

Anti-Catholic Branded Anti-American by Editor

Huntington, Ind. — (NC) — "The Catholic Church can point to a most enviable and consistent record both for loyalty to country and their hostility to all foreign 'isms' calculated to weaken the people of this country."

This writer, F. A. Fink, editor of Our Sunday Visitor, in a new pamphlet entitled "Whose Friends are They—America's or Russia's?"—an answer to recent attacks on the Catholic Church by the organization of "Protestants and Other Americans United For Separation of Church and State."

When officers of this organization, Mr. Fink writes, replied to a statement by Archbishop John T. McSheehy, O.P., of Cincinnati, chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, they made the threat that they proposed "to acquit school boards, legislatures, Congress and the Courts" with their position and that if government authorities should continue "to yield to the pressure of the Roman church for a union of their interests with the state and the public treasury, serious consequences in public feeling will surely ensue."

It is for this reason, Mr. Fink writes, that we feel it important that the same message be reached by this pamphlet designed to prove that the one concerning whom the American people must be warned.

The Church is accused by this organization, Mr. Fink writes, because "the Vatican is advising our President through Myron C. Taylor, his personal representative" and "the Catholic church is the public school treasury, drawing assistance from the state for transportation of Catholic children by bus over the public highways on their way to school."

"Catholicism," Mr. Fink continues, "has nothing to do with the appointment by the President of a personal representative to the Vatican to aid him in the work of peace and since Catholics comprise an average of 31 per cent of the total population in the 48 largest cities of the United States and in some of them to 60 per cent, contributing their proportion to school funds without receiving a dollar back for the education of their children in their public schools recognized by the courts as legal, it is the Catholic, and not the non-Catholic, who would have a just right to complain about the waste use of school funds."

MR. FINK gives sketches of the associations and activities of

Irish Priest Chinese Pastor

Chicago — (NC) — An Irish priest, the Rev. Martin Joseph Burke, M. M., shook the Chinese sensibilities of Chicago's famed Chinatown out of their slumber by speaking Chinese, and also their dialects, the "Fookien" and "Soochow."

Father Burke, who was born in Brooklyn, spent 19 years as a missionary in China. At present he directs St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Mission in Chinatown. Formerly the mission building housed a saloon on the first floor and a dance hall on the second floor.

The officers of the newly-formed organization; he discusses at length the subject of "Church and State," presents excerpts from authoritative Catholic statements, and cites evidence of non-Catholic lay and clerical leaders in opposition to various activities and aims of leaders of the organization "Protestants Other Americans."

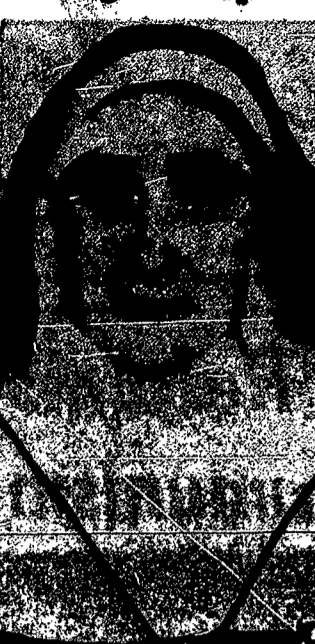
The pamphlet contains a list of organizations classified as pro-communist by the United States Justice Department, and a list of schools designated by the Attorney General as "adjuncts of the Communist party." "All the above un-American organizations and numerous others," Mr. Fink writes, "listed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, have been quite vigorously anti-Catholic, which confirms our contention."

It is made, that the foremost enemies of the Catholic Church in the United States are also enemies of their own form of civil government. The active anti-Catholic is also anti-American."

California Starts Campaign to Aid DP's

Los Angeles — (NC) — An intensive campaign has been started to find refuge in Southern California for hundreds of thousands of Europe's displaced persons. With an appeal made today by Archbishop J. Francis A. McSheehy of Los Angeles. The bishop's plea, in the form of a letter read at Sunday Masses throughout the archdiocese, asked the 450,000 Catholics in the four counties under his jurisdiction to consider receiving one or more of the DP's in their homes.

Long in Japan



Hall and hearty at 87, Mother Antonia Valentia has spent 62 years in the orphanage and school of the Sisters of the Infant Jesus in Kobe, Japan, with never a trip back to her French homeland. She was twice decorated by the Japanese Emperor for her contribution to the welfare of orphans in Japan and received a special blessing from Pope Pius XII on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of her arrival in Japan. (NC Photos).

