

Released-Time Attacks Urged On Protestants

San Antonio (NC)—A vehement attack upon the released time religious education program in America public schools was made here in an address before the annual meeting of the Texas State Teachers Association by Mrs. Eugene Meyer, widely-known writer and speaker on social problems and wife of the publisher of the Washington Post.

Mrs. Meyer appealed to the new Protestant group headed by Methodist Bishop C. Brimley Oxnam to stop the "battering down of public school doors" by sectarian clergymen.

Only if they see to it that the released-time program is eliminated, she said, "will Protestants be justified in opposing Catholic claims for public support of their parochial schools."

SHE ALSO held that an "unrealistic Catholic leadership," though allegedly without support from Catholics generally, looks upon public health and welfare aid to parochial school children as a "stepping stone toward their ambition that their schools be recognized as an integral part of the American educational system, with the same rights as our public schools to public support."

Mrs. Meyer said that Catholic theologians, lawyers and historians are busy at attempts to destroy the First Amendment. She said that the American Bishops' recent statement on secularism was part of a campaign to confuse Americans and create among us a distrust of our own most sacred institutions.

The result, she contended, is that the leaders of the Catholic Church are becoming a serious threat to our national unity, stability and educational progress.

AS ONE "honest way of settling the controversy," Mrs. Meyer suggested a "disinterested" system such as that employed by the French, under which the children have a whole afternoon free during the week for their religious instruction, but have to come to school on Saturday morning so that their total hours of schooling are not reduced. She indicated that in this way "the discipline, moral support and prestige of our public school system" would not be used to coerce children into attending religious classes.

Mrs. Meyer also said that "what our country needs to bolster waning Christian fervor is closer contact between the Church and the home. In short what our country needs is not more sectarianism in the public schools but more heart, more persuasive intelligence and more religion in the Churches."

Mothers of Religious Honored Rifles, N. S.—(NC)—Three mothers, who have given a total of eight children to the religious life and who have been noted for their work on behalf of the Church and the needy, have been honored by His Holiness Pope Pius XII with the decoration "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice."

Truman Unveils Georgetown Plaque



The visit of President Harry S. Truman to Georgetown University to dedicate the Children's Wing of the new \$3,000,000 hospital there reveals the fact that 29 Presidents of the United States have visited the campus of the historic college. President Truman is shown as he unveiled a tablet to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the Children's Department of the new hospital. With him (left to right) are: Elliot Roosevelt; Philip Murray, president of the CIO, which contributed \$53,000 to equip the Children's Wing; the Very Rev. Lawrence C. Gorman, S.J., president of Georgetown University; and the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the U. S. who spoke on the occasion. (NC Photos)

Mother Cabrini Statue Unveiled in Vatican; Diocesan Priest Describes Erection Job

By REV. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN

Rome (NC)—A huge marble statue of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, first U. S. citizen Saint, was solemnly unveiled and dedicated Monday in the Basilica of St. Peter. His Eminence Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, Archbishop of the Basilica of St. Peter, presided at the rituals.

Following the ceremonies, His Holiness Pope Pius XII received in audience a group of pilgrims from the United States, who had come here for the unveiling.

The statue of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini arrived in Rome aboard a railroad flatcar, a little more than half the length of the standard U. S. flatcar. Crated and lying on its back, the statue extended the entire length of the car. Flatcar and all were rolled onto a low-wheeled trailer and tractor-towed to the steps of St. Peter's. There by means of the tractor, several giant hawsers and a capstan turned by a dozen men, it was hauled from the car into the interior of the Basilica.

The spot designated for the statue was the niche in the fore-wall of the pillar of St. Longinus—one of the four gigantic piles of masonry which support the Basilica dome. Thirty tons of stone were put into that niche: the statue of Mother Cabrini, herself,

which weighs 18 tons, the statue of an angel kneeling at her feet, another six tons, and a travertine base block, which weighs another six tons and upon which both statues rest.

ONCE THE huge marble pieces were hauled into the Basilica, the work of swinging them into place had just begun. The shelf of the niche where the statues were to rest is some 60 feet above the floor. The careful workmen built a square tower of wood called a "castello," much sturdier but resembling those used long ago by besieging armies in the storming of a walled city.

