

Teacher Ouster Vote Brings French Strike

Park (N.C.)—Four hundred mayors and municipal councilors of the French region of France have decided to close the town halls in 40 communities for a week in protest against the National Assembly's vote to replace Catholic teachers in 28 private schools in the Rhine coal mining area. The Assembly's 297 to 270 vote threatened to precipitate a cabinet crisis when socialist members split with Premier Robert Schuman and the M.R.P. (Popular Republicans).

The decision to close the town halls was reached at a meeting in La Roche sur Yon and a parade was led by several Conservative and Christian Democrat deputies to call attention to it. Delegates from the diocese of Angers, Nantes and Poitiers have promised to follow suit in the municipal elections.

In the Deux Sèvres region, 300 mayors and municipal councilors have decided on a strike to protest the Assembly vote. All official correspondence received will be returned to the prefecture and ministries with the notation "Closed on account of strike."

THE MINE has arisen as a result of the nationalization of the mines. Christian schools started by Christian brothers, nuns and private lay teachers were established by the mine owners for children of the miners. With nationalization, a new law is underway to incorporate the schools in the public school system and replace the Christian teachers. Catholics have contended the government's authority does not extend to the mine schools.

Socialist deputies joined the Communist deputies in voting for the "nationalization" of the 28 mine schools, representing the first time the two parties have been aligned since the Communists were excluded from the cabinet. Many radicals also supported the measure, resulting in a contemporary revival of the Popular Front.

Ministers of Education Richard Bognet, a Socialist, split openly with Premier Schuman, who together with the M.R.P. opposed incorporation of the 28 schools in the public school system.

Msgr. Flanagan's Death Described

By PATRICK J. NORTON (N.C.W.C. News Service)

(The following account of Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan's death by Patrick J. Norton, nephew of Father Flanagan, and manager of Boys Town, who accompanied the Boys Town founder on his mission to Europe, was written upon his return to Omaha with Father Flanagan's body.)

It had been another busy day for Father. After our arrival in Berlin from Frankfurt that morning, we had luncheon with General Galley, representing General Clay, who was in London.

This was followed by a conference that afternoon in the youth center with a group interested in youth welfare, representing a German youth organization run by the Army, and 25 others conducted by the Germans in Berlin. This meeting lasted until 4 o'clock.

At 5 o'clock we had an appointment with His Eminence Konrad Cardinal von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin. At first the Cardinal did not recognize the name of Father Flanagan, but it later dawned on him that Father was a former classmate, and he inquired about mutual friends.

WE VISITED with the Cardinal for almost an hour, and then had dinner with Captain Kilpatrick of the Signal Corps. It was a wonderful dinner, with coffee as the main course. Father enjoyed the dinner greatly.

At 7 o'clock we went to a reception being held by the members of the W.A.C. in observance of the sixth anniversary of their organization.

Returning to the hotel, we sat for some time in Father's suite discussing the things Father

planned to take up with General Clay the next day. There were three major points, first of which was the Bavarian concordat, in which Pope Pius XII had been so interested when Father had visited the Holy Father in Rome; secondly, the recommendation that welfare workers be employed by the Army in Germany for the youth centers, and finally, that funds be allotted to provide adult leadership from among the German people to conduct these centers, since he felt that the Germans best understood their own children.

AT 9 O'CLOCK Father said: "I feel tired. I am going to get a good rest tonight." Then he went off to bed. At midnight Father knocked on my door and said: "Pat, I have a pain in my chest. Please get a doctor right away."

I had difficulty dialing the German phones. I talked with the people downstairs, but they talked German and I talked English and we could not understand each other. I tried several phones, and finally I got my call through to the hospital.

I talked to the doctor and he

As Boys Town Citizens Bury Founder



In the Dowd Memorial Chapel, at Boys Town, Neb., the plain bronze casket bearing the body of Monsignor Edward J. Flanagan is viewed by the boys he loved so well. The beloved founder and director of Boys Town died in Berlin, May 15, while on a mission to Europe for the U. S. Occupation authorities. His remains were flown back to Omaha by the U. S. Army, and thousands attended his funeral at Boys Town, May 21.

came over immediately, bringing an assistant with him, and also taking Father to the ambulance on a stretcher. On the way to the hospital, Father had difficulty breathing, and we had to have him sit up.