Three Warsaw Newspapers Score Vatican

Warsaw — (RNS) — Simultaneous attacks on the Vatican in three Warsaw newspapers have been attributed in Catholic circles here to the government's growing impatience over the Polish hierarchy's attitude toward the Communist-controlled regime.

Under the caption, "The Vatican and Washington are financing the campaign of Italian Conservatives," Robotnik, Socialist daily, accused Pope Pius XII of having entered into an agreement with Myron C. Taylor, President Truman's personal representative at the Vatican, to support rightist elements in the Italian election against "progressives."

Meanwhile, Glos Ludu, in an article entitled, "The Vatican, Poland and Germany," devoted almost an entire page to denouncing what it called the Pope's "friendliness to Germany, against the interests of Poland."

"THE POPE," the article asserted, "prayed for Germans who were ordered out from Polish western territories after the war, but never prayed for Poles whom the Germans ousted from their homes during the war." It also charged that the Vatican "never appointed a special guardian for deported Poles, but did so in the case of deported Germans."

The third anti-Vatican outburst appeared in the afternoon newspaper, Wiecez, which attacked Ossawatvoro Romano, Vatican newspaper, for an alleged report that Poles have been denied the right to own radio sets and that broadcasts in Poland are being controlled by special "cultural officers."

"This piece of information in Ossawatvoro Romano," Wiecez declared, "is a deliberate lie." Although attacks on the Vatican in the Polish press have been increasing lately, the synchronization of the current outbursts is due not only to resentment of the Polish hierarchy's unfriendly attitude toward the Warsaw government but as an attempt to create sympathy for Italian Communists, who are represented as having to "fight" the united forces of the Vatican and Washington.

STATE SCHOOL AID URGED

Paris — (RNS) — French Catholic leaders are becoming increasingly outspoken in opposing attempts to secularize the nation's schools and in demanding revision of the constitution to provide state grants for church schools. The issue is expected to come to a head when parliament reconvenes at the end of April.

Opening a one-day campaign in favor of church schools, Archbishop Maurice Petit of Bordeaux made a nationwide appeal urging all French Catholics to do everything in their power to safeguard liberty of education. He warned that a forthcoming parliamentary debate on the secularization of schools in the mining areas, which have been nationalized, may have serious repercussions unless a satisfactory agreement can be reached between the Popular Republicans and the Socialists.

Pope Receives Fr. Flanagan

Vatican City — (NC) — Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan, founder of Boys Town, was received in private audience here by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. Monsignor Flanagan went to Austria last month at the request of the U. S. Army to make a child welfare survey.

MAY YOU 'BE SPARED'



"May your hearts and homes, your school and your country be spared the unholy horror we have witnessed in Christian Europe," was the message of Pope Pius XII to students of the Overseas School of Rome, founded a year ago for resident Anglo-American children there. Some 60 children and their parents were received by the Pope in the library of the Vatican Palace. Valentine Giannelli of South Hadley, Mass., his wife, Mary, and their children, Erika, 7, and Bartlett, 10, are shown with the Holy Father. Associated Press photo. (NC Photos).

Pontiff Urges Better Treatment of Germany

Rome — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII, in a letter to German Catholic leaders, urged that the world "be big-hearted enough to forget the past" and give Germany as well as "all Europe a better future, the hope of a better future."

The Pope's appeal was issued coincidentally with the presence in Rome of three German cardinals: Joseph Frings, Archbishop of Cologne; Michael von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich; and Conrad von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin.

In his message, Pope Pius especially deplored the expulsion of 12,000,000 Germans from the former Reich's eastern territories, declaring "we are a tradition's judgment on this unparalleled measure will be a harsh one."

ASSERTING HE was well aware of the crimes committed by the Nazis in Poland and Russia, the Pope nevertheless maintained that this record could not justify postwar expulsions. "The victims of this counter-measure," he explained, "are in an overwhelming majority human beings who had no part in the war."

Catholic Film Censorship Hit

Budapest (NC) — Three American films, The Keys of the Kingdom; Going My Way, and The Song of Bernadette which have attracted huge crowds wherever they are shown in Hungary, are included in a list of motion pictures that has been submitted by the Cinema Association to the Minister of Internal Affairs with a request to censor them.