The "castello" really is an elevator shaft, each of the four main supports of which are constructed on one wooden beam four to five inches square, bolted together three to the side and forming a solid pillar from 12 to 15 inches square. These are held together by strong crossbeam framework and further reinforced by similar beams extending buttress style at an angle from the floor to the sides of the structure, half way to the top.

The "castello" when completed reached 90 feet upward toward the vaulted ceiling. Across the top were placed steel girders, from which was hung the great tackle used in the raising of the heavy, precious marble.

Then the "San Pietrini," the faithful and faithful workmen of St. Peter's went into action. One could scarcely believe his eyes as they pulled on the chains of the tackle and the huge, marble pieces rose slowly but steadily to the proper height. Then new gear and old tricks were employed to ease each piece of the statue group into its proper place. These operations were performed over so slowly, but with extreme care.

Among other speakers at the conference were the Rev. George G. Higgins, assistant director of the N.C.W.C. Social Action Department; James A. Brownlow, secretary-treasurer of the AFL Metal Trades Department; Robert Dixon, director of industrial relations of Johnson and Johnson, Inc.; Harry Read, assistant to the secretary of the CIO; and Joseph Smith, personnel director of the American Woolen Mills, Lawrence, Mass.

Residence Returned To Salzburg Archbishop Vienna—(RNS)—The Most Rev. Andreas Rohrer, Catholic Archbishop of Salzburg, will shortly resume his residence at the archiepiscopal palace in the famous Austrian city from which he was ousted by German SS forces eight years ago.

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'Bad' Comic Books Burned

Chicago—(RNS)—More than 2,000 "bad" comic books were destroyed in a huge bonfire ceremony here by 500 pupils of St. Gall's parochial school.

The bonfire was the idea of Marlene Marrella, ten-year-old member of the fourth grade, who thought it a good way for her fellow students to prove they were going to give up comics in order to devote themselves to more instructive and valuable types of recreation.

Little Marlene, accompanied by another pupil, James Hair, 12, went into each classroom at St. Gall's and gave lectures to interest other youngsters in the project. Later they supervised the collection of "objectionable" comic books. The campaign was supported by the Rev. James D. Hishon, pastor, who gave a sermon at Sunday Mass.

Three public schools in the vicinity of St. Gall's have since started similar drives.

Converts Flood Japan Missions

Tokyo—(NC)—"A spiritual sunrise in the Land of the Rising Sun." That is the sentiment evoked here at the hub of the Catholic Church in Japan not only by the arrival of new missionaries, but especially by the "sunrise" of converts coming in.

The situation was dramatically described by the Rev. Leopold Tibesar, M. M., of Quincy, Ill., who declared that unless the church in Japan gets more missionaries, it will be swamped with converts.

Father Tibesar, who has been doing mission work among the Japanese in Manchuria and the United States for 20 years, arrived in Japan less than a year ago. Since his arrival he has already baptized scores of converts and at present has 90 more under instruction.

Gear Industry For Nation Priest Urges

Manchester, N. H.—(NC)—Capitalism will not survive in this country unless it faces up to the fact that industry is not an end in itself, participants in a two-day Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems here were told by the Rev. Joseph P. Donnelly, vice-chairman of the Connecticut State Board of Mediation and Arbitration.

Sponsored by Bishop Matthew F. Brady of Manchester, the conference included speakers from State of Federal Government units, universities, manufacturing concerns, labor unions and the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

In his address Father Donnelly, who is also director of the Hartford Diocese Labor Institute, said that in the United States, "the last stronghold of the capitalist system," industry must be altered "first to the common welfare, and then to the welfare of those whose living is staked in the industry" to survive.

"INDUSTRY DOES not exist only, or even primarily, for the profits of those individuals we call owners," he declared. "Quite to the contrary industry is a cooperative enterprise by which the ends of society are fulfilled. Management and labor are social partners in industry."

Father Donnelly maintained that "both labor and management are entitled to a say in all those matters which decide the welfare of the industry, and both have a right to a proportionate share of the income of the industry."

The Rev. R. A. McGowan, director of the N.C.W.C. Social Action Department, said that "the moral laws on wages and incomes and two on prices" could serve the United States from another depression. As the moral law he listed the family living wage; balancing of wages, salaries and incomes to get full employment wages adequate to let people save and own something; distribution of income for the general welfare; and profit sharing.

