

Australians Greet U.S. Prelates



These happy scenes were taken as Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, and his party of American prelates arrived in Australia to participate in the centenary of the Catholic Diocese of Melbourne. Upper photo (INP), Cardinal Spellman, with Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney, seems to be enjoying the civic reception there. Lower photo (AP), Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America is surrounded by children and elderly women seeking to greet him personally, following the festivities in the Sydney Town Hall. (NC Photos).



American Prelates Hail Melbourne on Centenary

Melbourne, Australia. (NC) - The growth and splendor of the Church in Australia is such that American visitors can hardly believe their eyes. Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan of Omaha declared during a Pontifical Mass in historic St. Francis Church here.

The Mass was part of the eight-day celebrations commemorating the centenary of the establishment of the Melbourne Diocese.

Drawing a parallel between America and Australia, the Archbishop related that pioneers went to both countries that they might breathe the air of freedom. "We should not be worthy of them if with a soft way of life we fought out freedom purchased by others at a great price," he said. "Catholics honor the world's greatest nobleman in Christ and have a nobility of birth demanding a nobility of action."

Gold O.S.A. was entertained on his 58th birthday by the Archbishop of New York at that time. On his birthday, Cardinal Spellman also presided at a Pontifical Mass for children in Exhibition Building here at which about 20,000 youngsters were present. All participated in singing the Mass under the direction of three priests.

In opening an exhibition at the Melbourne Public Library showing early ecclesiastical manuscripts, Cardinal Spellman presented the library with a copy of his own poems. When the chairman of the Melbourne trustees humorously suggested that the Cardinal use his influence so Melbourne could get one of a superabundance of copies in America of the first folio of Shakespeare, Cardinal Spellman countered by suggesting that perhaps Melbourne would settle for one of the beds that George Washington slept in.

Earlier in the week His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, was the principal guest at a dinner for the clergy given by Archbishop Daniel Mannix of Melbourne. The occasion, May 10, marked the Cardinal's 59th birthday. As a curious note of his history, in 1870 the head of the Melbourne see, Bishop J. A.

Released-Time Problem Cited

Albany, Ga. (NC) - The situation created by the U. S. Supreme Court's decision in the McCollum case, involving the Champagn, Ill., released-time religious instruction plan, is far from just a Catholic problem, "but one which deeply concerns all religious minded people - Catholics, Protestants and Jews," the Rev. John Courtney, S. J., editor, writer and educator of Woodstock (Md.) College, declared in an address here.

Father Murray speaking at the ninth annual convention of the Savannah Atlanta Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, asserted that the Supreme Court by its ruling in the case, has set itself up as "a national school board."

He declared that the decision "damages the freedom of American education by denying to the local community the right to manage its local schools." He reminded that the Champagn plan had been worked out by an inter-denominational group formed to combat juvenile delinquency. He called upon all religious minded persons to work together for the cause of good will and the defeat of secularism.

Capitalism, Communism Seen as Foes

Amsterdam. (NC) - Catholicism must fight both capitalism and communism and they have the urgent duty to show a "third way," which, equally rejecting both "isms," leads to a Christian social order.

This is the tenor of an outspoken article in the Catholic weekly Volksweekblad, which declares that the fight against capitalism is the best defense against Communism.

The article begins by pointing out that the present world struggle is usually presented under such slogans as "East against West," "Religion versus Atheism," and "Moscow against the Vatican." The real struggle, the journal maintains, is waged by Communism against capitalism, and we as Catholics have to fight both.

CATHOLIC opposition to capitalism, the editorial continues, must be as staunch and efficient as Catholic resistance to Communism. Had we, in the past, defended ourselves against capitalism with the same energy as that shown in the opposition to Communism, it might not have become necessary to parry the present Communist menace.

The article goes on to say that capitalism is the absolute power in economic life and that its exclusive appropriation of profits constitutes the proper feeding ground of Communism. As long as workers feel, the paper argues, that they are "only" in the service of capital and have no prospect of freeing themselves from an oppressive contract of service, as long as they are under the impression that they are working for another person, as long as the capitalist structure remains, they will always be sensitive to the allurements of Communism.

IT IS NOT so much a question of higher wages, less work, longer vacations, but rather of freedom, human dignity and independence, Volksweekblad writes.

The way toward a solution will be found as soon as the worker begins to feel and know that the enterprise in which he is employed is also his enterprise and that he has a share in its administration and profits. The paper's argument continues. Such a reform, it adds, constitutes neither capitalism nor Communism but rather a third way between both equally rejecting both extremes.

To show this third way is the urgent task falling to Catholics, the article continues, saying that cooperation between the classes through joint administration and ownership will save us from the bloody clash of class war, which is inherent in both capitalism and Communism.

The paper defines capitalism as the class war of the "haves" against the "have-nots," while Communism is the class war of the embittered workers against shortsighted owners.

