

## ON GUARD

McNeill's Comedy  
Hiller and Russian Oil  
By REV. P. J. FLYNN

England may have fallen on sorry days but she still has statesmen who can come up with a speech which brings the gallery listeners to their feet. This time it is Hector McNeill, youthful British Minister of State and acting head of the United Kingdom delegation at the General Assembly of the United Nations.

In his speech this week before the General Assembly Mr. McNeill deftly ripped the mask of duplicity off Andrei Vishinsky, deputy foreign minister of Soviet Russia. In an earlier speech, delivered before the UN General Assembly, Mr. Vishinsky accused the United States and Great Britain of plotting war. Mr. McNeill's rebuttal to the Soviet delegate is the kind of thing which should find its way into the schoolbooks.

**THE BRITISH** statesman was particularly clever in exposing the Soviet assumption that Russia is always right in her dispute with other nations. Stated Mr. McNeill:

"I am not... saying that in disputes and misunderstandings that have, inside or outside the United Nations, been displayed between Britain and the Soviet, between France and the Soviet, between Greece and the Soviet, between Italy and the Soviet, between Hungary and the Soviet, between Persia and the Soviet, between Turkey and the Soviet, that in these disputes truth or right or even expediency have lain with all these powers who came in conflict with the Soviet. But I am saying that, if history is any guide, it is exceedingly unlikely that the Soviet have had all the right and all the wisdom in the disputes and in the solutions which they propose."

**THIS IS FRANK** speech, as well as eloquent, and the British minister was equally frank and eloquent in his analysis of other charges made by Mr. Vishinsky.

"I am not going to make the debating points," said Mr. McNeill, "they almost make themselves. Mr. Vishinsky complaining of the lack of cooperation from the U. S. A. Mr. Vishinsky taking the stand complaining of the lack of cooperation from the representatives of the U. S. A. is quite clearly meant as a comedy piece. Why didn't he bring with him to the stand as an example of the meek, the acquiescent, the cooperative his colleague and our friend Mr. Crowley? Why didn't he display as an example of the Soviet's cooperative attitude the fact that they have now registered twenty vetoes in the Security Council against none but us?"

**"I AM NOT** even going to deal," continued the brilliant Mr. McNeill, "with the equally ludicrous picture which Mr. Vishinsky presented to us of a poor little underdoged, terrorized Soviet Russia trembling at threats from Athens and Ankara."

Mr. Vishinsky's silly charge that Greece is a menace to her three neighbors — all satellites of Russia — also drew a devastating rejoinder from Mr. McNeill.

"No one," the British pointed out, "is really impressed by this. Everyone knows that the Greek forces are in the ratio of about one to five of the three adjacent states (Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria) whom Mr. Vishinsky asks us to believe are afraid of Greece's ambitious intentions."

**MR. McNEILL** was also at his best in dealing with Mr. Vishinsky's charge that Winston Churchill is a fascist.

Replied the Britisher:

"The assembly will perhaps permit me to say that Winston Churchill's struggle against Nazism will compare with that of any member of any Communist Party in any country in the world. Before Hitler attacked Russia, Communists throughout the world called opponents of the Nazi leader, including Churchill and Roosevelt, war-mongers. The assembly will perhaps permit me to remind them that Winston Churchill walked about the streets of London, an example to our population and the world, unperturbed by the bombs hurled down by German planes, which for all we knew were being served at that time by Russian officers."

**IT IS REFRESHING** to hear statements of the democracies using plain talk on the UN rostrum, which up to now has been exploited by the Soviets as a sounding board for their unprincipled propaganda. Mr. McNeill's speech is proof that our statesmen are never stronger than when they echo diplomatic pussyfooting and reveal in the glorious exercise of plain talk and the terrible thing which is TRUTH!

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## Negro Pupil Stand Told By Prelate

St. Louis — The Chancery Office of the Archdiocese of St. Louis has issued a statement setting forth the facts concerning the present controversy over the admittance of colored students to the parochial and diocesan schools of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The statement follows:

"For some years, the practice of admitting colored pupils into elementary and high schools was recommended in individual instances by His Eminence the late John Cardinal Glennon.

The early part of this summer, the archdiocesan director of high schools, confronted with a problem of dangerous overcrowded conditions in the one exclusively colored high school in the archdiocese, inquired of His Excellency whether the situation could be relieved by admitting the colored as well as the white students in accordance with regional divisions.

