

### Southern Farm Vote in Italy Seen Decisive

By FRANCESCO ALMANTINI

Rome — (NC) — In spite of the fact that 100,000 of candidates will be elected by the favor of the political parties, the vote will be cast mainly on two points: Marxism vs. Christian Democracy.

The battle will be fought between these two and the liberty of Italy is linked with the outcome of the duel.

Recent phases of the struggle between the parties in Italy have seen the downfall of movements which were destined to become substantial forces.

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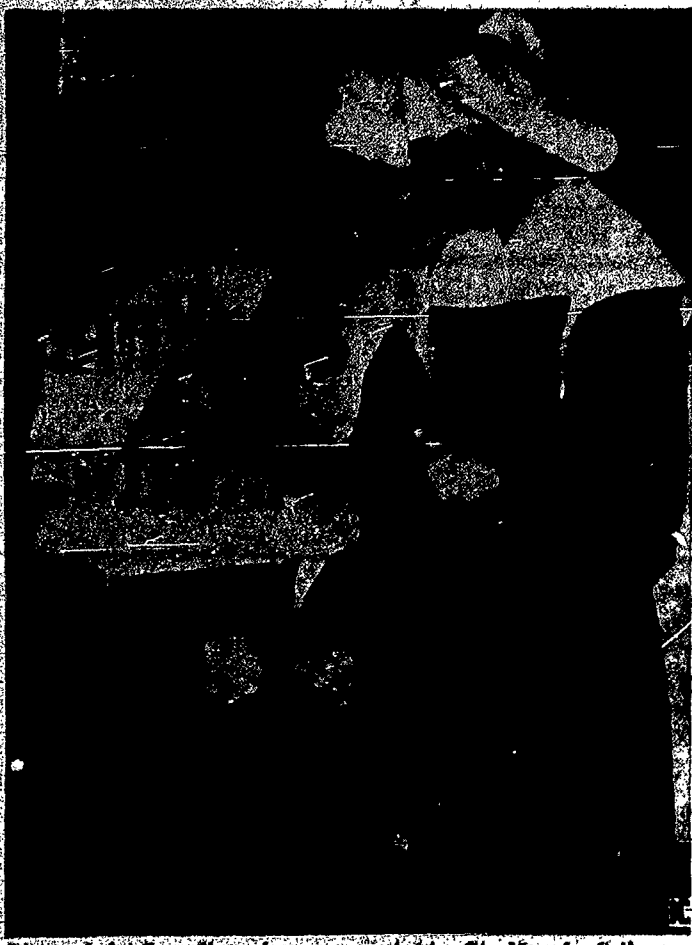
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### STUDY U.S. NURSING WAYS



Pictured in San Francisco on their way to St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., are Sister Honorina (seated) and Sister Elizabeth, of St. Paul's Convent, Seoul, Korea. Members of the Congregation of St. Paul of Chartres, they are the first native Korean Sisters to receive permission from the American Occupation authorities to enter the United States for study. They will spend a full year studying advanced American nursing methods. Spallone photo. (NC Photos).

### Catholic College Survey On National Scale Urged

Washington — (NC) — Administrators of Catholic institutions of higher education have been called on to cooperate in a nationwide survey in the "very near future" with a view to obtaining the maximum value from available resources and to making Catholic institutions an integral part of the "nation-wide system" of state-planned higher education.

The recommendation was made by a committee of Catholic educators drawn up by a special committee of the National Catholic Educational Association after reviewing the report of the President's Commission on Higher Education.

The special committee was headed by Brother E. Brannan, F.C.C., Annapolis, Md., and was composed of 13 members, including Messrs. Frederick G. Hoehne, N.C.E.A. secretary general, and Dr. Martin K. P. McGuire, of the Catholic University of America, both members of the President's commission.

The group recommended that the nationwide survey be conducted by "professional persons" skilled in the art of community planning. Such a survey, it stated, should give rise to voluntary cooperative planning to prevent overlapping of facilities in some areas and lack of adequate provision for Catholic higher education in others.

Another resolution urged the heads of Catholic institutions of higher learning to "engage in a cooperative endeavor to estimate the cost of establishing and maintaining Catholic community colleges." The committee recommended that in areas where it is justified by the Catholic population, these colleges be established to provide a two-year terminal education for local youth who will not go beyond the 14th grade.

It was also recommended that the establishment of these two-year colleges, the committee stated, Catholic universities should, if possible, establish terminal two-year programs of general education either on their own campuses or as branches in other communities.

The committee also recommended a national scholarship program providing higher education for every needy student who has the talent and ability to profit from such an opportunity. It added that such a program promises genuine possibilities of additional support for Catholic colleges and universities.