Catholic Vets Endorse UMT; Back Card. Spellman's Stand

By MARY CAREY

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, who currently favors Universal Military Training as a defense measure, was given all-out support by New York State Catholic War Veterans who endorsed the Cardinal's stand in a resolution passed unanimously at their 11th annual convention held last week in Rochester.

The convention, which brought 1,500 CWV delegates to Rochester, opened Thursday evening and closed Saturday evening with a banquet at which His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney was the principal speaker.

UPSETTING PRE-CONVENTION predictions that the veterans would go on record against UMT, the convention action expressed approval of the recently expressed views of Cardinal Spellman on the training measure. The resolution was presented by the Monroe County Chapter, Catholic War Veterans.

The convention also adopted resolutions supporting release time for religious education; the Taft-Elliander-Wagner Housing Bill and the Mundt Bill which is designed to control the activities of the American Communist Party.

Over the opposition of the convention resolutions committee, the veterans also adopted a resolution that the Communist Party be outlawed in the United States. The statement was passed after spirited debate on the floor and in spite of the committee's advice that the action would be unconstitutional.

The delegates also went on record as opposing the Taft Federal Aid to Education Bill. The special resolution introduced by James Ryan of Rochester declared that the bill is discriminatory in that its formula for allocation of federal funds to the states allows the state to exclude pupils of non-public schools from any share in its grants.

In its resolution on UMT, the convention stated: "The Catholic War Veterans of New York State fully support the position of the chief of all Catholic War Veterans in New York State, His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman."

THE RESOLUTION QUOTED a portion of Cardinal Spellman's S. Patrick's Day speech as follows: "I hate war. And it is because I hate war that I must put my trust in men who know better than I the dangers that beset America. And, if these men chosen by vote and confidence of the American people believe preparedness will prevent war, then I, who love America better than I love my life, cast my vote, as a private American citizen, for Universal Military Training."

The resolution on released-time denounced the "anti-religious forces . . . striving to destroy New York State's released-time religious instruction program" and urged all religious minded citizens of the state to join in fighting the influence of



Recipients of the national medal of the Order of St. Sebastian, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, center, and the Rev. Edward A. Giblin, state chaplain are congratulated by newly elected department commander Paul J. Dolan at banquet in Fowers Hotel concluding Catholic War Veterans State Convention in Rochester.

people who seek to outlaw religious training.

In an amendment to this resolution, the convention ordered the Judge Advocate General's Department of the CWV to follow through by filing a brief with the court in all actions involving released-time decisions.

Bishop Kearney, convention host, and the Rev. Edward A. Giblin, state CWV chaplain, were awarded the Order of St. Sebastian for outstanding work in the organization.

SIGNALLY HONORED at the convention were: Frank Gannett, head of the Gannett Newspapers, who was presented the annual Americanization citation of the New York State CWV by Commander Paul L. Murphy; Al Sigi of the Rochester Times-Union, who pioneered in setting up the blood donor service; and Edward Eise, Monroe County CWV historian, who received the state commander's medal.

The delegates elected Paul J. Dolan of Buffalo as state commander, marking the first time an upstate man has been named to head the group.

Other officers elected included: Philip A. Jorges of Queens County, first vicecommander; Nicholas P. Lenigan of Yonkers, second vicecommander; Rudy Fredericks, third vicecommander; Lawrence J. Walsh of the Bronx, treasurer; Robert Burras of Queens County, judge advocate,

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and Peter Kerzner, also of Queens, historian.

The six state trustees are: Dewain F. Feller of Rochester, Russell Colosi of Niagara County, Alexander Gillig of Erie County, Dr. R. W. Herchenroder, Eugene Toal of Kings County and James M. Dyer of New York City.

COMMUNISM WAS assailed by speakers at every turn, notably by National CWV Commander Max H. Sorenson of Philadelphia, Representative Kenneth B. Keating of New York, Frank Gannett and convention chairman Dewain F. Feller.

"Today we are facing a real danger," said Commander Sorenson. "The gates of hell are opening forth millions of demons wearing the 'Brown Band' of the hammer and sickle. Their aim is our destruction."

Warning that the danger of Communism is no longer theoretical, Sorenson emphasized that the entire Western world was in

jeopardy from "Moscow murderers of the Western world."

As evidence of the actuality of Communism, he cited the fall of Czechoslovakia—the Bogota violence, and the influence of certain pressure groups in this country to disrupt government aid to Western European powers. He called for a "practical Christianity" to combat practical Communism.

Veterans should take the leadership in defending their country from the "hordes" of foreign agents, chairman Feller stated. "Veterans must take an effective part in shaping public affairs by positive and direct action so that this country for which so many recently fought, will be preserved for us and for posterity."

He urged upon the Catholic War Veterans the civic duty of assuming the role of civic leadership.

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