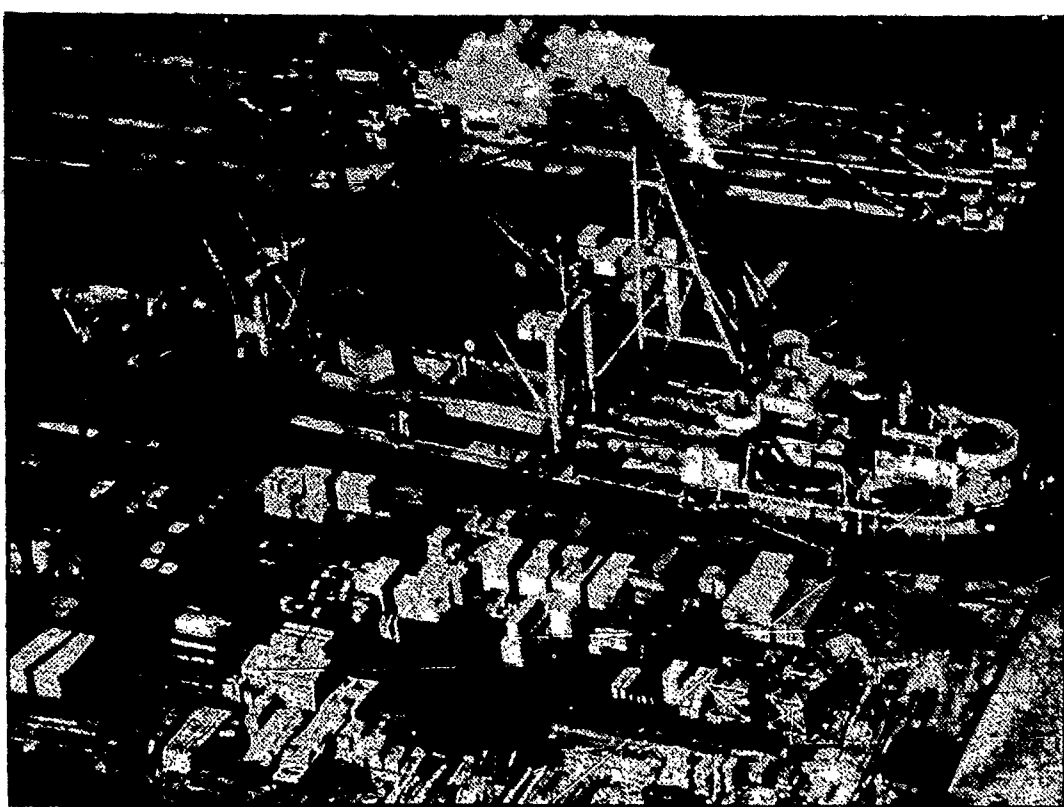


## America Helps Prime Red War Machine



Here is pictorial evidence of American inconsistency. While our statesmen call for a halt to Soviet Russian expansion, red ships like the Volga, shown at the Claremont Terminal in Jersey City, are being loaded with American-made goods. The freighter is scheduled to take on 2,077,078 pounds of American locomotives, Diesel engines, precision machinery and other equipment. The cranes and lighters alongside indicate the frantic haste with which the vessel is being loaded to beat the expected ban on exports.

### ON GUARD

Age of Secularism  
Light Bearers Needed  
God in Market Place  
By REV. P. J. FLINN

The deep inroads which secularism has made in American society can be blamed in large part on the very people who profess to stand for God. Religious minded Catholics, Protestants and Jews. The secularists have taken over largely because we have left the field wide open to them.

THE SUPREME COURT decision which upsets our religious education program, for public school children has shocked thousands of Americans. Equally shocking is the fact that the Supreme Court's latest decision which declares that obscene literature is "as much entitled to the protection of free speech as the best of literature."

We Catholics can hardly be indifferent to the turn of events in this nation which we love. Even though we have our own schools to fall back upon we cannot be indifferent in the fact that the Supreme Court has officially secularized the public schools.

In this hour we Catholics will do our country a disservice if we sit back and play the role of bystanders. On this point, Father James Keller, the inspired director of the "Christophers" Movement, has some good practical advice.

Writes Father Keller, "In the tremendous responsibility now facing all God-fearing people of America, Catholics must neither overlook nor shirk their share of the responsibility. At no time should we be satisfied with merely saving ourselves. Now, more than ever before have we the serious duty and extraordinary privilege of showing a solidarity for all Americans... of being truly Catholic, by including all and excluding none."

