

### Cabinet Crisis French Win Compromise on Aid for Christian Schools

By M. MASSIANI

Paris—NC—By a narrow margin the coalition cabinet of Premier Schuman has weathered the crisis brought on by the question of public aid to Christian schools.

After two days and nights of frenzied negotiation, socialist members of the cabinet have agreed to a compromise permitting restricted public aid to children attending the Christian schools.

Every effort was made to avoid a cabinet split in view of the six-power London accords on western Germany which have been accepted by the cabinet and are now pending for ratification before the National Assembly.

The accords have been attacked by General de Gaulle on the right and by communist leaders on the left.

DETAILS OF THE compromise on the school issue have not been made public, but it is believed that the solution agreed on links in some way payment of subsidies to children attending Christian schools with poor relief, thus severely restricting such subsidies.

Question of public aid to the Christian schools has been brought to the forefront by the increasing cost of living, which makes it more and more difficult for parents to support the Christian schools; by the action of the Government in voting to nationalize Christian schools in the coal mining areas as part of the nationalization of the mines; and by the fact that in a number of regions the public schools are empty, while the Christian schools are attended by the vast majority of the children.

Recently the strike of municipal authorities in Catholic cities and towns in Vendee, Brittany and Anjou, where municipal subsidies voted to Christian schools were declared illegal, brought the school question to a crisis. Public schools in these regions, supported by heavy public taxation, are virtually empty and their teachers idle while the Christian schools, penalized by public authority in various ways, are filled to capacity.

Active protest by the Catholic people in these regions, manifesting itself in public demonstrations, refusal to pay taxes on entertainments and fairs held to help support the Christian schools, and finally by the strike

of the municipal authorities, has brought about the present temporary compromise allowing some subsidies to children attending the Christian schools.

THE COMPROMISE has been worked out on the basis of an ordinance adopted in March 1945 allowing family associations to receive and distribute subsidies in aid of families. Premier Schuman's action in authorizing the Minister of the Family, Mme. Poinso-Chapuis, to dispense through these family associations subsidies for children attending Christian schools created a violent tumult among militant anticlericals. The Premier avoided debate on the issue as long as possible, but when the matter could no longer be postponed it was widely expected that the problem would cause the downfall of the Schuman cabinet.

These events recall the memory of Emile Combes, who, in 1905, as head of the government, conducted the campaign to outlaw religious communities. Correspondence just published of one of Combes' political associates, Marquisse Arconati-Visconti, reveals that Combes, as an old man during World War I, expressed the opinion that the valor of French priests who returned to France to aid their country would require abrogation of the laws against the religious communities. In this connection the Marquisse Visconti recalls also the remark of the Jewish deputy, Joseph Reinach: "It is not sufficient to be anticlerical. One must also be intelligent."

### Priest Jailed For Espionage

Trieste (NC) — Among 19 persons tried and convicted before a "People's Court" at Celje, Slovenia, on charges of espionage and of assisting war criminals to escape from Yugoslavia was the Rev. Vinko Kolman, a Catholic priest, who was condemned to two years imprisonment for giving "moral support" to the conspiracy.

From newspaper accounts of the trial it appears that Father Kolman's "complicity" in the activities arose solely from the fact that one of the accused had revealed his deeds, or had sought the priest's counsel, in the confessional.

## Japan Catholics Thrilled by Cardinal Visit

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR

Tokyo, June 11 — (Radio) — The visit of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, and his party here has flung open wide another brilliant page of Catholicism for this Japanese capital to see. Tokyo has seen it and liked it.

When the silvery plane bringing the group from Tsingtao, China, came down from the evening sky there began a mercurial series of religious functions, official visits, personal conversations and social meetings. By the time the same travelers left by plane 55 hours later for the United States, the cumulative effect of their stay had encouraged Japanese Catholics, gladdened American and other Allied nationals, created new friendships and increased old ones.

