

Cure of Cancer Patient Ascribed to St. Cabrini

DENVER—(NC)—Added fervor will characterize the second annual pilgrimage here to the mountain shrine of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini scheduled for Sunday, July 18, as a result of the reported cure of a man, victim of a hopeless cancer of the throat, in whose behalf the intercession of Mother Cabrini had been asked.



The cancer victim, Edward F. Miller, The Denver Register, diocesan weekly, reports, will be discharged soon from Fitzsimons "Veterans" Hospital as a "cured" patient. Doctors who examined him as late as early April expressed astonishment at Miller's recovery.

"By all the rules he should have been dead three months ago," said Dr. J. H. Lecky, whose patient Miller was in Fort Logan Veterans Hospital. "Only a miracle could account for this cure."

"It's unbelievable," said Dr. Tibor Stern, Denver physician, upon whose recommendation Miller entered the hospital. "In the 35 years of my medical experience, his case was one of the worst."

Progress of the cancer had been such that a large wound was visible on the patient's neck. Physicians had decided that his life could not be saved and that the only chance of an operation would be the clinical knowledge it might yield. Miller and his wife decided against the operation and the patient underwent a series of X-ray treatments.

Throughout the treatment relatives and friends joined in prayers to Mother Cabrini. Relics of the saint and water from the spring at her shrine were always in the patient's room. Gradually improvement was noted and today the wound in the throat is reported to be healed. Mrs. Miller has announced that her "triumph of faith" will be perpetuated in her home with a special Mother Cabrini shrine.

She speaks of the lapsed Catholics at the hospital who have been brought back to the faith, of the relief of pain to suffering nurses, and of the renewed spiritual vigor of Catholics as a result of this experience in asking the intercession of Mother Cabrini.

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School Nuns Will Dress As Civilians

Bismark, N. D.—(RNS)—Despite passage of a law intended to keep Roman Catholic nuns from teaching in the public schools of North Dakota, the sisters will return to their classrooms in the fall—wearing civilian dress.

The nuns were advised by two bishops of the Church in this state that there would be no objection to their donning "respectable secular dress" to comply with the new state law.

UNDER THE TERMS of the "anti-garb" act, approved at the June 29 primary election by a majority of some 10,000 votes, no public school teacher may wear clothing denoting membership in a religious order. The act does not mention Catholic nuns by name, but admittedly is aimed chiefly at them. The act was sponsored by a group of Protestants, including clergymen.

The proposal that nuns wear civilian dress next fall was made by Bishop Vincent J. Ryan of Bismark and Auxiliary Bishop Leo Dworschak of Fargo in a joint statement they said.

"Some of its sponsors solicited support for this (anti-garb) measure upon the claim that it would keep Catholic sisters from teaching. We are informed by competent legal authority that no law can, under the protection of our Constitution, discriminate against any teacher on account of religious membership or belief."

"THE WITHDRAWAL of the sisters would close some public schools in North Dakota. An emergency exists in many districts where the services of the sisters are needed elsewhere. In view of the emergency, the sisters will arrange to use in school a respectable secular dress, which in no way indicates the fact that the teacher is a member of or adherent of any religious order or denomination.

"Consequently we announce that in such school districts where the people and the school boards find it necessary and desirable to retain the services of the sisters the sisters will continue to teach, attired in a manner which is in strict compliance with the law."

Bishop Ryan told reporters that the proposal was not new. He said it had been done in Canada and Mexico under circumstances similar to those now existing in North Dakota.

'Give Us This Day ...'



Scenes like this are common all over Europe. Pictured here are a French Sister of St. Vincent de Paul with three children; the child in the center is suffering from rickets. Below is a group of underprivileged children eating a rice and bread lunch at a day nursery run by the sisters.

War Relief Head Pleads For Displaced Persons

Pittsburgh—(NC)—The displaced persons problem will never be solved "unless everyone sees in it a challenge to his Christian charity," Msgr. Edward E. Swanstrom, Executive Director of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, asserted in an address at the 25th annual celebration of Slovak Day in Western Pennsylvania.

Monsignor Swanstrom lauded the constancy of the Slovaks in their traditional faith in Christ and praised the celebrants for staging the traditional celebrations on the Feast of St. Cyril and Methodius. He advised his hearers: "It is wrong to break completely with the past because that renders life a cold and mechanical thing. It is right to conserve our ties with the past while taking advantage of every good gift of the present."

"THE WRS-N.C.W.C. official recalled his visit to DP camps in Germany, Austria and Italy shortly after World War II hostilities ceased. "I saw the marks of terrible war and continuous suffering on the bodies of these innocent people," he said. "I saw in their eyes the fear that perhaps our promises to them would not be made good—that perhaps they would be shipped off involuntarily to their countries of origin to which they did not wish to go."

The Monsignor described the crowded and cramped conditions in which the DPs live. He said, for instance, that in one room—20 by 30 feet—in an old German barracks, 11 married couples and seven children lived, with no privacy.

