

## Fr. Walsh Scores Supreme Court Bus Minority

New York—(NC)—The Rev. Gerald G. Walsh, S.J., of Fordham University, speaking before the U. S. Catholic Historical Society on "Church and State in the United States," asserted that, in their decisions on the New Jersey school bus case some of the U. S. Supreme Court Justices were guilty of "the most disgraceful piece of juridical logic in our history" and showed themselves to be "stupidous historians."

"Bad" history, Father Walsh said, is "feeding the fire of bigotry in many ill-informed minds. He warned that personal liberties and the religious bases of the U. S. Constitution cannot be preserved while "bigots believe that Lucifer is at large in the Vatican and is plotting to bring Armageddon to peaceful America."

COMMENTING ON references to the First Amendment in the decisions on the school bus case, Father Walsh declared that it is "false to say there is anything in the First Amendment about the use of public funds for public services rendered by religious persons." In their written decisions, he said, some of the Justices "studied the matter of the First Amendment."

"It is false to say that the First Amendment had anything to do with the divorce of religion from American life," he continued. "It is illogical to say that a tax paid by a parishioner can save a burning parochial school but may not save a Catholic child from rain and snow because the child is on his way to get an American education in a Catholic school."

UNITED STATES democracy is in danger, the speaker asserted, so long as "persons in public life substitute irrational hopes and unfounded fears for sober discussion of established facts."

He defined "irrational hopes" as Communism and "irrational fears" as bigotry. The problem of labor and capital will never be settled here, he added, so long as atheistic Communists believe that Santa Claus lives in the Kremlin and is hitching his reindeer to bring Utopia to our shore year after year.

Lauding the speaker charged, has so dominated thinking in the United States that it has reached the proportions of a new "religion" designed to get "out of human life."

## Father Sullivan With Russian Refugees



In Rome, gift packages are distributed to Russian refugee children by Monsignor Andrew P. Landi of Brooklyn (in uniform) delegate of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference. The packages contain biscuits, chocolate, soap and candy. Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan of Rochester, N. Y., correspondent for N.C.W.C. News Service is shown at the extreme left of the picture. (NC Photos)

## Papal Relief Units Aids 200,000 Youths in Italy

Rome—(NC)—Plans are now in preparation by the Pontifical Relief Commission to provide 200,000 poor Italian children with all-day Sunday outings during which they will receive two good meals and some religious instruction.

This new winter program will be a continuation of the commission's recently concluded summer project, which made it possible for 850,000 Italian boys and girls between six and twelve years of age to spend one whole month at camp. All of them benefited greatly spiritually as well as physically from their month's stay in the mountains or at the shore.

It was a stirring sight to watch these children, as they gathered for special Masses and religious exercises after their return to the cities. I saw 7,000 of them jamming the cathedral at Palermo, where they attended a Mass celebrated for them by His Eminence Ernesto Cardinal Ruffini, Archbishop of Palermo. "Viva il Papa," (long live the Pope), they cry as these kids express their thanks to the Holy Father for what for most of them was the greatest treat of their young lives. These children know whom to thank and how to do it. First to church to thank God, and then ushering forth from the churches, to thank the Pope who gave them good food, fresh air and sunshine, exercise and recreation, training and religious instruction.

I witnessed scenes, similar to those in Palermo, in Rome where 13,000 attended the Mass offered by Msgr. Ferdinand Baidell, director of the Pontifical Relief Commission. It was an inspiration to listen to them sing their hymns and reciting their prayers. And shouts of "Viva il Papa" echoed through the streets as these children left the church.

## War Not Inevitable Bishop Sheil Says

Chicago—(NC) World War III is not inevitable, Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary of Chicago, warned in an address before the World Republic group here.

"There is increasing talk of war a growing opinion that a third World War is inevitable," he said. "The more such talk prevails the greater the possibility for war, for we are then preparing ourselves psychologically for it."

## Card. Griffin Warns Britons

London—(NC)—His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, has warned Britain that unless it restores its belief in and love for God it will go into a decline.

The Cardinal said convenience and expediency are becoming the guiding principles of national life. Making his third major address in five days, he exposed Britain's deteriorating moral and religious standards and practices.

Cardinal Griffin, back from his recent visit to the United States and Canada, told Catholic parents at a mass meeting in Leeds, Britain's wool production center in Yorkshire. "The vital need of this country, as I have said before, is the reestablishment of sound Christian family life. The real problem today is that a large majority of people in this country pay little or no attention to this greatest and first commandment—that we should love God."

"They have attempted to substitute for the love and worship of God the worship of man. Unless this trend is checked, it may easily develop into the worship of the state, where man becomes a mere cog in the machinery and his human rights are denied and frustrated."

Missioner Off to Japan New York—(NC) The Rev. Daniel F. McCoy, S.J., left here for the Jesuit Mission in Japan, marking the ninth American Jesuit to leave for that country this year. Father McCoy is expected to teach at the Catholic University in Tokyo or at the Jesuit high school in Kobe.

## Pontiff Urges Use of UN To Advance Peace

Vatican City—(Radio, NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII urged all who have the cause of a just peace at heart to make use of the opportunities offered by the United Nations, even if it appears that their appeals for peace remain unheeded at the present time.

