Congressman Hits Court On Released-Time

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Representative Herbert A. Meyer (R.) of Kansas issued a statement here denouncing the recent Supreme Court decision on religious teaching in public schools as a "shock" to "all God-fearing people in America."

He described the ruling as meaning, in effect, that "non-sectarian religious teaching in the public schools violates the constitutional rights of an atheist and therefore cannot be conducted in such schools."

"This decision," he said, "shocked and rightly so, all God-fearing people in America, and made them wonder just why and how the Court made its findings at a time when Communism is mounting a vicious attack upon religious institutions everywhere."

Meyer DESCRIBED as "far-fetched" the implication of a ruling that tax money cannot be used to further religious purposes and that Church and State should be kept completely separated.

He said that both the United States Military Academy and the Naval Academy, tax-supported institutions, require cadets to attend church services at a chapel built with tax money and provided free by a tax-paid chaplain.

Furthermore, he declared, tax money builds and operates religious institutions on U. S. ships at sea, and House and Senate sessions are opened with prayer, these prayers later being issued in volumes and distributed.

Declaring that "all of these things are done in institutions just as much tax-supported as schools," Meyer asked: "How can any such procedure now be called legal, in view of the Court's ruling?"

He added that several representatives have recently voiced the mounting feeling of the people when they spoke on the subject."

Ex-Annapolis Priest Researches In Rome

New York —(NC)— The Rev. Francis X. Murphy, C. SS. R., former chaplain at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., has left for Rome to do for a year of study in the Eternal City. Father Murphy will take part in a convention of historians among the Redemptorist Fathers, being held in Rome in Easter week, to discuss research projects having to do with the life of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, and the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer which he founded in 1732. Father Murphy's stay in Rome will enable him to search documentary material in connection with these projects, and to make other historical studies.

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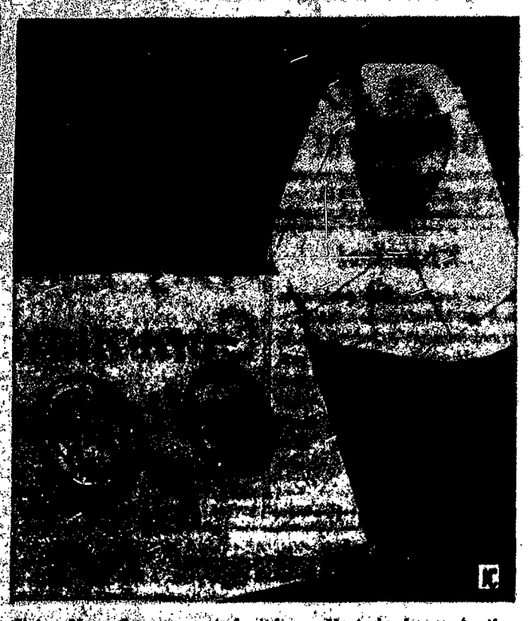


Sister Mary Lorana, a student for a Master's degree in the Art Department of Catholic University of America, holds her prize winning design for the new Cardinal Gibbons Medal, to be awarded annually by the University's Alumni Association to the individual who has given distinguished or meritorious service to the Church, the nation or the university. Rent. (NC Photos)

Holy Land Easter Proves Somber Amid Strife, Gunfire

Jerusalem — (Radio NC) — The spirit which pervaded this Easter in the Holy City, scarred by bombing, destruction and killing, is best reflected by the Prophet Jeremias in lamentations sung during Holy Week Tenebrae services before the Tomb of the Saviour:

"How doth the city sit solitary that was full of people! From the Daughter of Sion all her beauty is departed. Jerusalem hath remembered the days of her affliction: O, all ye that pass the way, attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow." (Lament 1.)

In the fighting here on Tuesday night of Holy Week considerable damage was done to the Apostolic Delegation and to the Benedictine Abbey on Mount Sion. Archbishop Arthur Hughes, Papal Internuncio to Egypt, was forced to leave the delegation and take refuge at the Franciscan house of St. Saviour's.

Owing to the general insecurity in and around the Holy City it was necessary to alter the customary program of Holy Week services. The Holy Hour in Gethsemane from eight to nine on Holy Thursday night, following the walk from the Cenacle over the path taken by Our Lord and His Apostles, could not be held because of the danger involved.