The American people, the Monsignor said, must unite in finding homes and employment for displaced persons now that legislation has been enacted to admit 205,000 of them into the United States within the next two years. He reminded that the Bishops of the United States have established the Bishops' Resettlement Committee and have put into operation a resettlement program throughout the country to locate jobs and homes for DPs.

"PERHAPS MANY of you" the Monsignor continued, "may have room in your home for a displaced person—a man, woman or family. Perhaps you could offer one of the wage earners among them an opportunity for employment. Perhaps if you cannot do so yourself, you know of such opportunity."

Teacher Bid for School Aid Tied to Presidential Contest

By THE EDITOR

The question of Federal funds for schools, an important issue to Catholics who have the double burden of supporting their own parochial schools as well as the public schools, is scheduled for a showdown debate in the forthcoming presidential contest between President Truman and Governor Dewey.

The issue was hurled to the forefront of the nation's political stage last week in Cleveland when 3,500 delegates to the convention of the National Education Association, strongest teachers' organization in the country, demanded immediate Federal aid legislation and in special messages to Mr. Truman and Mr. Dewey asked for a public expression of their views on government funds for education.

CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL leaders point out that the N.E.A. is opposed to parochial school pupils receiving any share of Federal aid funds, and, that as an organization, the N. E. A. speaks only for school teachers.

Since Catholics with their double burden of school support are vitally concerned with an Federal aid program, presidential candidates may also be called upon to explain why parochial school children should not share in public funds for education.

HOPES FOR the N. E. A.'s all-out drive for Federal funds for schools were enhanced this week when Senator Robert Taft said that he would reintroduce in the next session of Congress his bill calling for \$300,000,000 in Federal aid to education. In the last session the House killed the measure after its passage by the Senate.

Although strongly endorsed by the N. E. A., the Taft Federal aid bill has been severely criticized as "discriminatory" to thousands of parochial school children by Catholic leaders, including Archbishop John T. McNicholas, episcopal chairman of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Senator Taft's bill would permit parochial schools to share in the proposed \$300,000,000 appropriation only in those states where such a practice is legally permitted. Most state constitutions, however, prohibit the distribution of public funds to non-public schools.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN with his repeated advocacy of Federal aid legislation has given practical endorsement to Senator Taft's proposal. In his telegram last week to the N. E. A. convention he pledged "his continued and vigorous support" for Federal aid. The President has not committed himself on the Catholic objection that the Taft bill is unfair to millions of American children attending parochial schools.

Despite vigorous pressure from the N. E. A. convention, Governor Dewey has so far refused to reveal his mind on the matter of Federal aid.

Mr. Dewey's viewpoint on the question has never been given definitely but his criticisms of increasing centralization of government have given rise to the belief that he is against making Federal grants to states that can finance their own educational budgets.

Although they are insistent on the right of parochial schools to share in Federal aid, Catholics are not too hopeful of winning the support of any of the presidential candidates.

The picture may change, however, if the parents of the nation's 2,500,000 parochial school pupils follow the tactics of the N. E. A. propagandists and ask the presidential candidates some straightforward questions.

U. S. Sailors Skip Bullfight For Visit to Fatima Shrine

Lisbon, Portugal—(NC)—When the choice between spending a few more hours at the shrine of Our Lady at Fatima and seeing a bullfight in Lisbon confronted a group of American navy men visiting this country—Fatima won out.



GOVERNOR DEWEY PRESIDENT TRUMAN
They may be asked about Federal funds for schools by parents of the nation's 2,500,000 parochial school pupils.

Anglican Notes to Pope Disclosed; Reunion Eyed

London—(NC)—The 330 Protestant Bishops of the Church of England communion now gathered in their conference here are expected to discuss the question of spiritual reunion with the Catholic Church, the Daily Mail, leading London newspaper, says in an exclusive story to which it gives a banner-line on its front page.

Those attending this secret six-week convention—known as the "Lambeth Conference" and held every 10 years—include 60 from the United States, as well as Chinese, Japanese, West Indians, Africans, Indians, Mooris and Ceylonese.

THE FIRST MOVE to bring about such a reunion, the Daily Mail asserts, was made by late Archbishop William Temple of Canterbury five years ago, when the Pope was through the war a virtual prisoner in the Vatican.

Canon John Douglas, secretary of the Church of England's foreign relations committee, has revealed that his task was to transmit letters of sympathy from Doctor Temple to the Pope.

In conveying the messages, Doctor Temple was doing what none of his predecessors since Rome had done. Discouraging this consideration, Doctor Temple was convinced that for the cause of the solidarity of all Christians and the good of mankind, his imperative duty was to establish contact between himself and the Pope, it is said.

He was inspired by the eager hope, the Daily Mail article says, that the action he was taking would open the way for official and effective cooperation between Roman and non-Roman Christians in all matters that did not involve doctrinal principles and historical conflicts which divide Christians.

It was the publication of the Pope's five peace points which had fired the Archbishop's vision, making him believe cooperation possible, the London paper asserts.

COMMENTING ON the letters, the Manchester Guardian declared: "Into these two letters we may read as much or as little as one chooses. That it should be front-page news for an Archbishop of Canterbury in modern times to pass the time of day at second-hand with a Pope of Rome is an interesting commentary upon the Church in present-day Europe."

