" punctuated his address to the vast assembly. "The time has come for collection and planning in the face of the new situation," he said.

At his point in his speech and the Pontiff mentioned Communism by name, but he left no doubt as to which was on his mind when he spoke of "the new situation."

It was equally clear the Pope was thinking of Russia-dominated satellites in Europe when he referred to Catholicism and Communism, which are "unearthed, imprisoned, killed and murdered."

LOOKING BACKWARD after his address at the national convention at Castel Gandolfo, the Pope, who was here, in a moment of a golden silence created outside the Vatican to see the Pope's face.

He was seen in the balcony of the Vatican, where he was seen in the balcony of the Vatican, where he was seen in the balcony of the Vatican.

A thunderous "Viva" came from the crowd as the Pope declared that the "new situation" in the world was a "new situation" in the world.

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