The hour of the Burial of Christ service on Calvary and at the Holy Sepulchre on Good Friday night was advanced; in order to let participants return home as early as possible, none of the customary seven sermons in as many languages was preached.

The Holy Saturday midnight celebration of the Pontifical Matins was restricted to the clergy actually participating in this solemn service, since current security regulations forbid anyone to be on the streets of the Old City between the hours of 10 p. m. and 5 a. m.

Pontifical Mass at the Tomb of Christ on Easter morning was celebrated as usual, but without that gladsome note always associated with Easter in this city of the Resurrection.

Scot Hotel Sale To Bishops Voided

Edinburgh — (RNS) — Negotiations for the transfer of the Grand Hotel in St. Andrews, Fife, for conversion into a Catholic training college, have been halted as a result of a petition signed by 3,000 taxpayers.

Sale of the hotel was vetoed by the Town Council after that body received the petition. The Catholic hierarchy, which originally purchased the hotel for $320,000 with the consent of government authorities, has the right to appeal the Council veto to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Quaker Vatican Editor

London — (RNS) — Dr. Ernest H. S. van Someren, a Quaker scientist, has been named editor for the British Empire of Spectrochimica Acta, international research journal published by the Vatican Observatory.

India Bishops Give Pastoral On Communism

Kottayam, India—Bishops and officials of the six Latin Rites Sees in Malabar province have issued a joint pastoral containing a sharp denunciation of Communism and urging the faithful to counteract propagandists of this "atheistic philosophy."

This indictment comes at a time when Communist agents are making an all-out effort to win the sympathies of the poverty-stricken masses in India and when heads of other religious communities are eager to have the Catholic Church take leadership in fighting the Communist menace.

Branding Red agents as "wolves in sheep's clothing" who disguise their doctrines as "only a humanitarian movement attempting to better the condition of the poor," the statement asks Catholics to dissuade people from attending Communist meetings, parades and lectures; to expose the vain promises of Communism through meetings, lectures and study clubs, and to combat it by bringing as many persons as possible to the practice of religion and by observing Christian charity in all dealings.

THE STATEMENT was signed by the Bishops of Cochin, Kottar, Quilon and Trivandrum; the Administrator Apostolic of Vijayapuram, and the Vicar General of Verapoly.

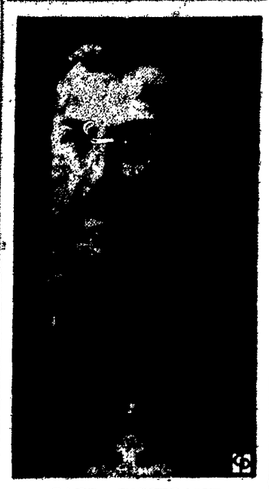
Communism is "a very militant atheism, denying the existence of God and an immortal soul, thereby denying man's eternal destiny and the need of religion and morality," the pastoral states. It adds: "Communism views man as a mere animal governed by material laws and destined to serve merely material ends. Hence, most logically it despises the human individual and is prepared to sacrifice any number of individuals . . . It fosters hatred and class war as nature's means of progress, and plots to bring about world-wide revolution and bloodshed, destroying the whole civilized order built on faith in God and love of neighbor. And eventually instead of redeeming its promises to the masses it completely betrays their cause, sacrificing them mercilessly to the idol of the totalitarian state."

Named to Air Board

Washington — (NC) — Joseph J. O'Connell, Jr., has been chosen by President Harry S. Truman to be chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Mortal Sin To Join Reds, Cardinal Says

Vatican City— (Radio, NC) —His Eminence Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Bishop of Porto and Santa Rufina, a suburban See of Rome, has told his faithful that atheistic Communism is the gravest menace to Christian civilization in the history of the Church.



CARD. TISSERANT

He made this declaration in an 1,800-word circular letter sent to the clergy of his diocese. The Cardinal also sent a separate communique, summarizing the points of the letter, to be read to the faithful of his diocese.

In these documents hr French-born Cardinal warns his faithful that to become a member of the Communist party or to carry on communist propaganda and induce others to join the movement is a mortal sin and cannot be forgiven without first repudiating the ideology. He also warns that adherents of communism cannot be given Christian burial or be buried in consecrated ground.

