

SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL PLEDGE



His Excellency Bishop Kearney returned to Salt Lake City to open a campaign for a school in the Cathedral of the Madeleine parish. He is pictured accepting pledge card No. 1 from the Rev. Robert Dwyer, Ph.D., rector of the cathedral. In an address to the men of all parishes at a combined Communion breakfast, Bishop Kearney stressed the importance of the parish school.

Card. Spellman's Air Tour Of Australia Opens Apr. 27

Melbourne—(NC)—His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, is expected to arrive by plane in Australia on Apr. 27, enroute here to a celebrating the centenary of the Melbourne Diocese. It has been announced. The distinguished U. S. prelate will preach the sermon at the Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 2, which will officially open the centenary ceremonies.

The announcement of Cardinal Spellman's itinerary is predicated on his scheduled departure from San Francisco on Apr. 23. The schedule calls for his arrival in Sydney on Apr. 27, a stop-off at Canberra, and his arrival here on May 1.

Distinguished churchmen from many parts of the world will participate in the ceremonies. Others from the United States will include Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan of Omaha and Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen of the Catholic University of America.

After Cardinal Spellman's participation in the opening day ceremonies, he will appear at the opening of the display of ancient manuscripts on May 3; the opening of the Catholic art exhibition on May 5, and will also attend a ceremony commemorating the Coral Sea battle.

The announcement of the Cardinal's itinerary also disclosed that after the centenary ceremonies here, he is scheduled to travel by plane to Hobart, Tasmania, for a day's visit, then fly to Auckland, New Zealand, for a three-day stop.

Released-Time Programs Carried on for U.S. Children

Bogota Red Riots Destroy Churches

Bogota—(NC)—Though details are still lacking it has now been definitely established that the revolutionary disorders spread from Bogota to other parts of Colombia.

As in the capital, they were marked elsewhere, too, by the burning and looting of churches, convents and other religious institutions, and by attacks on Catholic newspapers and publishing houses.

In Medellin, where order was quickly restored, the revolutionary mob set fire to the building of La Defensa, a daily newspaper of Catholic orientation. The Pontifical Bolivarian University was partially ransacked.

In Barranquilla, priests and religious were subjected to attacks. The Salesian College and the Church of St. Nicholas were set on fire and sacred chalices profaned.

In the capital, where the revolutionaries burned the cathedral, the archiepiscopal residence, the Nunciature and the Church of San Francisco, they also attacked the Church of the Carmel and the College of the Christian Brothers. Both buildings escaped total destruction.

The Jesuits are reported to have successfully defended their newly-built college in Chapinero. (No confirmation has so far been received of a report broadcast by National Radio in Bogota and heard in Washington, according to which the charred bodies of our priests have been found among the victims of the uprising.)

Public opinion throughout Colombia generally agrees in attributing the looting and burning to carefully planned tactics of the Communist party. According to preliminary estimates the damage amounts to more than 500 million Colombian pesos about \$285,000,000 at the rate of exchange of 1.75 pesos for one dollar.

Prague University Jubilee Mass Said

Prague—(NC)—In connection with the official observance of the 600th anniversary of Charles University here, one of Europe's oldest universities, Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague celebrated High Mass in his cathedral.

Practically all American and British universities, who had previously accepted invitations to be represented at the anniversary, withdrew their acceptance following the changes among faculty members and students that were imposed by the new Prague regime.

Abp. Cushing Speaks Chicago—(NC)—Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston will be the initial speaker on the Knights of Columbus lecture series opening here Sunday evening, Nov. 21.

Chicago—(RNS)—Students here will continue to leave school an hour early one day a week to attend religion classes in nearby churches despite the opinion of the state superintendent of public instruction that such a practice violates the U. S. Supreme Court decision in the Champaign case.

Vernon L. Nickell, superintendent of public instruction for the state of Illinois, ruled from his office in Springfield that because of the Court decision not only religious education in the school buildings but also the releasing of students ahead of time for classes outside the schools violated separation of Church and State.

Legal representatives of the Chicago school board, the Church Federation of Greater Chicago (Protestant) and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Catholic) disagree with this interpretation and plan to continue their present policy.

Monks Rebuild Famed Abbey

Paris—(NC)—Numerous Benedictine vocations in France have resulted in projects to restore a number of ancient abbeys. Two of the most famous of these are the Abbey of Bec in Normandy and the Abbey of St. Benoît sur Loire.