THE SECULARISTS and atheists have gained power in this country not because they are numerous but because they are in the right places in government, education, etc. "The record clearly shows," writes Father Keller, "that the vast majority of our American Catholics and most who acknowledge a Supreme Being tend to live in our own little worlds and leave the running of the big world to those who are against God. Far from doing our share in providing leadership in the great spheres of influence, despite our proven capacity for leadership, statistics demonstrate that we are lagging behind in the field."

"Although we number one-fifth of the nation, we furnish nothing near that proportion in the key fields affecting the destiny of all people, including ourselves. In the influential fields of education, government, labor relations, and the writing end of newspapers, magazines, books, radio, the stage and the movies, we are few and far between.

"We are conspicuous by our absence in the field of ideas."

WE CATHOLICS, states Father Keller, "tend rather to limit ourselves largely to fields where we can 'make some money.' Then, after we've made some to make some more. We incline to measure success in terms of worldly possessions, power or social advantages. But the more we become immersed in the pursuit of 'things,' the more blind we become to the power of ideas, especially the one great idea which is our distinguishing mark. And in so doing we tend to drift farther and farther from God."

## Catholic War Vets Picket Ships Bound for Russia

By JOHN O'CONNOR

New York — (Special) Despite the picket lines thrown about the pier in Jersey City by the Catholic War Veterans and other veterans' groups of the area, the Soviet freighter Chukotka sailed from that port last week carrying a full cargo of precious and rare industrial equipment destined for Soviet use while American manufacturers pleaded with firms for a small duplication of such an order.

A few hours after the Chukotka sailed, the Soviet freighter Volga moved into the same berth and began to take on cargo equally rare and equally vital to any heavy industry program... or any war program.

DOING THE BAY, berthed for overhauling in Staten Island, was the Russia also awaiting cargo.

The arrival and departure of these Soviet ships in the small ports around New York and in New York itself have been known for some time by the local residents.

At increasingly frequent intervals, storekeepers near the docks are visited by rough, uncouth Soviet sailors demanding every kind of consumer goods and quite aware of all the local prices.

A number of storekeepers in the area informed this correspondent that they preferred not to deal with the seamen of the Soviet ships because of their manners and their habits. When ashore, they range far and wide in their walks through the cities, they embark at all of these areas are railway terminals of tremendous commercial and military importance.

From the day the Catholic War Veterans of Jersey City organized a picket line with the support of numerous other groups, the press has been barred from the pier by the U. S. Customs men acting under orders from an undetermined authority.

This correspondent was politely but firmly refused entrance to the pier by customs officials, although streams of unidentified laborers continued to pass unimpeded through the heavy wire gates that border the freight area. Railroad workers told me that it was possible to get on the pier through other means. But apparently the press is barred, although the Journal American solved the problem by the means of a helicopter for its cameramen and the New York Daily News flew its well-known amphibian directly over the dock several times in search of pictures. The reporters of the Jersey Journal hired a small motor boat and sped past the Soviet vessel, taking as many pictures as they could.

THE PICTURES revealed a number of tanks resting on the dock. Upon enquiry, it was an

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**Berlin Cardinal Thanks Irish**

Dublin — (NC) — His Eminence Cardinal von Preysing of Berlin has written to the President of Ireland, Sean T. O'Kelly, expressing thanks for Irish which Ireland has sent to the German people.

"The Irish people have again helped the people of Germany," His Eminence writes, "especially the inhabitants of the East Zone, with liberal gifts of food and clothing. Permit me in my own name to offer you my heartfelt thanks for these generous gifts, which have relieved thousands, and in many cases have actually saved their lives. May God richly reward you and your people."

## U.S. Supreme Court Kills New York Ban Against Lurid Books

Washington — (NC) — A 64-year-old New York law which has banned sale of publications generally devoted to stories of bloodshed, crime and horror, has been held unconstitutional by a 6-to-3 decision of the U. S. Supreme Court.

"Through we can see nothing of any possible value to society in these magazines," said Associate Justice Stanley F. Reed in delivering the majority opinion, "they are as much entitled to the protection of free speech as the best of literature."

Justice Felix Frankfurter, who was joined by Justices Robert H. Jackson and Harold H. Burton, delivered the dissenting opinion in which he held the ruling knocked down similar laws in some 20 States. He said these States are: Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin.

THE MAJORITY opinion upset the statute on the ground that it was too vague. "It does not seem to us," Justice Reed said, "that an honest distributor of publications could know when he might be held to have ignored such a prohibition." The opinion also held that such a statute is an attempt to make criminal an innocent act, a conviction under it cannot be sustained.

The case came from an appeal by a New York book dealer who was fined \$1,000 on a charge of possessing with intent to sell some 2,000 copies of a magazine called "Headquarters Detective, True Cases from the Police Blotter." The appeal contended that the New York law violated the Constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press.