ON GUARD

Bombing of Rome
A Military Target
Rome Is the Pope!

By REV. P. J. FLYNN

We have almost forgotten all about it but next Monday (July 19) marks the fifth anniversary of the Allied air bombing of the holy city of Rome during the war.

FOR SOME STRANGE reason there was an unusual number of news reporters aboard the 500 planes that made the historic raid on the Eternal City.

Flying with the bombers were such noted newsmen as Herbert Matthews of The New York Times, Richard McMillan of the United Press, Richard Tregaskis of the International News Service, and Joseph Norton of the Associated Press.

And there were others. Allied military leaders were worried about possible public reaction to the air attack on the central shrine of Christendom. This fact no doubt explained the presence of so many first class newsmen with the Rome bombers. Military authorities were evidently anxious to have the facts of the bombing reported accurately, and to forestall any Axis attempt to propogate the attack.

Oddly enough eye witness reporters of the bombing were careful to highlight their stories with apologies and defenses for the Allied bombing of Rome.

WHAT ACTUALLY happened on that July morning five years ago was told most dramatically by United Press correspondent Richard McMillan. Returning from the Rome Raid aboard a U. S. Flying Fortress on the very day of the bombing, McMillan wrote this vivid account:

"Miles-long waves of U. S. heavy and medium bombers dropped explosives squarely on their targets today in history's first raid on Rome.

"As we left the city under heavy anti-aircraft fire a vast pall of smoke rose over the Roman capital which Nero, fiddling, watched burn 1,900 years ago.

"I saw our bombs showering on the targets designated, the vital links between Axis war factories and the Axis armies in Italy and Sicily.

"Flying Fortresses, their companion four-engine bombers, the Liberators, Marauders, and the Mitchells of American, joined in the historic raid in which two great freight assembly yards, crowded with military equipment, were blasted.

MacLeish Group Fights School Ban on Nation

New York—(RNS)—A demand that the Board of Education and the Board of Superintendents of New York public schools hold a public hearing on the banning of the Nation, weekly magazine, published here, has been made by a special committee formed to restore the publication to the schools.

The committee, announced by Miss Freda Kirchway, editor of The Nation, and headed by Archibald MacLeish, author and poet, "will continue its efforts until The Nation has been restored to the approved school lists and will take the fight to the courts if necessary."

SCHOOL OFFICIALS last month refused to resubscribe to the magazine because of two series of articles by Paul Blanshard that were allegedly anti-Catholic.

Others who demanded the public hearing included 70 members of the Faculty of New York University, School of Education and representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Jewish Congress, the American Veterans Committee, Americans for Democratic Action, and the Council Against Intolerance.

MacLeish in a telegram to the acting president of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools, said that to construe the Blanshard articles as an attack on religion was "palpable nonsense."

The ban on The Nation, he said, was not only the most arrogant and contemptuous of the recent challenges of the American principles of freedom of mind and freedom of expression; it is also the most dangerous. "It threatens not only the liberal press, but the whole press and not only the whole press but the educational system of the country and even its library system."

There is not an American who believes in the American conception of a free mind in a free society who can sit back in silence in the face of the cynical impudence of this attack.

'No Objection' To Nun Rule, Says POAU

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Action of North Dakota Catholic bishops permitting nuns who teach in public schools to wear civilian clothes in the classroom was deluged "unobjectionably" by Dr. J. M. Dawson, acting secretary of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

"The North Dakota referendum was not initiated by citizens with a view to imposing a religious test on teachers in public schools," Dr. Dawson said. "It was promulgated in an effort to oust sectarian influence from the public schools."

The consent given Catholic nuns to appear in the schoolrooms of public schools without a religious garb is therefore unobjectionable and uncontestable.

Court Test Urged On Anti-Garb Law

New York—(RNS)—A proposal that Catholics test the constitutionality of North Dakota's newly approved anti-garb law has been made here by America, national Catholic weekly.

The magazine termed the measure a "ridiculous prohibition" and charged that Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State "bore down heavily" to get the act passed.

"THE LAW was approved in the June 29 primary election by a majority of about 10,000 votes. Under its provisions, no public school teacher may wear clothing denoting membership in a religious order."

"While loudly asserting their allegiance to religious liberty for all," America declared, "Protestants-United will see to it that they can, that religious liberty is denied to Catholics. Their technique is to put a legal face on their anti-Catholicism. Well, let's find out whether the legal face is fair or foul. We think that a test in the courts would show it to be foul."

AMERICA added that "if Protestants United are sincere, which we find it hard to believe, they will not stop with banning nuns and priests from teaching in public schools; they will clean out the Protestant ministers from the public schools as well. Or doesn't the principle of separation of Church and State go that far? Maybe it is time for Catholics to make it go that far."

Cardinal Mindszenty Visits Mother and Helps Till Field

Budapest—(NC)—Following an annual custom which he has observed for many years, His Eminence Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, has again left his residence at Esztergom and gone to visit his mother in a free mind in a free society who can sit back in silence in the face of the cynical impudence of this attack.

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