The Pontiff made this plea in the course of an address to Antonio Alvarez Vidaurte, who presented his credentials as Xavoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of El Salvador to the Holy See.

Thanking the envoy for his assurances of collaboration in the cause of peace, the Pope said that, after the disillusion arising from post-war experiences, nobody feels like overestimating the immediate and concrete possibilities of the United Nations.

HOWEVER, HE continued, nobody who feels the grave obligation of promoting a just peace can afford to disregard this possibility—however limited it may be—of appealing to the conscience of the world from the elevated vantage point offered by the U. N.—even when forecasting that such an appeal is destined to remain for a long time a voice crying in the wilderness.

All peoples anxiously feel the need of an externally guaranteed effective peace, so that they can dedicate their lives to the tasks of economic, social and cultural reconstruction, the Pontiff said. The benefits to accrue to all social classes from a just peace justify the present sacrifices, which are fruitful and salutary and a necessary condition of the attainment and progressive growth of peace, he added.

In his address the Holy Father referred to the statement issued last year by the Hierarchy of El Salvador in connection with the fourth centenary of the foundation of San Salvador. He praised the Bishop's declarations calling for action to promote social justice for the working classes in accordance with the principles laid down in the Papal encyclical. He also expressed his satisfaction at the collaboration of civil authorities in El Salvador in the application of these principles and praised the intimate cooperation between church and state in that country.

## Franciscan Theologians Hold Madrid Congress

Madrid—(RNS)—Franciscan theologians from all parts of the world took part in a special congress here to discuss the movement for the definition of the dogma of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

Belief that the Mother of God was assumed bodily into heaven shortly after her death is universally held by Catholics, but has never been proclaimed infallibly by the Church. The Franciscan congress was held with the official approval of the Spanish Ministry of Education.

## 3 Catholic War Dead Buried

Arlington, Va.—(NC)—President Truman headed the high officials and military leaders who attended interment services for three Catholic World War II dead at the Arlington National Cemetery here.

The remains were the first to be buried in the national cemetery of the group of bodies now being returned to the United States. The deceased were all killed in the Pacific area.

Msgr. Patrick J. Ryan, Army deputy chief of chaplains, read the funeral services for the three Catholic dead in the group. He was assisted by the Rev. John F. Hogue, Navy chaplain and priest of the Shrine of Montserrat, Fresno. The Catholics were dead war: Lieutenant J. Ghiselin, Marine; P. Hunt and James F. Kehoe, all of Washington, D. C.

Other high dignitaries at the service, besides President Truman were: Secretary of State George C. Marshall, Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder, Secretary of Defense James Forrestal, Secretary for the Army Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary for the Navy John L. Sullivan, Secretary for the Air W. Stuart Symington, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Naval Chief of Staff Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Gen. Alexander A. Vandergriff, Marine Corps Commandant and Lt. Gen. Lauric Nereida, incoming deputy chief of staff for the air.

Among the veteran organizations attending the service was a representative of the Catholic War Veterans.

The 30 buried at the initial service are the first of an estimated 6,000 dead from both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters to be reinterred at the Arlington National Cemetery within the next two years.

## Royal Wedding Ignores Church

London—(RNS)—The National Board of Catholic Women here has petitioned the private secretaries of King George and Queen Elizabeth for permission to present a loyal address on the occasion of the forthcoming marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Lt. Philip Mountbatten. A similar request was sent to the Home Secretary's private secretary.

Reason for the Board's request is that the Roman Catholic Church was omitted from the list of 22 religious and secular bodies, including Anglicans, Free Churchmen, Quakers and Jews, who have been accorded the privilege of presenting loyal addresses.

Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, was not officially informed of the Catholic women's action. Meanwhile, there appears to be strong feeling among British Catholics over the exclusion.

It is understood that Cardinal Griffin is planning to send a message in connection with the royal marriage, but this procedure lacks the form of ceremonious presentation of a loyal address.



The President of the United States and members of the cabinet stood with loved ones as President, Catholic and Jewish dignitaries took leave of the bodies of the three Catholic war dead, three of them Catholics, the first of the occasion to be reinterred at Arlington National Cemetery. In the photo: Monsignor Patrick J. Ryan of St. Paul, Secretary of the Army Chaplains, and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of the Military-Religious Service, are among those present. (NC Photos)

## Msgr. Sheen Sees Russia, A Great Christian Nation

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Msgr. Patrick J. Sheen at Washington, D. C., philosopher and writer, predicted here that some day Russia will be the greatest Christian nation in the world.

Speaking before 174,000 Catholics in the St. Ignace Coliseum here, Msgr. Sheen said that only \$100,000 of Russia's 100,000,000 are Catholics; three percent belong to the Communist party, he said, adding, "there is no other party to which the other 97 per cent can belong. Although 97 per cent are not yet Christians, some of the 97 per cent are approaching it in early times."

He recalled that about 1940, Catholicity in the world, most of them in Russia, were leaders of "war, political, revolutionary movements" that later a very Catholic Russia.

Msgr. Sheen stressed that Russia's conversion, although a long and hard one, is a great possibility.

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