"The Archbishop advised that he had no right to refuse admittance into any diocesan school, provided the applicant had the necessary academic requirements. This was not a directive but a verbal suggestion for the practical solution of a problem which was becoming more and more acute.

Independent of this development in the diocesan high schools, the largest parochial school, which has been accepting both white and colored pupils for several years, at the beginning of the current academic year was faced not only with a problem of overcrowding but also of a serious lack of teaching sisters. The reverend pastor suggested to the Archbishop that the only immediate solution was to send all pupils living outside the confines of his parish to their own respective parochial schools. His Excellency approved this measure as fair and just.

"THIS DECISION

prompted many pastors to make inquiries as to what course of action they should follow. As a consequence, the Archbishop counseled all the pastors that they could, if they wished, follow the example of the few parish schools where no racial discrimination was made.

"The majority of the pastors immediately adopted this practice as a policy which has been slowly and inevitably shaping itself in the light of Catholic teaching. It is estimated that there are now approximately 38,000 children in the parochial elementary and the diocesan high schools of whom about 400 are colored pupils.

Against the policy, which has become an accepted fact, opposition arose from a minority, especially in the few parishes where there was fear of a Negro encroachment on the neighborhood. In the past several weeks, mass meetings were held and an organization was formed to have this policy rescinded. Because of the unreasonable nature of its demands, the archdiocesan officials deemed it unwise to recognize such an organization and its elected officers.

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## Diocese to Get Fatima Pastoral

A pastoral on devotions to the Virgin of Fatima will be issued soon by His Excellency, Bishop James E. Keane, the Bishop of Rochester, revealed at the closing session of the Rochester Diocesan Teachers Conference. (Other story on Page 3.)

Bishop Keane said that the pastoral will officially dedicate the first Saturday of each month to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Catholics of the diocese will be asked to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion as part of the observance.

## Lighted Candles Blaze in Civic Stadium During The Holy Hour



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## 200,000 Catholics Join in Eucharistic Procession To Climax Buffalo Diocese Centennial Congress



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## Working Men Hear Plea of Cardinals

By REV. R. T. TORMEY

Buffalo — A crowd of 45,000 Catholic working men crowded Buffalo's Civic Stadium Wednesday night heard Cardinals from three continents extol the sacred dignity of American workers and plead for more intelligent cooperation between employers and employees.

The workingmen's session was followed by a Holy Hour in which His Excellency, Bishop James E. Keane, was the celebrant and Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago preached.

As the immense outdoor audience knelt before the Blessed Sacrament enthroned on a glittering altar, each man held a lighted candle during the recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The twinkling candle flames gleamed like gold nuggets against the velvet blackness of the darkened stadium and left an indelible memory of faith and worship upon the minds of all who thrilled to the historic ceremonies.

**DOWN ON THE** field a large detachment of Knights of St. John including 80 men from Rochester under the direction of Col. Joseph Wendt, formed a living rosary with Vigil lights. A honor guard of Knights of St. John, Knights of Columbus and Holy Name members, Nocturnal Adoration members and Catholic War Veterans stood at attention about the altar platform.

The speakers during the Working Men's Session were James Cardinal McGuigan of Toronto, Bernard Cardinal Griffin of London, Norman Cardinal Gibney of Australia, Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York and Joseph P. Kennedy, former U. S. Ambassador to England. Each address hammered at the vital necessity of cooperation between capital and labor. The speakers insisted that the achieving of harmony could be an easy task. If all men shared the good will to one another that characterized Christ the Worker, the speakers insisted, the mutual rights and duties of all classes of society would be respected.

**CARDINAL SPELLMAN**, in the principal address of the session, urged capital and labor to serve society with "singleness of purpose." Speaking to the crowded stadium and the radio audience he declared, "In His great goodness, God quickened the earth with riches for man's use, not for his abuse. For his rise not his ruin. Labor and capital can reap the rewards of God's goodness only if labor unflinchingly produces with the skills that



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## BISHOP URGES MISSION AID

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Buffalo — A call for increased activity by priests in encouraging mission vocations was sounded by the Most Rev. James E. Keane, Bishop of Rochester, at the regional meeting of the clergy missionary union Tuesday afternoon at the Buffalo Centennial Eucharistic Congress.