Taking a strong stand against any form of discrimination in the selection of students based solely on color, race, national origin or ancestry in our Catholic colleges and universities is a violation of sound American and Catholic principles.

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### Church Right To Operate Schools Backed

Budapest — (NC) — The right of the Church in Hungary to operate schools was affirmed in a statement by a competent Catholic spokesman who, at the same time, once more rejected charges that the Church is "reactionary," that Catholic education is "anti-democratic" and that problems of daily politics are discussed from the pulpits.

The spokesman said that the operation of schools is the task and right of the State as well as of the Church. "If Catholic and Protestant schools may operate in China and Madagascar," he said, "then surely, it is not in conflict with democracy if ecclesiastical schools operate in a country like Hungary where they have existed for 1,000 years, and where, for centuries, they operated alone because the State did not appear as a partner in educational matters until the eighteenth century."

"If in a democratic system — as is the case in Hungary — the people desire ecclesiastical schools, the State, by heeding this desire, respects democracy. Otherwise, the State would commit an offense against democracy."

The spokesman also pointed out that in many other countries, for instance, the Netherlands, Canada, Belgium, several German states and various cantons of Switzerland, Church-operated schools are supported by the State and that developments in England tend in the same direction.

REGARDING CHARGES voiced recently in the Hungarian parliament and accusing the Church of being "reactionary," the spokesman said: "Christ-reaction appears only in the collection of political catch-cries. In reality, it simply does not exist. There is only the union between the clergy and the faithful. This union has manifested itself in repeated significant Catholic demonstrations which showed what was known long before the elections — that the large majority of the Hungarian people consists of believers."

Those who charge the Church with being "anti-democratic" in her educational activities, are unable to produce any proof, the spokesman said.

Answering charges concerning the exercise of disciplinary authority by the Church, the spokesman said: "No one is forced into the Church, nor into the schools. It would be very satisfactory if a similar statement could be made about membership in other organizations and public bodies."

While the pulpits of Hungary's churches serves exclusively the purpose for which it is destined: the exercise of the teaching authority of the Church, the spokesman reminded that, again and again, politicians in public speeches refer to the Church and her clergy, "and not always with respect."

### Hunts Eclipse



Pictured at the Washington National Airport as he departed for Wukang, China, is the Rev. Francis J. Hayden, S.J., noted astronomer of Georgetown University. Father Hayden is chief of one of the seven scientific expeditions which will check the May 8 eclipse of the sun, for the National Geographic Society, along a 3,500-mile arc stretching from south-west Burma to the Aleutians. Father Hayden studied last year's eclipse of the sun in Brazil. Photo courtesy National Geographic Society. (NC Photos).

### MASS MARKS PAPAL JUBILEE

Washington — (NC) — Although separated by 13 centuries, there is a striking similarity between the reigns of Pope St. Gregory the Great and His Holiness Pope Pius XII, brought about by the chaos and hazards which confront the peoples of the world today, Bishop Henry T. Klonowski, Auxiliary of Scranton, emphasized in his sermon at a Solemn Mass here which commemorated the ninth anniversary of the coronation of the Holy Father.

His Excellency Archbishop Angelo Giovanni Ciongnani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle, of Washington, occupied thrones in the Sanctuary during the Mass, which was offered in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of the Catholic University of America.

Among other dignitaries present were Bishop John M. McNamara, Auxiliary of Washington; Msgr. Howard J. Carroll, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; members of the diplomatic corps from more than 20 countries, members of the faculty and students of the Catholic University, and members of the headquarters staff of the N.C.W.C.

The Mass was offered by Msgr. John J. Rolly, Director of the Shrine. Among the nations represented by Ambassadors Ministers and other attaches were China, Australia, Columbia, Greece, Portugal, the Dominican Republic, Italy, Iran, Great Britain, Spain, Lithuania, Latvia, Ireland, Liberia, France, Guatemala, Syria, Uruguay, Canada, Peru, Brazil, Cuba, Union of South Africa and El Salvador.

### New Action Call Sounded By French Prelates

Paris — (NC) — Asking that "God deign to hear the prayers by which in this grave hour we confide our country to Him," the Cardinals and Archbishops of France, meeting here, have issued an important joint statement to the nation on the critical problems of our times.

They express anguish over the constantly increasing cost of living, adjure the government and all the people through their economic groupings and associations to sacrifice individual interest and to labor to increase production, ask that German prisoners held by the French be forthwith released, and urge amnesty for Frenchmen who are being held on various charges of "collaboration."