The majority decision that a State may not punish by a vague statute, Justice Reed said, carried no implication that the State may not punish circulation of objectionable printed matter.

Justice Frankfurter, for the dissenters, said the essence of the majority decision "is that it gives publications which have 'nothing of any possible value to society' constitutional protection, but denies to the States the power to prevent the grave evils to which, in their rational judgment, such publications give rise."

## Msgr. Sheen Asks Letter to Italy

New York — (NC) — The problem facing Magdalen on Easter Sunday was "Who shall roll back the stone?" the problem facing Christian civilization today is "Who shall roll up the Iron Curtain?" Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, asserted on the Catholic Hour.

Relating how the Iron Curtain had descended on one country after another, Monsignor Sheen stated that there is now danger that the catacombs of Rome may once more have to open their hospitable caverns to the sheep in flight from the bear. "If Italy goes communist on the 18th of April, the head of the Christian world may be beaten with the hammer, and the heart of the Christian world pierced by a sickle," he added.

MONSIGNOR SHEEN urged his listeners "within the next few days to send letters and cables to your friends in Italy." "Tell them that the communists are lying to them as they lied to the peoples of Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Lithuania. Tell them the meaning of democracy, and beg them in God's name not to allow barbarism to ravage the Seven Hills of the Eternal City."

"We owe this to Italy," he continued, "for if that city which has been Christian for 1,500 years falls, then all the other cities of Western civilization which are only its suburbs and outposts, may give way under the strain of what has happened to the heart of the world."

Reds Starved 75,000 Says Cologne Cardinal

Cologne — (NC) — Of 100,000 Germans living in the city of Koenigsberg, East Prussia, when it was taken by the Red Army in 1945 75,000 have since died of starvation. His Eminence Josef Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, told a mass meeting of Catholic workers in Recklinghausen, Westphalia.

"Things have happened there," the Cardinal added, "which cannot be related and can only be compared to what occurred when Jerusalem was destroyed."

By REV. J. J. SULLIVAN

Rome — (NC) — Holy Week was really holy in Rome with the fullness of the divine liturgy being carried out in countless churches and vast multitudes participating everywhere.

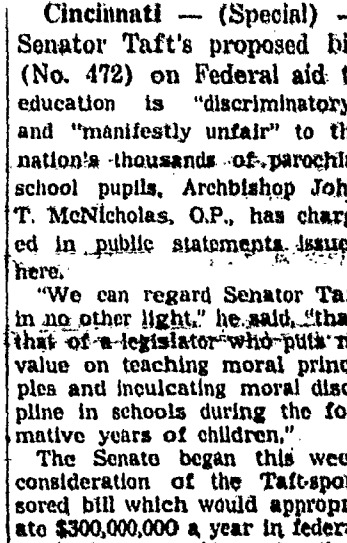
A random visit to a dozen churches on Holy Thursday afternoon gave the impression that everybody in the city was visiting churches. Crowds were so thick that considerable effort was required to enter and leave the churches. Everywhere in Rome thousands could be seen coming and going to churches.

On Good Friday afternoon the multitudes received a blessing with the relics of the True Cross by His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, at his titular church of the Holy Cross

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## Abp. McNicholas Charges Taft Against Parochial School Aid



ABP. MCNICHOLAS

## SECULARISM PERIL CITED BY PRELATE

San Francisco — (NC) — Cautioning that the nation eventually will be doomed if liberty of education is destroyed, Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., of Cincinnati, in a letter to the priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, both statements are published on the front page of the Catholic Telegraph-Register, official weekly of the Archdiocese.

OUTLINING HIS VIEWS on federal aid to education, the Archbishop urged:

1) Elimination in the Taft bill of a proposed grant of \$5 for every child in every state. "Wealthier states do not need this money and no grant should be made to them," he said.

2) Elimination of the bill's requirement "that counts in from two and a half to three million children in non-public schools in order to allocate \$5 per capita and then counts these same children out in the actual distribution."

3) Support of "federal grants to increase teachers' salaries in public schools in those states lacking adequate resources to finance a system of schools meeting at least minimum standards."

4) "Federal grants for essential school services, such as transportation, text books, etc., exclusively, and health and welfare services in both public and non-public schools."

Admitting that the federal government has always been fair in field of education, the Archbishop charged that "Senator Taft's bill would make it unfair by granting federal monies to those states which prohibit the distribution of public funds to non-public schools."

SENATOR TAFT'S bill would permit parochial schools to share in the proposed \$300,000,000 appropriation only in those states where such a practice is legally permitted. Most state constitutions, however, prohibit school authorities from distributing public funds to non-public schools.

