

**Catholic Publicity Men**

Berlin — (RNS) — Delegates from the United States and seven European countries attended a six-day international conference of Catholic Publicity Men held at Walberg near Bonn, Germany. Discussions centered on moral and religious problems related to their work.

**Hospital Aides Meet**

Luncheon and meeting of the 11th Seton Branch, St. Mary's Hospital were to be held today, Thursday, May 11 at the Nurses Home. With Mrs. J. Emmett O'Brien, presiding, hostesses were to be Mrs. Basil Hayes and Mrs. B. E. Covell.

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**Abp. Yu Pin Aids Chinese Assembly Vote**

Nanking — (NC) — Archbishop Paul Yu Pin of Nanking presided over the most crucial session of China's National Assembly during which the final balloting for the keenly contested post of Vice President took place.

Although the atmosphere was tense, the voting proceeded without incident under the Archbishop's chairmanship and he received tumultuous applause when the result was announced. Other members of the Chamber's presidium had refused to preside over the session, fearing that the matter was "too hot" to handle.

Gen. Li Tsung-yen, director of President Chiang Kai-shek's military headquarters in North China, who is described in secular news dispatches as a political adversary of the Kuomintang right wing as an advocate of reforms, was elected Vice President by a vote of 1,438 to 1,295.

TWICE DURING the past month Archbishop Yu Pin served as mediator on major political issues which arose among the members of the National Assembly. It is largely owing to his efforts that contests over seats were resolved. When the three candidates for the vice presidency withdrew from the race, thus causing a stalemate, the Archbishop presided over a committee which succeeded in persuading the candidates to run again and he announced their decision to the Assembly.

Archbishop Yu Pin presided over four plenary sessions, three of which were of major importance. One dealt with the election of the Assembly's presidium, another saw a debate on proposals to amend the new constitution of China, and the third was concerned with the final balloting for the vice presidency.

A deputation consisting of 20 Assembly members approached Archbishop Yu Pin asking him to permit himself to be nominated for the vice presidency, but he declined.

**FOR CHILDREN OVERSEAS**



Pleading for the world's starving children, the American Overseas Aid-United Nations Appeal for Children has opened its campaign for \$50,000,000. As a participating agency, War Relief Service-National Catholic Welfare Conference will share in the funds raised. Pictured in New York at the opening dinner of the campaign are, left to right: Mme. Denise Davy, of the American Aid To France; Maurice Pate, director, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and Monsignor John O'Grady, secretary, National Conference of Catholic Charities. (NC Photos)

**Stalin's Photo Replaces Crucifix In Czech Schools**

Munich — (NC) — Reports of Czechoslovak refugees, arriving in Bavaria in considerable numbers despite sharp border watch kept by Prague police, confirm the impression that the new communist dominated Czechoslovakia is steadily increasing its pressure upon the Church, which it regards as the last obstacle to complete domination.

A priest refuge said here that government agents are assigned to all churches to watch the sermons and that mail addressed to the clergy is censored. In many localities, so-called "action committees" expelled priests from their posts and many are said to have been arrested on the slightest evidence.

Catholic organizations, so far as they still exist, are under strict surveillance, the priest said, and the Catholic athletic society "Orel" was forcibly merged with the semi-military "Sokol." In some schools, the Crucifix has been replaced by the

picture of Stalin, he asserted. In spite of all these measures, the priest said, many members of the army, university students and farmers throughout Czechoslovakia remain strongly anti-communistic in their feelings.

**Prayers Asked Of Sick May 16**

Persons who are ill, whether at home, in hospitals or in sanatoriums, are invited by the Very Rev. John S. Randall, diocesan director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to unite their prayers and sufferings with the crucified Saviour for the missionaries who labor for the conversion of souls.

These prayers are asked on Pentecost Sunday, May 16, which is observed world-wide as "Mission Sunday of the Sick."

A suggested prayer is being issued by the Elms Society but Monsignor Randall states: "No formal prayer is necessary to fulfill this apostolate—the sick need only, in their own words, offer their sufferings in union with the sufferings of Christ for the conversion of unbelievers."

**ELMIRA AWAITS HNS DELEGATES**

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Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, spiritual director of the Diocesan Union, the Rev. Arthur F. Florack, as assistant spiritual director, and Lewis A. Schur, president.

Schur pointed out that registration of delegates is scheduled for 2:45 p. m. and that the session will begin at 3 o'clock with the opening prayer by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brennan, V.F., M.A., pastor of St. Patrick's Church and dean of the Elmira Deanery.

**Protestant Cites Role Of Religion**

New York — (NC) — "It would seem clear that one can't have it both ways; that religion can't be both what humanistic writers claim for it and at the same time a 'private affair.'"

Thus Dr. F. Ernest Johnson, director of the Department of Research and Education of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, sums up the discussion going forward among Protestant leaders concerning separation of Church and State.

This discussion revolves about problems concerning the place of religion in life raised by decisions of the United States Supreme Court approving public transportation for children attending non-public schools and banning as unconstitutional released-time religious education classes carried on within public schools and with aid of public school authorities and law.

DR. JOHNSON'S discussion is based largely on a statement by the Institute of Church and State, Inc., a group he describes as organized to defend the State against encroachment by organized religion. The statement of this group, he observes, reveals the complexity of the issues involved.

"The first concept in the American principle of separation of Church and State," Dr. Johnson writes, quoting from this statement, "is disestablishment, the express interdiction of a national or state church. This guarantees freedom of religion and of conscience. The second concept demands the restriction of religion to the realm of a private as distinguished from public concern. This makes religion a free and 'voluntary activity.'"

Pointing out how the Supreme Court decisions, banning direct aid to all religions, would prohibit a large number of existing practices, many of them as yet unchallenged in the federal courts, such as the chaplain in the armed forces, Dr. Johnson notes that Protestant leaders are divided concerning the import of these decisions and the extent to which they commit this nation to a policy of pure secularism.

HE CITES differences of opinion favoring or opposing education bills pending in Congress which would provide federal funds for all schools, including parochial schools, in those states whose constitutions approve of such policy.

"The issue here seems to be anything but 'closed,'" he writes. "The task seems to be one of laboriously seeking to find out when to shut the door and when to leave it open."

With regard to the concept that religion is wholly a private affair, Dr. Johnson observes that both Protestant and Jewish leaders, as well as Catholic leaders, in virtually all of their utterances concerning the place of religion in life and the ends that religion seeks, both for individuals and for society, belie the view that religion is of no concern to and of no value for society.

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