

Catholic Press Slashes Life's Reformation Article

The Courier Journal led the field of Catholic weeklies in deploring Life Magazine's inaccurate and distorted history of the Protestant Reformation presented in the June 14 issue, a survey of Catholic publications reveals.

Proving to Courier Journal readers that Life glossed over a superficial and unreliable tale of the revolting leaders of Protestantism, the Rev. Frederick J. Zwierlein, emeritus history professor of St. Bernard's Seminary of Rochester, quoted liberally from the works of Martin Luther to prove his true intolerance and the monstrous error of his narrow theology.

The lifelong scholar of Reformation history charged that Life's pictorial distillation contained "more false, legendary lore than historic truth." He proved conclusively that Luther was an intemperate heretic before he dreamed of reform.

Echoing Father Zwierlein's scholarly answer, The Catholic Sun, Syracuse diocesan weekly, declared that Life had offered Americans "a stale, false and evil column... that comes straight out of the vicious bigotry of the past." In a spirited defense of the Society of Jesus, the editor, the Rev. John M. Lynch, protested the magazine's "slander and calumny" for resurrecting "the ancient and vile accusation that the end justifies the means."

The Jesuit weekly, "America," took with good humor the Life author's description of a desultory man of the world who spies and is spied upon. Life has resurrected, "America" commented, "wires and creaking joints, the stage Jesuit's 'America' commented.

Chiding the Life writer for not checking his facts, the Jesuit weekly added: "A nice old fellow would have given an 'America' editor (let us say) a good guffaw and saved you no little chagrin."

"For, you know, there are Jesuits, even here in New York City," the editor wrote, "who had dinner with two of them recently. The Jesuits enjoyed it—they were that worldly. We wonder if Mr. Luce will enjoy reading in his own magazine of the horrible danger to which he exposed himself on that occasion?"

The Evangelist, Albany diocesan publication, placed the caption "Life Falls in History" over its editorial comment on the article, and singled out a number of the article's statements for direct rebuttal.

The Evangelist stated: "Ignorance and error can only be dispelled by the painstaking efforts of historical research, accuracy and honesty. Life Magazine, in publishing its story on the Protestant Revolution, performed a disservice to its fair-minded readers and to religion."

But so far, no comment from Life Magazine.

Reds Can't Destroy Moral Law, Mrs. Luce Tells GOP

Philadelphia — (NC) — Communism, in its assault on moral principle and hence on all religion, will never be able to suspend the workings of the moral law, even in Russia, Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, convert and former Connecticut Congresswoman, declared in an address here before the Republican National Convention.

Mrs. Luce's speech was studied with sharp words. Americans who follow the Moscow line were described as "economic spies and political bubble-heads" and "this buckled-brained fringe."

She charged that at the Yalta Conference "that incredibly heroic country, Poland, was sold outright to the Kremlin." "It is precisely because they profess the same goals, we do that Soviet leaders insist that the USSR is also a democracy," said Mrs. Luce.

And in truth, the difference between our democracy and the Soviet does not lie in the ends we claim to seek. It lies in the means by which we seek them. The actual fact, try to reach those ends.

"We, the people," Mrs. Luce told the convention and a vast radio audience, "have always believed that means should correct the ends."

NCEA Leaders Convene Here

The Most Rev. John T. McManis, Archbishop of Cincinnati, will preside over the Summer meeting of the National Educational Association's executive board to be held in Rochester next Wednesday and Thursday, June 30 and July 1. It was announced today by the Diocesan Education Office.

Implications of the new draft law on colleges and the effect of the Supreme Court's decision in the McCollum case, involving religious education for public school children, will be among topics to be discussed by more than a score of the nation's leading Catholic educators.

The Rev. Rev. Msgr. Edward Lyons, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary, will attend the executive board meeting as the representative of the minor seminary section.

The NCEA planning committee headed by the Rev. Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent of Catholic schools of the diocese, will meet here at the same time to plan the organization's national convention in Philadelphia next April.

Among educators expected at the meeting are: Rev. Msgr. Frederick G. Hoch, acting Washington secretary general of the NCEA; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Quinn, Boston, treasurer; Rev. William P. Cunningham, dean, School of Education, University of Notre Dame; Rev. John J. Clifford, director, Mandelieu Seminary.