SPEAKING AT THE reception at the Catholic University of Tokyo after his arrival, Cardinal Spellman recalled his first visit to Japan, when the United States forces entered the country in September, 1945. "Now to return and see the powers of my country and of Japan concentrating on reconstruction is most inspiring," he said. At his press conference he said: "The two places visited in 1945, Manila and Tokyo, both show remarkable and almost unbelievable changes. The Cardinal also paid tribute to the statesmanship of General Douglas MacArthur. "We Americans are here for peaceful purposes," he stated. "Never before in history has there been such an experiment in government. I believe history shows no similar accomplishment."

Archbishop Peter Dol of Tokyo, welcoming the Cardinal at the reception at the Catholic University, said: "I welcome you as the head of all the American Catholic chaplains and thank you as their inspired leader for all the consolation and encouragement they have given our missionaries, but it is especially a friend and intimate of our common Father, His Holiness, that we extend our most heartfelt greetings."

Archbishop Dol closed with a strong appeal both to you, a representative of the Church in the United States, as well as to the Father of the Church Universal to send us more missionaries.

Japan's Prime Minister Hiroshi Ashida took the unprecedented step of attending the reception and personally delivering a welcome message. "I consider it a great honor," he said, "to wel-



His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, continuing his tour of the Orient, following participation in the centenary of the Melbourne Archdiocese, visits an orphanage in Shanghai, accompanied by Archbishop Paul Yu-pin, host to the visiting prelates and two Sisters. It is conducted by the Sisters Helpers of the Holy Souls.

come Your Eminence and the other distinguished members of your party. We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the generous assistance rendered to our people by so many American Christians. May we also express through Your Eminence our great admiration for the inspired leadership of His Holiness the Pope in a greatly troubled world.

"We feel that the Catholic Church, with its centuries-old tradition, its lofty doctrine and worldwide connections stands for the ideals of world brotherhood that we so sorely need," Mr. Ashida expressed the hope that Japan will soon be represented with the "30 nations which now have their envoys at the Vatican."

MSGR. FULTON J. SHEEN, of the Catholic University of America, warned the audience against "selling your culture of thousands of years for a few cheap ideas of the western world that will last only a generation." He urged them "to lay hold of what is good in your culture and perfect it" through Christianity. As soon as a culture is abandoned a vacuum is created, he continued, and "into this vacuum may come communism."

"Communism in the economic order is nothing but rotten capitalism; communism in the spiritual order is nothing but the materialism of the 18th and 19th centuries run riot," he added. The Monsignor received prolonged applause as he concluded with the prayer that "you will discover the real meaning of the Rising Sun by discovering Christ."

Who says: "I am the Light of the World?" The peak of the Cardinal's visit was reached with a Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan of Omaha, with the Cardinal presiding, at Hibiya Hall, Tokyo's largest downtown auditorium. Though it was a week day, the vast hall was packed with 4,000 worshippers—Americans and Japanese. The Cardinal joined Archbishop Bergan in distributing Holy Communion. U.S. colonels, Japanese students, Tokyo school girls, American Army nurses, boyish G.I.s and agile Japanese mothers knelt side by side to receive the Eucharist.

In his sermon, carried over the Far East network, Monsignor Sheen stated that "the way to satisfy your aspirations is not in God who becomes a god, but in God Who has become a Man."

"That's what you want, you want Christ," he said. At the end of the Mass Cardinal Spellman spoke in "heartfelt gratitude to the authorities, beginning with General MacArthur, and to all who have made me feel so welcome." He praised the missionaries and reminded the Armed Forces that "it is not enough to be powerful; power must be rightly directed." "I pray that our soldiers will represent not only the power but also the virtues of America," he added.

One of the Cardinal's first engagements was a conference with all the Catholic chaplains. He celebrated Mass at the 49th General Hospital and visited patients. "Soldiers and missionaries are

my two chief interests," he stated. GENERAL MAC ARTHUR entertained the Cardinal, Archbishop Paul Marella, Apostolic Delegate to Japan, and the Cardinal's party at a luncheon. Lieut. Gen. Robert J. Elcheberger, commanding officer of the Eighth Army, attended an outdoor Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in Yokohama at which the Cardinal officiated. Afterwards the General entertained the Cardinal, Archbishop Marella, and the other members of the party at dinner. Maj. Gen. C. A. Willoughby also gave a dinner for the Cardinal, which was attended by the highest officers and diplomats at Tokyo.

Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop Bergan, Bishop James E. Walsh, former Superior General of Maryknoll, accompanied by Archbishop Marella, had a 30-minute audience with Emperor Hirohito. The Emperor expressed his gratitude to General MacArthur and to the American people and also voiced his thanks to the missionaries of all faiths and his admiration for their efforts among the Japanese.

The Japanese press gave excellent coverage to the Cardinal's visit, running front page stories and photos. Texts of the principal addresses were supplied to the press by the Tosei News Service newly organized by the Rev. William A. Kaschnitter, M.M. The Cardinal's visit will rank as a major event in this country, of which he himself said: "Its peace is our peace."

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### Msgr. Flanagan Fund Planned in Germany

Berlin (RNS) — Plans are being made by Catholic leaders here for a "Father Flanagan Memorial Fund" to honor the famed founder of Boys Town, Nebraska, who died suddenly in Berlin, according to an announcement by Der Tagesspiegel, American-licensed newspaper. The publication reported that an "international Catholic welfare group," including Americans, Britons, Frenchmen and Germans, will seek donations in countries throughout the world for the fund to be devoted to social welfare work among needy youth in Berlin.

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### A Look at Labor Raiding in C.I.O.

By A. C. Tarkenton

The C. I. O. looks as if it is going to follow the A. F. of L. down the road of jurisdictional disputes and raiding. Up to now the C. I. O. has been singularly free of fights between unions over control of dues-paying members. The steel workers did not invade the jurisdiction of the automobile workers, and machinists were not interested in barbers and tailors. Within the last year, however, several C. I. O. unions have raided labor organizations belonging to the same federation.

THE TAIT HARTLEY ACT started it all. By requiring anti-Communist affidavits of union leaders it put the Communist dominated unions on the spot. Commie unions, whose leaders refused to sign these affidavits, were deprived of the protection of the government. The employer could treat them as harshly as he pleased and get away with it. The non-Communist members of these unions found themselves deprived of wage increases, losing job security, having grievances ignored, simply because the Communist union leaders did not dare push the employers too hard.

Many rank and file have seen, for the first time, the iniquity of their Communist leadership. Unable to oust the Communist dominated unions on the spot, they looked around for another home within the C. I. O. Consequently, we see today insurance agents being represented by paper workers, iron workers by shipbuilding unions, machinists by automobile workers. This is not a happy situation. But the evil has not stopped with discontented union members splitting off from their parent union to join some other union.

Non-Communist unions in the C. I. O. are beginning to conspire to divide the spoils of the Communist unions between them.

THE SHIPBUILDING WORKERS, the Transport Workers, the Automobile Workers, the Department Store Union, the Steel Union, have all become birds of prey. The Electrical Workers, the Office and Professional Workers, the Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers, the United Public Workers, all communist-dominated unions, have become dead carcasses ready for the pickings.

Admittedly, the problem is no easy one to solve. On the one hand, the non-Communist members

of these left-wing unions have some rights. They have been added with Communist leadership for too long. They have found themselves to be no match in cost and trickery for the followers of the party line.

ON THE OTHER HAND, one is entitled to wonder whether or not the answer to this problem is the raiding of one C. I. O. union by another.

Even granting that the elimination of Communists from the C. I. O. would be a desirable thing, jurisdictional warfare between C. I. O. unions is any help to the workers in the long run? Is it not a bad precedent to tolerate raiding against the Communists, when such raiding may become habit forming? Has not the A. F. of L. brought itself into disrepute by virtue of its inability to solve jurisdictional squabbles?

What solution can be found that will break the back of the Communist without destroying the C. I. O.?

This question cannot be answered in a line. We shall look further into the question next week.

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