Monks are now engaged in rebuilding the latter abbey, located on the Loire river some 20 miles east of Orleans, the city of St. Joan of Arc, on a spot where before the Christian era druidic priests met annually in council.

The monks are living and working on farms in the vicinity and devoting a certain number of hours each week to the work of rebuilding the abbey. There will be a cloister, chapel, sacristy, hall of religious, library, scriptorium, refectory, kitchens and cells accommodating 180 monks. Later a hotel for pilgrims is to be built, with an assembly hall for retreats, lectures and the showing of selected motion pictures.

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Relief Aides



Fr. Wycleo Fr. Brosema Rev. Aloysius J. Wycleo of Chicago was appointed Assistant Executive Director of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, and Rev. Vincent J. Brosema of New York was named Assistant to the Executive Director, Msgr. Edward E. Swanstrom, at the annual spring meeting of the Administrative Board of the N.C.W.C. (NO Photos).

formation of the history and the tenets of religious bodies in the regular curriculum may continue.

St. Louis Church Groups Win Fight

St. Louis—(RNS)—Church groups here won the first round of their battle for continuance of released-time religious education in local public schools when the Board of Education voted 11-10 to extend the program to the end of the school year in June.

By its action, the board overrode a recommendation by Superintendent of Instruction Philip J. Hickey and its Committee on Instruction. That recommendation was based on the opinion that the released-time program is illegal under the recent Supreme Court ruling banning religious instruction in the public schools of Champaign, Ill.

Los Angeles Approves Released-Time Plan

Los Angeles—(RNS)—Released-time education programs in California do not fall under the condemnation of the U. S. Supreme Court, according to an opinion given by Dr. C. O. Trillingham, superintendent of Los Angeles County Schools, by County Counsel Harold Kennedy.

Keating Lauds CWV In Charter Request

Washington, D. C.—(Special)—Congress heard a plea last week for early action in granting Federal charters to the Catholic War Veterans and the Jewish War Veterans from Congressman Kenneth E. Keating of Rochester.

"These veterans groups have already been recognized by the Veterans' Administration as authorized to represent ex-servicemen in their dealings with the administration," said Keating. "They seek by the pending measures to secure additional strength, dignity and standing which inhere in a Federal charter."

THE CONGRESSMAN testified that "Catholic War Veterans and Jewish War Veterans have taken a position in the front ranks of those who fight the good fight every day of their lives, for those ideals and principles on which this Nation was founded. . . and against those subversive elements which seek to undermine our institutions and divide our people."

"It is no answer," he charged, "to say that these Federal charters should be denied because the precedent which they might create for the incorporation of religious societies."

Among the religious organizations already granted Federal charters Keating cited the following: the Presbyterian Congregation in Georgetown, the Protestant Episcopal Foundation of Washington, D.C., the Union Church of the Canal Zone, and the Society of Deaconesses and Missionaries.

The Congressman denied that granting of Federal charters to the Catholic and Jewish veterans' groups would violate the Constitutional provision that "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion."

REJECTING THIS objection as being "without merit," the Rochester Congressman observed: "It must be noted the Constitution does not say we shall pass no law regarding religion, but 'respecting an establishment of religion.'"

The Congressman, who is a

member of the House Judiciary Committee, included in his remarks criticism of the Supreme Court's recent decision which bars religious instruction in public schools.

"Many of us who have an abiding faith in the broad religious principles upon which this Nation was founded, fully emphasized to us by these words on our coat of arms, 'In God We Trust,' and, in our legislative bodies, by the daily recitation so eloquently offered by our chaplains of all religious faiths, are very much shocked over the possible effects of the recent Supreme Court decision banning all forms of religious instruction in the public schools."

"There is a well-grounded fear," he asserted, "on the part of many substantial, God-fearing citizens that the extension of the doctrine enunciated in this decision might undermine one of the essential pillars of government and threaten its foundations."

He asked the House to take favorable action on the requests for Federal charters by the Catholic War Veterans and the Jewish War Veterans and expressed the hope that the Senate which has already pigeon-holed the requests would reconsider its action.

The membership of both the Catholic War Veterans and the Jewish War Veterans, said the Congressman, "is composed of patriots of the first order, men and women who deserve and enjoy the respect and admiration of those of all religious faiths who have the common feeling of love of country."

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