Superintendents of Catholic schools also are expected from St. Louis, New Orleans, St. Paul, St. Michael's, Idaho; Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Brooklyn.

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MRS. CLARE LUCE

the opposite. They hold that in order to reach democratic ends anything goes—evolution, deceit, subterfuge, sabotage, treachery. And all their horrid progeny: exile, torture, murder, liquidation.

"It is a communist principle to destroy all moral principle and naturally all religion," the theory that in doing so will bring about progress on the side of the "proletariat" more quickly, the recent Catholic convert declared.

A dictator may be all power, as Stalin is in his own country. But Stalin could no more suspend the workings of the moral law, even in Russia, than King Alban could suspend the law of nature when he ordered the tide to halt.

Soviet Russia passed liberty, and the masses of slaves. And 180 million in Russia have lost all their liberties."

Notre Dame to Open New Geology Course

Notre Dame, Ind. (NC) — Because of the need for trained geologists in developing and developing areas, the university of Notre Dame will offer a special four-year course in geology starting next September. It has been announced by the Rev. Howard Kenyon, CSC, university director of studies.

Le Moyne College Gets First Scholarship Gift

Syracuse, N. Y. — The first scholarship fund at Le Moyne College here and a check and check to be installed in the new administration building have been donated by Anthony A. Henninger of this city. It has been announced by the Very Rev. William J. Schaerth, S.J., college president. The scholarship fund, which to date has received \$1,000, is named in honor of the Rev. Father Schaerth said.

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Church Hits School Grab By Hungary

Washington (NC) — In violation of the traditional and judicial rights of the Church in Hungary, in disregard of the clearly expressed wishes of the great majority of Hungary's Catholics, and with full knowledge of the grave spiritual penalty incurred by such a step, the communist dominated parliament of Hungary has passed a law nationalizing 433 Catholic schools, about one-half of all the schools in the country.

Many Catholic parents have already declared their determination not to send their children to the State-controlled schools when they reopen next fall.

On the eve of the parliamentary debate preceding the vote, His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, acting in the name of the Hungarian Episcopate published the text of Canon 2334, "in order to avoid any misunderstanding" about Church law with regard to the impending legislative action.

THIS CANON specifies that excommunication is incurred automatically by those who:

(1) "publish laws, orders, and decrees against the liberties and rights of the Church," and also by those who:

(2) "either directly or indirectly impede the exercise of ecclesiastical jurisdiction by having for this purpose recourse to any lay authority."

According to Canon Law, removal of the censures incurred by the infractions covered by Canon 2334 is reserved "in a special manner" to the Holy See.

In publicizing the text of the Canon, Cardinal Mindszenty made it clear that "the right of the Church to maintain schools is included among the rights referred to in paragraph one" and added that the "excommunicated" will also become effective "in the event of the actual taking away of our schools."

Also before the passage of the law, a qualified Catholic spokesman in Budapest issued a ten-point statement which once more rejected "the often repeated irresponsible lies" circulated by the press and at meetings regarding the school issue.

POINTING OUT that it is the duty of the State to provide for the maintenance of the Catholic existence and activities of Catholic schools, the statement declared: (Continued on Page 11)

U. S. Prelates Given Pallia

Vatican City (NC) — Promotion of 14 Cardinals from the rank of Cardinal Priest to that of Cardinal Bishop was among the important decisions announced after the Secret Consistory of June 21 which was attended by 14 members of the Sacred College.

The new Cardinals Bishops are their Eminences Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardo and Benedetto Cardinal Alois Masella. They were assigned the suburban sees of Albano and Palestrina respectively.

PALLIA, circular bands of white and gold which are worn on the shoulders by the Pope and by Archbishops, were conferred on four American prelates who were represented by proxy.

Msgr. Leonardo Cerone of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation received the pallia on behalf of Archbishop J. Francis J. McIntyre of Los Angeles and Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan of Omaha.

