

ON GUARD

UAW Convention
Democracy Wins
Votes Defeat Reds

By REV. P. J. FLYNN

The proud feature of living in a real democracy is this: Not only can you elect leaders whom you like but you can also kick them out when you like.

AND THIS is what happened this week at the Atlantic City convention of the UAW. It was democracy in action at the Boardwalk this week and the Moscow plotters who have tried so hard to capture this strategic union have received a terrific setback.

Led by Walter Reuther—"the little redhead"—the rank-and-file delegates routed the reds and leftwing sympathizers from all top posts in the UAW.

Reuther, who was reelected to the union's presidency, was not hamstrung with the return to the executive board of veteran leftwing UAW leaders. Secretary George Addes, vice-president Dick Leonard and R. J. Thomas, leaders of the leftwing were ousted. The auto-makers exercised their democratic privilege of kicking out these long-entrenched leftwing leaders.

The Moscow comrades, the homefront comrades, the Moscow comrades and the opportunists have lost the strong grip on America's UAW with its million membership. And they lost their power in a battle of ballots not bullets.

THE VICTORY of the Reuther forces at Atlantic City marks a victory for democracy in the field of American trade unionism. It sets a challenge to Communist-controlled unions elsewhere in this country to clean house and become one hundred percent American. The Battle of Atlantic City is a warning to the Men of Moscow that American workers will never be pushovers.

And don't give credit for the UAW overthrow of the leftwing faction to "the little redhead." Credit must go to the little chaps from the big factories of America. It was the little men who stood up this week at Atlantic City and voted one by one for the decisive defeat of the leftwing faction in the UAW.

These auto-makers all average Americans are tired of being kicked around by opportunists. They are sick of Communists and fellow-travelers lining them up for Moscow. They are weary of being exploited by a "little band of highly trained, disciplined, heavily financed Communists who thought they could use the UAW's turbulent auto workers union as a propaganda and espionage, and yes, a sabotage base inside labor."

THIS IS the reaction of Victor Reisel, ace labor journalist, to the UAW upset. From the 17th and 18th floor in Atlantic City he writes:

"I tell you that this is more than a labor convention. It's an international news story and there should be a gallery here for the foreign diplomats. They would have heard the voice of this country, as delegate after delegate got up to speak and identified himself as 'I'm so-and-so of Pressed Steel Local of Toledo, so-and-so of Dodge in Detroit, so-and-so of Douglas Aircraft in California.'"

"And they voted the Communists out of virtually every office, not from hysteria, but because they just didn't want their union used by any foreign apparatus. It's just as simple as that."

"They were tired, too, of being thought of as 'jerks' by cynical comrades. So for the first time in labor history, a high union is cleaning out every left, and nearly every comrade-of-comrades."

"They are angry at the left UAW leaders who exploit the union in order to spread Moscow propaganda, attack America as imperialistic, or lobby in Washington at union expense for some party line program."

NO DOUBT, the report of this week's UAW convention makes gloomy reading for Moscow agents and leftists still entrenched in American labor circles. The comrades fear that the revolt of the UAW rank-and-file will set a pattern for those labor groups still victimized by Communist control.

There are other large unions where the Coms are still in control. There are some union locals where the comrades and opportunists are still in the saddle. And the leftists will remain strong in those groups until the members rise in their wrath and throw them out. Like the auto makers did this week at Atlantic City.

The right to kick false leaders out of office is a great American tradition. As long as we are able to exercise this right our democracy is safe and strong.

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Conferring Papal Honors On Clergy Of Diocese

Bishop Kearney Hailed by Diocese on Tenth Anniversary 24 Priests Invested in Ceremonies at the Pro-Cathedral



Following the tenth anniversary Mass at the Pro-Cathedral on Tuesday, Bishop Kearney is pictured with the new Protectors Apostolic wearing their copes and mitres for the first time. From left to right, they are: the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, P.A., Vicar General of the Diocese; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, P.A., Chancellor of the Diocese; and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Francis Goggin, P.A., Rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.



Completing their solemn vows in the presence of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Conners, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Rochester, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edmund J. Conners, pastor of St. Francis' Church, Corning, is at the right. Both were ordained from St. Bernard's in 1937. Other being members of the class are the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George E. Burns, and the Rev. Vincent J. Bergan.

Cooperation Of Clergy And Laity Cited

Prayer, with and without marked the tenth anniversary of the coming of His Excellency Bishop Kearney to the See of Rochester. The week of November 13-19, 1937, was marked by the Bishop's return to the See after a year of absence, and the week of November 13-19, 1947, was marked by the Bishop's return to the See after a year of absence.

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LAUDING HIS "devoted people who have made so many things possible," he added: "I wish also to include all those who have helped me in my work, and who have so generously accepted my leadership of the Catholic people of this diocese."

Before the Bishop's address, a jubilee tribute was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, P.A., Chancellor of the Diocese, who praised the "unfading zeal" which has characterized the Bishop's episcopacy.

"His becoming so receptive and prodigal in his labors," Monsignor Bergan observed, "is a sign of his courage, and a sign of his generosity of spirit, and a sign of his love for his people."

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL, several hundred priests and monks entered the church to take part in the Mass. The Bishop, wearing his cope and mitre, was preceded by the Cross and the altar servers. The Mass was celebrated in a solemn and beautiful manner.

J. J. Myler to Head College Campaign

Joseph J. Myler, treasurer of Neisner Brothers has been appointed general chairman of the forthcoming campaign for the new St. John Fisher College for Men.

The appointment was announced today by the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester and honorary chairman of the drive which will be conducted throughout the Rochester Diocese from February 12 to February 23, 1948.