This crisis in which the people are floundering, the prelates assert, will be without end unless each puts forth his full effort of cooperation and generosity. "The first remedy is to arouse ourselves to work to bring about constantly increasing production and to return rapidly to rules of strict justice in distribution of the product."

FACED WITH the present, the bishops continue, those who take goods beyond measure work to destroy the currency and to ruin the country. He who jealously keeps stocks of goods throws his compatriots into misery. He who continues to live an opulent life takes necessities from the poor.

The Archbishops call the attention of the nation especially to the situation of old people, those living on small, fixed incomes, and pensioners. These people are ruined by social and economic upheavals and disarmed in the struggle for life, the prelates say.

The Archbishops express lively sympathy for members of the middle class who have given the Church so many proofs of fidelity and who today find themselves in great distress, often hidden by pride.

THE GENERAL poverty, the Archbishops declare, prevents multitudes of Christian parents from sending their children to religious schools. The day is approaching when the choice of a school for their children will be a privilege of only the rich, they declare.

The Archbishops place before the conscience of French Catholics the problem of German prisoners of war, of whom there are today about 260,000. It is impossible morally, they say, to adhere strictly to the juridical conception according to which these prisoners may be held until peace is concluded.

In the last part of their letter the Cardinals and Archbishops note the exterior perils which grow from day to day. They appeal for pacification of discussion among the French people. They ask that measures of emergency temper the excessive rigor of political condemnations pronounced during the purge.

### National Housing Branded 'Disgrace'

Hartford, Conn. — (NC) — Terming the present housing situation in the United States a "disgrace," officials of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life declared in resolutions at the annual meeting here that an "extensive housing program is imperative."

Quoting from the Encyclical of Pope Pius XI on Christian Marriage, they declared that if private enterprise cannot supply adequate housing it is the duty of the government to step in and supply it.

"We consider our present housing situation a source of great harm to our family life and a disgrace to our civilization," the resolution stated. "Hundreds of thousands of families in this country of unexhausted resources are forced to live in houses that are scarcely fit for human habitation. We deem an extensive housing program imperative."

The annual convention featured some 70 speakers and attracted delegates from more than a dozen States and from Canada.

ANOTHER RESOLUTION adopted at the convention considered it "a disgrace that in this land of plenty and of phenomenal production mothers are forced to work for a livelihood in mill, shop and factory." It added: "Wages and prices must be so adjusted that fathers can support their families, and can do so for a reasonable number of working hours. Such an arrangement would make it possible for mothers to remain in their homes. It would restore to the worker's child the natural right to a mother's care. It would enable the father to have a reasonable amount of leisure time with his family. Without these minima genuine family life is impossible."

Other resolutions recommended a national family allowance act, a deeper knowledge of the genuinely Christian aspects of marriage and Christian family life and a whole-hearted return to religious practices within the family circle; condemned the "immoral and destructive practices of contraception, sterilization, and abortion," warned against "false statements in the press regarding Catholic marriage ethics, against misleading conclusions of an untrustworthy pseudo-science regarding marriage and the family," declared that the only solution for the divorce problem, with which the "scandal of juvenile delinquency" is "inimately linked," is the rejection of all divorce, and attacked those businessmen, who "in search of profits" make immorally attractive to youth through squalid advertising, suggestive motion pictures and lewd magazines.

Speaking at a general session of the convention, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston called on the people of his state, Massachusetts, and of Connecticut to resist the pressure of groups trying to introduce legislation to permit the dissemination of birth control information.

### Real Democracy Reverses Human Rights—Fr. Walsh

Tokyo — (NC) — The real test of a democracy is the reverence which its people have for other persons as sons of God, the Rev. Dr. Edmund A. Walsh, S.J., vice president and regent of the foreign service school of Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., declared in an address here.

Father Walsh came to Japan on a tour of inspection of Jesuit educational institutions. The reception was sponsored by the Japanese Catholic Press Association and the International Jesuit Alumni, which has been formed among U. S. occupation forces. More than 400 guests were present.

Father Walsh said that the amazing industry of the Japanese people is a hopeful omen for the future of the nation. The Japanese, he said, have shown a greater determination to rebuild their country than has been shown by any of the other former Axis nations and by many of the liberated countries.

Father Walsh told the Japanese people that the strength of a democracy lies in its spirit. He said it is the easiest process of government to select and the most difficult to maintain. He warned against the "deserting" of moral teachers of the 19th century, to whom, he said, the menace of chaos and total war can be traced. He repeated earlier remarks he had made that maintenance of peace depends upon elimination of excessive nationalism, development of effective collective security, access to raw materials on the part of all peoples, and freer opportunities of emigration and immigration.

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