"I believe," the Cardinal wrote, "that Christian civilization has never before been confronted with such a grave menace as atheistic communism, either because of its powerful and unscrupulous methods or because of the condition of the people who are insufficiently instructed in their religion, hungry in this peaceless, postwar period for the material needs of life, searching for a new order, and giving greater thought to the principles of social life and class distinctions."

CITING THE dictum of Karl Marx that religion is the opium of the people, Cardinal Tisserant declared: "Nothing is more logical than the repeated condemnation of communism by the Church.

Those Catholics who favor and propagate Marxist communism expose themselves to perversion and loss of their faith, cooperate in spreading false doctrine, in the denial of religious truths, in the struggle against God and His Church, in the triumph of immorality, evil and general disorder, and in anarchy within family and country, the Cardinal continued, adding:

"Hence, no Catholic can be a communist because he would thus find himself in strident and open competition with his conscience and his faith. Therefore, Catholics who in bad faith are inscribed or become members of the Communist party, or, worse still, carry on communist propaganda and induce others to join, have committed and are committing a grave sin and cannot obtain absolution without first repudiating that false ideology."

Moral Politics Urged by Pope

Vatican City — (NC) — Christian students of political science must enter politics and try to establish a world order based on moral principles; they are blameworthy if they abandon the field to those who are unworthy or incapable, His Holiness Pope Pius XII told a group of political science students in an audience here.

"Your training as political science students and your experience as political men enable Us to expect of you, and depend on you, to be valiant collaborators of rebirth and of spiritual, social, moral, religious and temporal prosperity in your countries," the Pontiff told them.

"Let the timid be dismayed; let the agitators wretchedly play with words — their play succeeded so well in the past that they are permitted to continue even now. But is it just and praiseworthy that you keep yourselves above occasional quarrels which embitter party struggles so that you can remain firmly united on essential points of justice, charity and Christian wisdom.

IN ARCHIEPISCOPAL SEE

The Most Rev. J. Francis A. McIntyre, seated on the episcopal throne in historic St. Vibiana's Cathedral, Los Angeles, receives from the hands of Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, the crozier, symbol of his office, at installation ceremonies there. The 61-year-old Manhattan-born prelate thus became the second Archbishop of Los Angeles, succeeding the late Archbishop John J. Cantwell. AP. (NC Photos)

Abp. McIntyre Installed As Los Angeles Prelate

Los Angeles —(NC)— On the Feast of St. Joseph, foster father of Christ, Los Angeles' 650,000 Catholics received a new Chief Shepherd as the Most Reverend J. Francis A. McIntyre was installed in historic St. Vibiana's Cathedral as the second Archbishop of Los Angeles.

The 61-year-old Manhattan-born Prelate was guided to the vacant episcopal throne by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, with whom he served in New York City for the last nine years.

Into Archbishop McIntyre's hands, the Cardinal gave the crozier, symbol of the jurisdiction exercised here, up to five months ago, for 30 years by the late Archbishop John J. Cantwell. The crozier was a gift to the Archbishop from his class of 1921 at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, New York.

Archbishop McIntyre became spiritual leader of a See extending over four Southern California counties from San Juan Capistrano to La Purissma Conception. More than 2,200 members of the laity, State and city officials and the former Prime Minister of Ireland, Eamon De Valera, were present for the ceremony.

Cardinal Spellman, who spoke from his throne immediately after the installation ceremony in tribute to Archbishop McIntyre, said. "We to whom he has been a foster-father for 25 years will ever remember and be grateful for his deeds and devotion . . . for nine unforgettable years he has been like Peter, a rock to share my burdens, like unto a Rosary to share my prayers.

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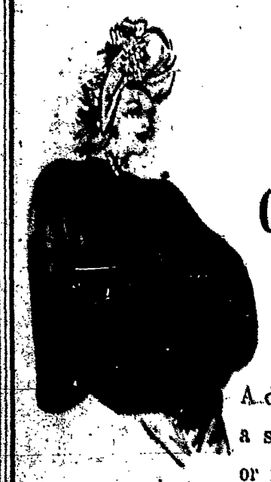

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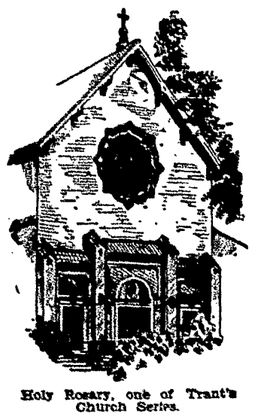

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