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Public Schools Taught Communism, Pupils Claim

New Orleans—(NC)—Ninety-two new Orleans public high school students claimed that they have been taught Communism in their classrooms. They said so in replies to questionnaires circulated in the current investigation to determine the extent of charges that communistic propaganda is being circulated in some of the city's public schools.

Lionel Bourgeois, superintendent of schools, said that 10,000 students already have answered the questionnaires, but only the 92 have claimed they were taught communism. He said 85 of the students attend Eleanor McMain Girls High School and were taught by a substitute teacher, who was dropped for communistic leanings.

The other seven students attend Alice Fortier Boys' High School. Mr. Bourgeois said that 673 Fortier students denied in questionnaires that they had been taught communism and the superintendent questioned the seven further, holding it was apparent that had misunderstood the questions or had obtained their information elsewhere. After he had questioned them, Mr. Bourgeois said: "I let them that they had misunderstood the questionnaire. They assured me communism was not being taught at the school."

THE INVESTIGATION was launched after Dr. John Kieffer, Tulane University professor, charged in a talk before the Young Men's Business Club that communistic propaganda was being led to some public high school students. Professor Kieffer based his charge on an experience related to him by Dr. John C. Rumble, also of Tulane University, a Sunday school teacher. He related that Dr. Rumble said he had condemned communism as against all religions in a talk to his Sunday school class and was amazed at a barrage of statements from his students who took issue with the charge

AT MELBOURNE CENTENARY



In Melbourne, Australia, to participate in the centenary of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman (left), Archbishop of New York, is shown with Archbishop Daniel Mannix of Melbourne, as they entered the Town Hall for the ceremonies attending the civic reception. (NC Photos.)

Cardinal Scores Falling Australian Birth Rate

Brisbane, Australia (NC)—Many Australians had the privilege of speaking individually to His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, during his four-day visit here.

It happened when the prelate greeted members of the crowd for more than an hour as they filed past him individually after he had officiated at the laying of the foundation stone of a 100-bed maternity extension for Mater Misericordiae Hospital here.

"I admire the people who have undertaken this hospital as a voluntary one, supported other wise than through public taxes," the Cardinal said. "It is important to preserve the rights of private hospitals and benefactions in a democracy. Where there is a system of government other than democratic, the rulers do not ask us, they tell us."

"I read with dismay in an Australian newspaper that the birth rate is coming down to that of the death rate. Then what Japan could not do, Australia or any other country can do for itself. It can commit suicide. This hospital will assist Australia to save itself and do its part towards saving civilization."

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Chinese Cardinal Cites Martyrs

Arlington, Va.—(NC)—Communist persecution in North China has given the Church a number of martyrs in recent months, His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Tien, Archbishop of Peking, relates in a letter to the Immaculate Heart of Mary missionaries here, some of whose members died in Mongolia at the hands of the Reds.

"In recent months a violent communist persecution afflicts our Christians and Chinese priests," the Cardinal writes. "Alas, some of the weakest have failed, but how many, stalwart in their faith, have gained the palm of victory and a glorious martyrdom!"

"In Mongolia, a few Chinese priests, worthy of saints, have heroically given their lives for the love of Christ. Crowds of Catholics in Shengpei and Suwanze have died confessing the Name of the Lord; numbers of Sisters have suffered wounding tortures for the sake of virginity, but above all many priests have stubbornly died a cruel death, being an example for the whole world."

How to Pick A Husband

Boston—(NC)—Some "do's" and "don't's" on the problem of picking a husband were dispensed to some 600 young business women at the 12th diocesan congress of the League of Catholic Women, by the Rev. Joseph E. Hession, widely known Redemptorist missionary and radio speaker. He counseled:

Don't marry a man for his handsome profile. It may develop into two mezzanine chins. But do marry a man of principles.

Don't marry a set of circumstances; marry a man. Don't fall for wavy hair—soon may fall out.

By all means give your heart to the man you marry—but keep your head as cool as dry ice.

Ask your mother. She may not have an x-ray eye, but she may turn thumbs down on the boy friend's character before you slick your finger out for his ring and end up wearing it in your nose.

Never go window shopping for a husband; see what he is at home.

Don't marry a heavy drinker. Don't marry a gambler and put yourself in a position of being rival to a horse. Don't marry a younger man—he'll want to rumba when you are a rheumatic.

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