Long active in Catholic circles, Mr. Myler is president of Men of Aquinas and a parishoner of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. He served as chairman of a successful Columbus Youth Association campaign several years ago. His fraternal affiliations include membership in the Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, Rochester Assembly Fourth Degree and Musa Cavan, Order of Alhambra.

The new St. John Fisher College will be built on a 10-acre site purchased by the Basilian Fathers at the junction of East Avenue and Fairport Roads. The Basilian Fathers already have members of the community, and are planning to build a new building to house the college.

The Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, managing editor of the Courier-Journal is serving as director of the campaign. The Rev. Hugh Haffey, C.S.B., has been named executive director of the college.

PRIESTS' DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

to be conducted at
Our Lady of the Lake Retreat
House, Geneva, N. Y.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1947

Thursday, Nov. 20, 1947

Starting at 10:30 A. M.

Reservations must be made with the Rev. Elmer McManus, diocesan director, Priests' Ecclesiastical League, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

The Story of Ten Years

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of his installation as fifth Bishop of Rochester, Bishop Kearney's active career is reviewed in photos and stories in the first seven pages of the second section of this issue. A special jubilee article by Monsignor Hart and the text of the jubilee sermon by Monsignor Bergan are contained in this section.

Jersey School Bus Law Wins

Newark (RNS)—New Jersey's new State Constitution was approved by the overwhelming margin of 652,318 to 182,242 on election day. The new charter includes a clause providing for transportation for children attending "any school" in the state.

Election day voting gave constitutional recognition to New Jersey's five-year-old parochial school law, whose validity was affirmed last February by the United States Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision that immediately drew comment from churchmen throughout the nation.

While the 1942 statute specified that only children attending schools not operated for profit might obtain bus transportation, the new constitution goes further by stating that those attending "any school" were to be included.

Cardinal Will Greet Princess

London (NC)—Breaking a long-standing tradition, King George VI has consented to receive His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, and accept from him the official congratulations of the Catholic Church in England and Wales on the impending marriage of Princess Elizabeth.

Previously, the King had agreed to accept an address of loyalty from the English National Board of Catholic Women on the occasion of the wedding. In an action which also broke precedent.

Acting without the knowledge of Church authorities, leaders of the women's group sent letters to King George, Princess Elizabeth and the government, asking permission to make address to the King.

Polish Girls End Seven-Year Wandering Over Four Continents to Find U. S. Home

Cleveland (NC)—Four Polish girls, ranging in ages from 10 to 16, have finally received a home—after a tortuous, seven-year, 25,000-mile trek of four continents, part of which was made freezing and starving, in cattle cars across Siberia.

Their journey began in Pinsk, pre-war Poland, in 1940 and ended here when they were accepted as wards by three Cleveland families. The girls are: Theresa Bolkowski, 15; and Lidia, Nadine and Mary Kolesnikowicz, whose ages are 16, 13 and 10, respectively.

The nightmare trek began when officials of the Soviet Government, which had pounced on Poland from the east when Hitler invaded from the west, pounced on the doors of the Bolkowski and Kolesnikowicz homes.

Theresa, her mother and an older sister were herded into a cattle car which for one horrible week kept moving into the cold depths of Siberia. Theresa remembers people jumping off the moving train. "They wanted to die in Poland," she says.

The train stopped at Semipalatinsk in the East Kazakh Republic, where the cattle car's human cargo was forced into a concentration camp. Theresa's mother and older sister were later taken to a labor camp, where her mother died and her sister has not been heard from.

New Monsignori In Diocese Listed

Twenty-four priests of the diocese who were invested Tuesday with the new robes of their rank as honorary members of the household of Pope Pius XII are as follows:

The three Protectors Apostolic invested were: The Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, P.A., vicar general; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, P.A., Chancellor of the Rochester Diocese; and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Francis Goggin, P.A., Rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The 18 Domestic Prelates invested were: The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Erlen, Ph.D., pastor, St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, and dean of Elmira Diocese; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Conners, pastor, St. Michael's Church; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Ebel, pastor, St. Andrew's Church; the Rev. Msgr. William F. Stauder, pastor, Holy Redeemer Church; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John W. Sullivan, pastor, St. John the Evangelist Church; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Conway, pastor, the Holy Family Church, Auburn; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William P. McFadden, pastor, St. Stephen's Church, Geneva; dean of Geneva Diocese; the Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Baleri, R.T.D., professor of theology at St. Bernard's Seminary; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Byrne, Ph.D., S.T.D., professor of sacred scripture at St. Bernard's Seminary; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfred T. Crough, Ph.D., professor of philosophy and disciplinarian at St. Bernard's Seminary; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Lyons, M.A., rector of St. Andrew's Seminary; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Balcerak, pastor, St. Stanislaus Church; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. Casey, pastor of Holy Cross Church; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Adolph L. Gabbani, pastor of St. Francis Assisi Church, Auburn; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edmund A. Havelin, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Corning; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Donaghy, retired U. S. Army chaplain who now resides in Boston; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, chaplain of Elmira State Reformatory, Elmira.

Pope Chamberlains: The Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, director of the diocesan agency of Catholic Charities; the Very Rev. Msgr. John A. Randall, managing editor of the Catholic Courier-Journal and diocesan chaplain.

No word came from the office of the Cardinal, who is in Washington attending a meeting of the board of trustees of the Catholic University of America and of the American Bishops.

Mr. Goldman explained to the Cardinal that he had been in California until last Friday and had been considering the priest's request about his return, and he explained: "In deference to your excited position, representing as it does, those in the community of Catholic faith, we are withdrawing the picture from publication at the Elmira Theater."

Attention, Riders—Ask for a free booklet on planning your wedding. Call Blanchard Flood, 22 Lake Ave., Main 1000—Daily deliveries to all wedding parties. Courier-Journal and diocesan chaplain.