Msgr. Antonio Tronzo, secretary of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, a friend of the Rev. Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore and Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington. Other decisions concerned the confirmation of the election of two Patriarchs of the Oriental Church, the appointment of two new Archbishops and 14 Bishops, the conferring of pallia and the vote concerning the canonization causes of the Blessed Gerarda and Joanna de Los Rios.

Friend of Pope Pius XII, New York (NC) — Basil Harris, widely known benefactor of Catholic charitable institutions and chairman of the board of United States Lines, died here at the age of 58. Said to be the closest American friend of Pope Pius XII, Mr. Harris accompanied him when as Cardinal Pacelli he toured the U. S. in 1936.

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Cardinal Grooms Leper-Heroine



His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman shakes hands with Mrs. Josefine V. Guerrero in Manila, Philippine Islands, after she had been awarded the U. S. Medal of Freedom for the assistance she gave to American prisoners and internees during the Japanese occupation of the islands. Her hardships led her to contraction of the dread disease of leprosy. (INS Photo)

Leper Heroine Visited By Cardinal Will Come To U. S.

Washington — (NC) — Attorney General Tom Clark has granted special authority for Mrs. Josefine Guerrero, Filipino leprosy heroine, to come to the United States for leprosy treatment.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, visited Mrs. Guerrero in a Manila leprosarium to help confer the U. S. Medal of Freedom upon her.

The Filipino woman was decorated for her heroic work on behalf of American and Philippine soldiers at Batavia and during the resistance in the islands. The authorization of entry was made by Mr. Clark under immigration provisions for temporary admission of persons otherwise inadmissible.

MRS. GUERRERO will take treatments at the Castle of Leprosarium in Hawaii. Manila she was the happy wife of a doctor and the mother of a baby girl. When the war broke out, she worked tirelessly with the underground, risking her life on many occasions to save American lives. Her final exploit was making her way alone through Japanese lines to deliver maps of mine fields to advancing American troops.

Major Gen. George I. Moore, commander of American forces, said of her in presenting the award of merit: "She saved thousands of lives and showed more courage than a mother on a field of battle."

It was when the shooting was over that a doctor revealed Mrs. Guerrero had contracted leprosy. She entered the Naval Hospital in Manila, where conditions were poor and the inmates were constantly dying. She enlisted the aid of friends, G. I.s and Army chaplains in the colony and soon the place took on a new spirit as conditions began improving.

Mrs. Guerrero took over the job of sacristan of the colony's chapel. She also served as bell-ringer, catechist and when priests were unable to come in, she baptized the dying, prepared their coffins and read the burial service.

The Rev. Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Baker, S.T.D., who will preside at a session, "Parish Confraternity at Work," on Thursday, the Rev. Albert H. Schnaaky, director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in Rochester Diocese, who will speak on "The Purpose of the Apostolate of the Confraternity" on Wednesday, the Rev. Patrick Moffatt, pastor of St. Teresa's Church, "A Graded Course of Study," Wednesday, the Rev. James F. O'Connell, assistant pastor of St. Lucy's Church, "The Approach to the Public School Child," Wednesday.

Two students of Nazareth College, their coffins and read the burial service, also will speak on Tuesday.

Detroit Hits Evil Magazines, Comic Books Bans Sale of Catholic Anti-Red Booklet

Detroit (NC) — The legality of the Detroit Police Department's ban on newsstand sale of the anti-communist comic book, "This Tomorrow," will be challenged here this week-end when the July issue of The Catholic Digest goes on sale in church news racks and public wards. The comic book published by the Cathedral Guild of St. Paul and banned in May as obscene, along with a general order, will be reprinted in a supplement to the Digest.

The Rev. Paul Bussard, editor of the Catholic monthly, conferred here with Prosecutor James N. McNally and Police Commissioner Harry S. Toy and books on the grounds that it was told that police would have provoked racial violence and no alternative except to arrest the lamed scenes of violence and

N. Y. Inter-Creed Group Supports Released-Time

Albany — (RNS) — A Court suit by the Free Thinkers of America to have the New York State system of released-time religious instruction outlawed was described here as an attempt to bring about state to

intolerance in education in violation of the rights of parents. The characterization was contained in a brief filed with Supreme Court Justice Roscoe V. Elsworth by Charles H. Tuttle, attorney for the Greater New York Coordinating Committee on Released Time of Jews, Protestants and Roman Catholics.

