

State Control Of Catholic Hospitals Seen

London - (NC) - His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, has warned that Britain's 60 Catholic hospitals and institutions, under the British Government's present powers, may be taken over completely by the state in July of next year.

Many of the hospitals, built with Catholic money and now run by Catholics—mostly religious orders—have already been in fact taken over under the 1948 National Health Service Act. They are to be transferred to the Ministry of Health next year, His Eminence said.

The powers given to the Health Ministry under the new act are "unlimited," the Cardinal added. Hospitals could be taken over without compensation. Governing bodies of transferred voluntary hospitals may be dissolved on the day of transfer. A new management may be appointed and new officers elected.

"THE RIGHTS of the minister are well secured, but the rights of those who have been responsible for a hospital for years are almost completely ignored," the Cardinal told a meeting of Catholic doctors and hospital managers of St. John and St. Elizabeth's Hospital, London.

The only chance Catholics have of maintaining their hospitals is under Clause 61, which states that the character and associations of a voluntary hospital, linked with a particular religious denomination, are to be preserved, he said. This, the Cardinal described as "too vague to be effective," and he called on the government to amend the clause to strengthen Catholic rights.

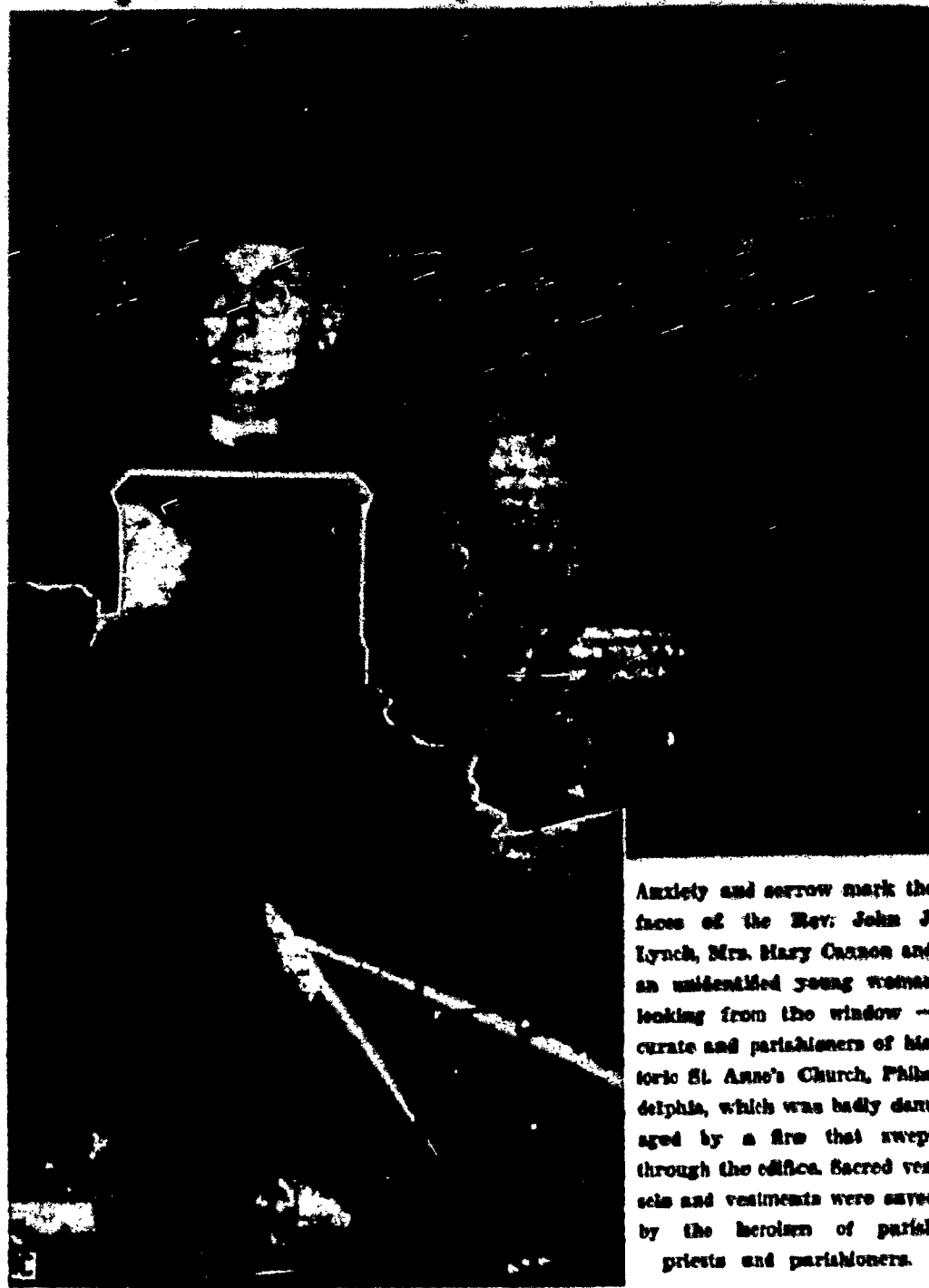
"We must bear in mind that a sick man has a body and a soul, and that the soul is destined for an eternal future," His Eminence said. "The sick person, therefore, cannot be treated properly unless he is considered as a complete man with human rights and duties and an eternal destiny."