It was about 12:45 when we reached the hospital. There, the doctor called an Army chaplain, Father Emmet Walsh, O.M.I., who administered the Last Sacraments. After Father Walsh had administered the Last Sacraments, Father Flanagan himself concluded the prayer with "Amen."

It was his last word. Father Flanagan was dead. It was a beautiful death, if death can be called beautiful.

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4 Priests Ordained in 1898 To Mark Golden Jubilees

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Celebrant will be Monsignor Burns.

Blessed Sacrament Church, Saturday, June 12, at 8:30 a. m. Celebrant will be Monsignor Connors.

Other details of the jubilee observances and information about the jubiliarians will follow in this article.

Besides the four jubiliarians the class of 1898 included two other deceased priests who worked in the Rochester Diocese. They were the Rev. Leopold G. Schmeidler who was pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Danville, when he died; and the Rev. Edmund J. Wirth, Ph. D., S. T. D., whose entire career was spent on the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary.

ST. REV. MSGR. GEORGE V. BURNS, pastor of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Rochester, has scheduled his Jubilee Solemn Mass Friday, June 11 at 9:30 a. m. with His Excellency, Bishop Kearney presiding.

A second High Mass will be offered by Monsignor Burns on Sunday, June 13, at 10 a. m.

LOCAL FILM BAN UPHELD

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low citizens to present objections to certain films before they are licensed by the state.

In the New York case decided this week, Ben Fielding, former License Commissioner of New York City, and Police Commissioner Arthur Wallender had reviewed "The Outlaw" and termed it "obscene, immoral and indecent." New York theater owners were warned that licenses would be revoked if the movie was shown.

Attorneys for Howard Hughes, producer of the picture, contended that the city had no right to censor nor interfere with the showing of the picture because it had been licensed by the State Education Department for showing anywhere in the state.

The jubilarian attended Cathedral Parochial School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. Following ordination, he was named successively assistant at St. Patrick's Cathedral, member of the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary, principal and teacher at Cathedral High School and pastor of St. Francis Church, Phelps, St. Patrick's Church, Oswego. He became pastor of Sacred Heart, Rochester, in 1910.

Monsignor Burns was appointed as a diocesan consultant in 1922 and made a domestic prelate in 1931.

ST. REV. MSGR. THOMAS F. CONNORS, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester for the past 47 years, will observe his anniversary with a Solemn Mass Saturday, June 12 at 8:30 a. m. Bishop James E. Kearney will preside.

A graduate of Immaculate Conception School, Rochester Free Academy, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, Monsignor Connors was an assistant at St. Mary's, Rochester, from his ordination until he was appointed to establish Blessed Sacrament Parish in 1901.

While pastor of Blessed Sacrament he also founded the Church of the Good Shepherd in Henrietta in 1911. A diocesan consultant since April 26, 1939, Monsignor Connors was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate last October.

REV. JAMES B. KEENAN, who retired in 1946 from active service, will officiate at Mass Wednesday, June 9, at 9 a. m. in St. Ann's Home with His Excellency, Bishop Kearney attending. The following day, Thursday, June 10, he will celebrate another Solemn Mass in St. Augustine's Church, at 10:30 a. m.

A former student of Dibble District School, East Bloomfield Union, Father Keenan also graduated from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. During his 40 years service to the Diocese of Rochester, he served at Holy Family Church, Auburn; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; St. Teresa's Church, Stanley; St. Mary's Church, Rushville; St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester; Nativity R.V.M., Brockport; St. Mary's, Rochester; St. James, Waverly and St. John's, Clyde. He also taught at Old Cathedral High School for 14 years.

ST. REV. MSGR. EDMUND A. RAWLINSON, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Corning, will observe a quiet anniversary by celebrating a Mass Friday, June 11.

Monsignor Rawlinson's parish celebrated his ordination anniversary last November, when he was invested as a domestic prelate.

Born in Liverpool, England, the Corning pastor came to this country at the age of 8 and attended Immaculate Conception School, Ithaca, before entering St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

He started his ministry as assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Church, Mt. Morris and St. Mary's, Rochester, in February, 1910, he was named assistant chancellor and secretary to the late Bishop Thomas Hickey and chaplain of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's orphanages. He has been pastor of St. Patrick's, Corning since 1921.

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