"It is difficult, if not impossible, to follow Senator Taft's reasoning," the Cincinnati prelate told his clergy.

From a letter written (Dec. 28, 1945) by the Ohio Senator leader to Monsignor Frederick Hochwald, director of the education department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

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**Rome Rites Impress Diocesan Priest**

By REV. J. J. SULLIVAN

Jerusalem near the St. John gate of the old Roman wall. The traditional open air Stations of the Cross on the Palatine hill were led by members of Rome's diocesan men of Catholic Action. Because of the huge crowd participating the usual approach to the Church of St. Bonaventura could not be used, and the crowd was taken to the larger space of the ruins of the Roman forum.

Modern and ancient times met on Holy Saturday when a plane dropped leaflets over the city inviting Romans to renew the ancient tradition of coming to St. Peter's square on Easter noon to wish the Holy Father a Happy Easter."

Fr. Sullivan Has Trieste Retreat

Trieste — (NC) — About 1,500 persons, both soldiers and civilians, attended a two-week mission conducted here for American Catholics serving with TRUST (Trieste United States Troops). The mission was given by the Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan, who serves at Vatican City as a correspondent for N. C. W. C. News Service.

Father Sullivan, a priest of the Rochester Diocese, has been on his present assignment since last September.

## Holy Father Urges Communism Defeat In Italian Election

Rome — (RNS) — In an Easter address to 150,000 persons crowded into St. Peter's square and extending a mile away, Pope Pius XII called upon Italians to defeat Communism and ensure the triumph of the Church in Italy's national elections on April 18.

Although the Pope did not once refer directly to Communism or the general election in his 15-minute speech, he very clearly understood his meaning when he declared that "the great hour of Christian conscience has struck."

Cheers greeted his warning that Italy finds itself today amidst a development of the times which calls for untiring response, supreme watchfulness and unconditional action from the head and all members of Christianity.

"IN YOUR CONSCIENCE," the Pope said, "there is no room for cowardice. Accommodation for the irresolution of those who in this crucial hour, believe they can serve two masters." He quoted from St. Matthew the "terrible verdict of Christ: 'He who is not with Me is against Me.'"

"Well understood," the Pope exhorted, "what such a crossroads signifies and compels for those who profess to be Christians. Your consciences should be weighed to such a full understanding of its responsibility, there is no room for blind belief toward those who first abundantly claim respect for religion and then, alas, reveal themselves as deniers of that which is most sacred in the religion."

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SENATOR TAFT

Washington — (NC) — Strong insistence for amendments, some of which would aid non-public schools, came from several quarters shortly after Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio called up for debate in the Senate his Federal Aid to Education bill.

Under terms of the bill, as called up, some \$300,000,000 would be provided for public school students between the ages of 5 to 17, based on a formula of average daily attendance and channeled by the Federal Government to school agencies through the various States.

But Senator Brian McMahon of Connecticut, insisted that such an arrangement would be unfair to non-public school children. He pointed out that while they would be counted in under the bill for purposes of appropriation, they would be counted out when it came to practical application of the funds.

In all but a few States, he pointed out, State Constitutions would prohibit their school authorities from distributing the Federal funds to non-public schools.

AS THE DEBATE progressed, Senator James E. Murray of Montana, recalled that for years he had favored legislation of Federal Aid to Education, and insisted that unless such help is provided the States now will be unable to meet their educational crisis.

He, too, asserted that he was "convinced however, that if the Federal Government is to appropriate funds for all the children in the United States, then it must make certain that all the children, including those in the non-public schools, receive some kind of aid."

He said that was the "one serious imperfection" in the bill under consideration and joined in the opinion that it could be corrected "easily by an amendment" providing a "modest appropriation" for non-public school services.

SENATOR TAFT contended that to provide funds for non-public schools would be unconstitutional under the recent U. S. Supreme Court decisions in the New Jersey School Bus case and the Chapin (Ill.) religious case. He incorporated the decisions in both of these cases into the debate record. He said the decisions "make it almost impossible for any State to give aid to any parochial schools, except possibly for bus transportation."

SENATOR McMahon, disagreed with the Senator's interpretation of the court decisions as applied to the legislation.

JAPAN CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Tokyo — (NC) — An All-Japan Catholic Charities Organization to be known as "Caritas" is being projected by the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Committee.

The organization will assist all charitable and social work undertaken by the hierarchy as to religious communities.

MEMORANDUM

RE: The above mentioned organization is being projected by the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Committee. The organization will assist all charitable and social work undertaken by the hierarchy as to religious communities.