"RELIGION, IN FACT, has always played an important part in the care of the sick. We must also remember that nursing of the sick is not merely a profession but a vocation." Catholic hospitals "have in the past deserved well of the public and it would be an act of ingratitude, not to mention injustice, if they were to be taken over without such a guarantee."

The Cardinal's statement came as a shock to the Catholic public. A Catholic hospitals' co-ordinating committee has already been set up to consider possible action and Catholic Members of Parliament are now studying the situation to see if it is possible to amend and strengthen Clause 61.

There is no guarantee under the present act, it was pointed out this week, that treatment such as therapeutic abortion, now common in many hospitals, would be practiced in transferred Catholic hospitals.

As Their Historic Church Burns



Anxiety and sorrow mark the faces of the Rev. John J. Lynch, Mrs. Mary Cannon and an unidentified young woman looking from the window—curate and parishioners of historic St. Anne's Church, Philadelphia, which was badly damaged by a fire that swept through the edifice, sacred vessels and vestments were saved by the heroism of parish priests and parishioners.

Death Closes Noted Career Of Abp. Ryan

Omaha - (NC) - The death of Archbishop James Hugh Ryan of Omaha, for whom Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem was offered here in St. Cecilia's Cathedral, removed from the American scene one of the Catholic Church's foremost leaders in the fields of education and welfare work.

The 63-year-old prelate's sudden death stunned the nation. Victim of an asthma condition, he entered St. Joseph's Hospital here, upon his return from Washington, where he had attended the annual meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States.

The following day - Sunday, November 24—he died. Ryan's heart attack brought on by the asthma condition.

TEACHER, PHILOSOPHER, author Archbishop Ryan was revered by persons in all walks of life. Catholics and non-Catholics alike. At the request of the late President Roosevelt, the Archbishop and Mrs. Maurice S. Steeby of the Catholic University of America, made a tour of South America in the interests of a closer cultural relationship of the American countries.

Archbishop Ryan was born on December 13, 1884, the son of John H. and Bridget Rogers Ryan, in Indianapolis. He attended Duquesne University and made his studies for the priesthood at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West, Cincinnati; the North American College, the College of Propaganda and the Roman Academy in Rome. A special dispensation from the Holy See permitted his ordination at the age of 22 in Rome on June 6, 1907.

The future Archbishop was created a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor in 1927 and was advanced to the rank of Prothotary Apostolic in 1928. He was named Rector of the Catholic University in 1928 and served in that post until 1933. His work at the university won him additional honors from the Holy See, which elevated him to the hierarchy as Titular Bishop of Modra in 1933.

ARCHBISHOP RYAN long had been identified prominently with the work of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. He served as Executive Secretary of the organization from 1920 until 1933. He also served as Executive Secretary of the N.C.W.C. Department of Education. In recent years he was a member of the N.C.W.C. Administrative Board and Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Education. He was named to that post during the recent meetings of the Bishops and the Administrative Board in Washington.

The Archbishop was noted for his straight - from - the - shoulder pronouncements. As early as 1933, he spoke his mind against the dangers of Adolf Hitler and

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ARCH. RYAN

his followers and expressed veneration "how human nature could sink to such low levels of sadistic barbarism."