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13 Boys Pay To Be Adopted

London—(NC)—A party of 13 little boys, aged three to five, made a pilgrimage to the national shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, Norfolk, to pray that they might be adopted. The boys' names were: St. Joseph's Catholic Nursery, run by the Northampton diocese, at Northampton, Northham, where they have found that adoption nearly always fails for girls. The boys are usually left behind until they reach the "rough" age, when they are probably adopted.

Unions Warned Of Red Coup

London—(NC)—A warning that the communists plan a coup to seize control of the trade unions in Britain was sounded by Bishop John E. Pelt of Merthyr Tydfil in his Advent pastoral.

"We have every reason to believe that the position for a communist attack has been lately well prepared even in this country," he wrote. "Some responsible leaders of trade unions, and many in key positions in industry, are themselves communists or near-communists."

The Bishop told Catholics two things were needed to face this communist attack: a deeper personal piety and a greater knowledge of Catholicism.

Service Pay Board Lists Fr. Cavanaugh

Notre Dame, Ind.—(NC)—The Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, CSC, president of the University of Notre Dame, has accepted an invitation from Secretary of Defense James Forrestal to serve on a special civilian committee to study present pay schedules of the Armed Forces and make recommendations for possible revision upward of those schedules because of high living costs.

The committee will confer with Secretary Forrestal in Washington and also will study the findings of a board of Army, Navy and Air Force officers, augmented by representatives of the Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey and Public Health Service.

Bishop Muench Returns to Germany

New York—(RNS)—Bishop Aloisius J. Muench of Fargo, N. D., liaison officer between German Catholic authorities and the American Military government in Germany, left here by plane for Frankfurt.

He had been in the United States for the past two months, conferring with officers of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington, D. C., on religious affairs in Germany. Bishop Muench said here that a peace treaty would ease religious problems in Germany; "if at least a provisional national government were set up as is planned by American statesmen."

Ford Visits Reuther For 'Friendly Chat'

Detroit—(Special)—A forward step in management-labor relations was made last week when Henry Ford II, president of the Ford Motor Company, dropped in for a friendly chat with Walter P. Reuther, president of the UAW United Automobile Workers.

The two men whose influence upon the automobile industry equals that of any other two individuals reportedly chatted for an hour like a pals, I said college friends.

Reuther was working quietly at his desk when his secretary announced that he had a couple of visitors.

They were Henry Ford II, and George Edwards, president of the Detroit Common Council.

"You remember Mr. Ford, don't you Walter?" Mr. Edwards asked. "Sure," Mr. Reuther replied as he beckoned his visitors to chairs. Mr. Edwards soon took his leave and Mr. Ford and Mr. Reuther continued their chat with John W. Livingston, new UAW vice president, as the only observer.

"Mr. Ford is a very decent sort of citizen," Mr. Reuther said as the automobile man left.

Mr. Ford refused to comment on his visit to the union president, the recently said that he thought Mr. Reuther was on the right track and had some good sound ideas.

Mr. Reuther said the conversation was a friendly, down-to-earth meeting and that Mr. Ford's ideas and beliefs on human engineering were a whole lot closer to the union's than most people believed.

"Mr. Ford merely heaved me by dropping by for a friendly chat," Mr. Reuther declared when pressed for what had transpired in the get-together with Mr. Ford. "I had planned to visit Mr. Ford in a few days, but he beat me to the idea. We had a general discussion of general problems facing the country but the matter of wages never came up. I said it didn't."

It was the second time that Mr. Ford had dropped in unannounced on a labor leader. Last May he walked into the office of Mr. Murray, CIO president, in Washington and chatted for thirty minutes.

Region Franks Named Officers—(NC)—Appointment of Major Michael C. O'Neill, rector of St. Joseph's Cathedral at Edmonton, Alberta, by His Holiness Pope Pius XII to be Archbishop of Regina, has been announced by Archbishop Filadelfo Antonelli, Apostolic Delegate to Canada and Newfoundland.

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Toronto Institute Aids Reich Scholars

Ottawa—(NC)—The Pigeon Island for Medical Studies at the University of Toronto, Canada, is assisting in the publication of a 30-volume edition of the works of St. Albert the Great, undertaken in 1945 by a study institute in Bonn, near Bonn, the University of Bonn, Germany, has announced.

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