Commenting on this request, the Catholic weekly Uj Ember (New Men) writes: "What could be objectionable in these films? who finds fault, and why, in the sublime teachings of Christ which these films radiate? Catholics and non-Catholic alike have come in huge numbers to see these films wherever they were shown, thus expressing, as in a plebiscite, the true feelings of public opinion regarding these motion pictures."

Prison Chaplains Meet

Paris — (RNS) — Roman Catholic Bishop Jean Jacques Weber of Strasbourg is expected to attend the second annual congress of prison chaplains to be held May 3-6 at the monastery at St. Odile in Alsace.

Nun-Surgeon Goes to Africa

Paris — (NC) — Sister Anne Elizabeth, a White Sister who practiced medicine in Holland for seven years and who has just received a diploma in colonial medicine from the Paris Faculty of Medicine, has left for Africa, where she will practice surgery in the missions of Soudan. Sister Anne's operating room in Africa will be a simple native hut.

TAFT BILL IS OPPOSED

Milwaukee — (NC) — The Milwaukee Journal has recommended editorially that the House of Representatives kill the Taft Federal Aid to Education bill, passed recently by the Senate. The local daily characterizes the measure as "both dishonest and unfair . . . equivocal and evasive in dealing with fundamental issues."

"The Taft bill evades the issue of aids to parochial and private schools," the Journal states. "It would let States decide whether Federal money should go to such schools or their pupils. If this so-called State option is constitutional, it is still wrong. Non-public schools and their pupils should enjoy exactly the same benefits, if any, under Federal laws, regardless of State boundaries."

The daily also notes with disfavor that the bill would "dole out Federal dollars according to the number of children of school age, regardless of whether they are in public school or any school."

Card. Spellman Marks Appointment Anniversary

New York — (NC) — On the ninth anniversary of his appointment as Archbishop of New York, His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman officiated at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the home for the aged operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Cardinal told 200 old persons gathered in the little chapel that he knew of no better way of commemorating the day.

Before the Cardinal's arrival, Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell, Auxiliary of New York, four Monsignors, 20 priests and 15 of the home's benefactors, served a luncheon for the old people. After the festivities were over, they washed dishes.

NCCW Backs Public Housing Bill in Congress

Washington — (NC) — Aims and principles embodied in the Taft-Ellender-Wagner Housing Bill now pending before Congress accord with resolutions adopted by affiliated organizations of the National Council of Catholic Women, Miss Ruth Craven, executive secretary, states in a letter to Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, reaffirming "the interest and support of Catholic women's organizations for good housing legislation."

At their national convention in 1946, organizations affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women, representing some 5,000,000 Catholic women, Miss Craven states, adopted a resolution favoring "a long-range housing program which will encourage the building of rental housing and of homes at prices the average American can afford to pay, provide government assistance to housing projects for low-income families, and encourage slum clearance and urban redevelopment so that family life may have an opportunity to survive."

This resolution, Miss Craven continues, which also urged a housing program for rural areas and provision of adequate housing for migrant workers, was reaffirmed at the recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the N.C.C.W. in Washington.

Miss Craven's letter, sent on behalf of the Board, urges also that cost limitation in any public housing program be on a room basis rather than on a house or apartment basis, to permit the building of units for larger families, and that a program of research be undertaken aimed at producing a better house at lower cost.

Find of Babe Ruth's Discoverer Joins Braves

Durham, N. H. — (NC) — The last baseball "discovery" of the late Brother Gilbert, who started Babe Ruth on the road to fame, has left the University of New Hampshire here to join the Bluefield, W. Va., farm club of the Boston Braves.

He is Larry Stone, 20-year-old Navy veteran. Brother Gilbert, of the Xavierian Brothers, called attention of the Braves to the young pitcher. The brother died last fall shortly after Stone signed his contract with the team.

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TIME: The evening of April 19, 1948

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- The electric clock at which Mr. Hastings looked to see if he had time to mail his letter before dinner.
- The family radio, with Junior parked close beside it, listening to "Jerry and the Jeeps."
- The porch light which Mr. H. switched on to guide the dinner guests.
- The percolator, ready and waiting to do dinner duty.
- The electric range, filling the kitchen with appetizing aromas.
- The refrigerator, from which Mrs. H. was taking trays of tinkling ice cubes.
- The iron, with which Nancy was pressing a dress for her date.
- The back porch, on which Mr. H. paused to think things over—realizing that his family did use a lot more electricity nowadays, and maybe the company was right.
- The trash can into which he tossed his crumpled letter.

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