The prelate condemned the American Medical Association in 1937 for its recognition of birth control as a medical practice and sternly warned the nation of the dangers in the evil.

In 1943, the Archbishop foresaw the danger of war and called upon the nation "to prepare itself now for its destiny."

In recent years, Archbishop Ryan spoke out against critics of President Truman for his continuance of a personal representative at the Vatican and has advocated full diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the United States.

WHILE SERVING as rector of the Catholic University, the prelate was selected by the Holy See in 1933 to become Bishop of Omaha. He was the guest of honor at a public reception before his departure from the National Capital and his work was lauded in messages from President Roosevelt, the late Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore and of Washington, and many other dignitaries of Church and State.

When the Omaha diocese was elevated to an Archdiocese, See in 1935, Bishop Ryan was selected to serve as its first Archbishop.

Archbishop Ryan held honorary degrees from many educational institutions, including the National University of Ireland, the Catholic University of Milan, as well as Marquette University, St. Bonaventure College and several other institutions in this country.

British King Lauds Catholics' Loyalty

London - (NC) - A tribute to the faithful role which British Catholics played in the service of their country during the war was paid by King George VI in his reply to the

hatspoken address of His Majesty King George VI, Archbishop of Westminster, on the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten. The occasion marked the first time since the restoration that British Catholics have been permitted along with the "privileged bodies" to present a personal address of loyalty to a British monarch.

After commenting on the "warmth and loyalty" of the Cardinal's address which was presented on behalf of the British Catholic laity, the King asserted:

"I AM GLAD to know that members of your communion value so highly the services which Princess Elizabeth and her future husband have already rendered to our country and that you yourself play every loyal and happy part in their careers."

"I myself am ever mindful of the services of my Roman Catholic subjects to our cause during the war and I am sure that I and my family may rely on your faithful support in the years to come."

In his address, Cardinal Griffin had wished every happiness for the royal couple and said:

"May God strengthen and support them under the burden of their responsibilities. May He give them length of days filled with His richest blessings."

THE CARDINAL paid tribute to the "gracious charm" of the Princess which has won her a firm place in the affections of the British people, and praised her universal admiration and her unselfish devotion and unflinching interest in the affairs of British citizens, which "have given example worthy to be imitated."

The Archbishop's association with the Navy, the Cardinal mentioned, forged a link between the Royal Family and that service of which England is justly proud. "It has not failed to stir the hearts of the nation," Cardinal Griffin said.

"We assure, Your Majesty," Cardinal Griffin concluded, "our continued prayers for you and your family and all members of the Royal Family. May God guide you and bless you, and unite your people in all parts of the earth in peace and prosperity."

Abp. Cushing Advises Reds On 'Civil Liberties' Issue

Boston - (NC) - "The local embarrassments of Communists or Communist sympathizers leave us unmoved and we are unable to comprehend how others' educators, scientists, lovers of civil liberties - can shed tears over the local difficulties of people whose world organization and world ambitions are so well known and so appalling."

This is his reaction, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston explained here, to persons who seek to have him take a position against investigations and other interferences with Communist activity in the United States. The Archbishop was speaking at the 25th anniversary celebration of the Pro-Farwell Club, local Catholic women's charitable group.

"We Catholics and all the other defenders of democracy are meeting Communism on a world front," he declared. "Let the professed lovers of liberty join us in the protest: we are making on that world front and then we will be better able to trust them and their purposes when they

Priest's Cause Is Advanced

Three Rivers, Que. - (NC) - The first part of the duties of an Apostolic Tribunal set up to study the cause of the "Good Father" Frederic, who died in 1911, was completed here on the eve of the 19th anniversary of the birth of the revered Franciscan.

Three more stages remain for the diocesan tribunal before its work is completed. The first is the opening of the tomb and identification of the priest, and this may be done about the end of next January. The second is the inquiry and hearings in connection with reported miracles.

Protest Stop 'Amber'

Ottawa, Ill. - (NC) - A deluge of protests from members of four Ottawa parishes and other Catholic organizations brought about the cancellation of the showing of "Forever Amber," the Class "C" movie, at the Orpheum Theater here.

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