The committee was authorized by Justice Elsworth to enter the suit, brought by Joseph Lewis, president of the Free Thinkers, against Francis T. Spaulding, state commissioner of education, and the Board of Education of New York City, to order the cessation of the released-time program.

IN ITS BRIEF the Coordinating Committee contended that the Free Thinkers' attack on the released-time plan aims "to establish principles which deny and destroy the most basic of all civil liberties, and aims to enthrone the State as the exclusive dictator of every child in public schools."

Other arguments in the brief against the Free Thinkers' suit were: "It denies that the liberty of parents and guardians to direct the upbringing and education of their children is the most fundamental of all liberties." "It sanctions a vast system for the control of thought by whatever group can win or consider control of the State."

"It substitutes the alien concept that man is made for the State in place of the American concept that the State is made for man." "It replaces parents and guardians with an authoritarianism of the State."

"It applies to an enlarged totalitarianism of secularism which leaves no room for any parent or guardian to secure therein an opportunity for his child to learn acknowledgment of God as the author and source of our Freedom." "It mocks the constitutional liberties and religious rights of millions of parents and guardians."

In the name of separation of Church and State, it seeks to dominate and eventually to suppress the Church, and to destroy the rights of parents."

IN SUPPORT OF the released-time system the brief argued: "The system is not in violation of the Constitution and makes no slightest breach in the so-called 'wall of separation' between the Church and State. Rather, the interfaith committee declared that the New York system is designed to protect and give reasonable freedom to the exercise of the liberty of parents to afford their children religious education."

The recent McCollum decision of the U. S. Supreme Court concerning a system followed for religious education in Champaign, Ill., schools has no application to the New York system, the committee claimed.

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'Peter's Pence' Set for June 27

Generous contributions to the annual collection for the Holy Father, known as "Peter's Pence," will be urged by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in a letter to be read in all churches of the Diocese this Sunday. It is to be taken up on Sunday, June 27.

This free-will offering to share the Pope's heavy burdens of relief and administration, gives Catholics an opportunity to demonstrate reverence for the office and the person of the Supreme Pontiff, the Bishop points out.

"We realize that the passing year has not lightened His Holiness' many burdens and responsibilities," Bishop Kearney's letter states.

"The dire need in many European countries that formerly were generous supporters of the Holy See, the incessant appeals to the Holy Father for assistance, and the constant efforts of His Holiness to take an active part in the improvement of the economic condition of his children in Europe, all cry out to us for a generous gift to this great Pontiff in his hour of need. "Pope Plus XII deserves well of us. Let us give to this outstanding successor of St. Peter, the most generous collection we can."

Mourning



JAMES E. CUFF

NOTED LAYMAN PASSES AT 58

Funeral services for James E. Cuff, prominent Rochester attorney and exemplary Catholic layman, will be held Saturday in his native Watertown.

With His Excellency Bishop Kearney presiding, a funeral Mass for Mr. Cuff will be offered in Old St. Mary's Church, Rochester, at 9:30 a. m. Friday morning.

Following services at St. Patrick's funeral director, 333 Main St., previous arrangements had been to have the remains taken to Watertown, N. Y.

Mr. Cuff, who was 58, died Wednesday, June 23, 1948, in Strong Memorial Hospital after having been ill for some time.

A devout and generous Catholic, Mr. Cuff was a past grand knight of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, from 1905 to 1936, after serving several terms as chancellor.

He was a former president of the Rochester Laymen's Relief League, active in the National Adoration Society and was founder of the St. Alphonsus Society for Daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Even in recent weeks while ill he was present at downtown churches in daily adoration.

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NCCM-CW Ask for OK of DP Bill

Washington (NC) — In their final hours, the 80th Congress approved a bill for the admission of 205,000 Displaced Persons into the United States within the next two years and giving 15,000 refugees already in this country a chance for permanent U. S. residence.

While criticizing the "shortcomings" and "imperfections" of the long-awaited Congressional answer, leaders of the National Councils of Catholic Men and Catholic Women promptly appealed to President Truman to approve the legislation.

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