"The priest's interest in the missions," Bishop Keane declared, "must now go beyond the traditional service of prayer, or organization, financial support and concern itself with the present personal situation which demands personal service, which requires more and more Mission vocations."

The Bishop pointed out that vocations must come from Catholic Schools and Colleges and from parish clubs and sodalities. "But in the last analysis they must be encouraged, inspired and nurtured in this vocation by the zeal and devotion of the priest."

**CALLING ATTENTION** to the multitudes "lying like sheep they have no shepherd," the Rochester prelate noted that they were to be found not only in far distant missionary lands but also in countries which have been Christian for centuries. "How can a priest not feel his heart entangled with yearning to lead souls to the Heart of the Good Shepherd," he queried.

The priest interest in the missions is nourished by that divine charity which comes to his soul in the intimacy with Christ in his daily Mass. It is the Eucharist that carries the flames of divine charity far and wide into the lives of his priests of God."

**TRUMAN ATTENDS** Rites Led by Catholic Chaplain

Washington — (NC) — President Truman, accompanied by Mrs. Truman and their daughter, Margaret, attended Sunday religious services conducted by a Catholic priest as he returned from Brazil aboard the battleship Missouri, veteran of the war in the Pacific. The first family attended a general service conducted by the Rev. Lawrence R. Schneider, Navy chaplain and priest of the Cincinnati archdiocese.

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Buffalo — A climactic crowd of 200,000 jammed Delaware Park this afternoon in a stirring tribute to their American King.

The procession, estimated by hundreds of Rochesterians who came here by bus and special trains, included all the eucharistic devotions of the four-day Eucharistic Congress marking the centennial of the Buffalo Diocese.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, one of the seven Princes of the Church from four continents attending the Congress, carried the Blessed Sacrament through the kneeling crowds in the park.

More than a score of bishops, including the Most Rev. James E. Keane of Rochester, hundreds of priests and nuns, representatives of practically every religious order in the Church and thousands of the faithful with the procession which is destined to go down in the annals of the diocese as one of its really great religious spectacles.

It followed a series of indoor and outdoor ceremonies which centered national and international Catholic attention on this city during the present week.

Cardinals and bishops participated at Mass in the Civic Stadium, St. Joseph's Cathedral. Leaders in every field of Catholic thought led scores of thousands on current problems.

Perhaps one of the most colorful spectacles of the entire Congress was the gathering of some 45,000 workmen at the Civic Stadium last night to hear talks by two cardinals and assist in a Holy Hour at which Bishop Keane was the celebrant.

The Congress was opened Tuesday with a solemn Pontifical Mass in the Buffalo Civic Stadium, officiated by His Excellency Archbishop Andrew Sheen of Cincinnati, president of the United States. His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, ambassador to the Court of St. James, was one of the speakers.

Cardinal Spellman, who was welcomed to the Congress by an estimated 40,000 school children lining the streets of the city upon his arrival, called upon the faithful at the opening Mass to nourish within themselves the faith of martyrs "to save their own and civilization's soul."

Recalling the story of St. Ignace of Antioch, who when he was sentenced to martyrdom exclaimed joyfully: "I am the wheat of Christ," Cardinal Spellman urged those attending the Congress to develop an equal love of God because "today, followers of Christ are faced with equally violent persecutions as they strive to do the bidding of mankind, anti-Christian nations and men."

Yesterday three Pontifical Masses were offered simultaneously. A children's Mass was offered by Bishop Edmund F. Gibbons of Albany in the stadium at which Cardinal Spellman presided. At the same time the celebration of Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Slavonic Rite took place at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

**HEANWHILE** a Pontifical Mass with an international aspect was celebrated at Niagara Falls. (Continued on Page 5)

## Bp. Hurley in Rome To Report to Pope

Rome — (RNS) — The Most Rev. Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine, Fla., who is serving as regent of the Apostolic Nunciature in Belgrade, has arrived here for an audience with Pope Pius XII.

He is expected to discuss with the Pontiff the forthcoming trial of Monsignor Jacobo Timar on charges arising out of recent anti-clerical incidents in the Yugoslav-controlled province of Vojvodina.

The story states, which was held at the Vatican, that the trial of Monsignor Timar was a case of anti-clericalism.

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