

Foes of Nation Ban Asked To Be 'Fair'

New York — (RNS) — A plea that the issues raised by the recent action of the Board of Superintendents here excluding the Nation, weekly magazine, from the library lists of New York public schools, be considered "fairly and without emotion and prejudice" has been issued by Willard Johnson, pro-

Ban Reaffirmed

New York — The Board of Superintendents on Monday reaffirmed its decision to exclude the Nation magazine from the library lists of New York public schools. The decision was made after the board heard protests from Miss Freda Krawcheck, editor and publisher, and 15 other speakers who argued that the ban be rescinded. The magazine also is reported to be in Newark and Trenton, N. J.; North Adams, Mass., and Nayhall, Calif.

gram director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The appeal was made in a memorandum sent by Johnson to NCCJ officials throughout the country. Members of the New York City Board of Education, and to organizations which have gone on record as opposing the ban.

THE NATION was barred recently by the Board of Superintendents for running two series of allegedly anti-Catholic articles, written by Paul Blanchard, former Commissioner of Investigation and Accounts under Mayor LaGuardia.

In his memorandum, Johnson called for "careful consideration" of a list of questions relating to the Superintendent's action "and their implications in discussions about the restrictions on The Nation in public schools."

THE QUESTIONS FOLLOW:

1. Does a school system not have the right to choose what materials for its students? Must it buy every book and magazine published as not to "violate freedom of the press?"

2. Should public funds be used to purchase publications which are considered offensive by a large group of tax-paying people? Who is to decide whether materials are offensive, the injured group or the author and publisher?

3. NOW CAN THE controversial articles be considered either as an attack on Catholicism, despite denials by the author and

Political Ads Quoting Pontiff Hit By Prelate

Toronto — (RNS) — Advertisements placed in Quebec newspapers by the Liberal Party in connection with its provincial election campaign, and which made use of a statement attributed to Pope Pius XII, were protested here by the Most Rev. Ilderbrando Antoninelli, Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

Pope Pius was quoted in the ads as saying, "The great hour of the Christian conscience has sounded." The ads also attacked Communism and said the Pope had appealed to heads of governments to save the world from Communism.

IN HIS PROTEST, the Apostolic Delegate said it was "very regrettable that the words of His Holiness the Pope should be exploited in the pages of newspapers for the ends of election propaganda in favoring one political party when it is well known how the social doctrine of the Pontiff is far above any party difference."

"His Holiness has urged on several occasions the union of all men of good will to face the present dangers of humanity," the prelate added.

Liberal Party officials here sent a telegram to the Catholic prelate expressing regret that the advertisement "has appeared to be an exploitation of the words of His Holiness for the ends of election propaganda in favor of one political party."

They pointed out that Pope Pius' words had previously been given wide publicity, and said Liberals had felt they might be recalled "without irreverence" to remind the people of the Pope's invitation to men of good will.

Forest Fire Derives Chapel of Indians

It is a la Croix, Sask. (NC) —

The small frame church and frame home of the Oblate missionary priest at St. Martin, 30 miles north of here, have been destroyed in a forest fire. In- dians of the district, to whom loss of the mission is a heavy blow, succeeded in saving a number of the sacred vessels, some church furnishings and vestments.

The chapel was built in 1933 and to the Indians was known as their "House of Prayer." Bishop Martin LaJeunesse, O.M.I., Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin, has appealed for aid to help the Indians rebuild their chapel.

At Annual Institute On Industry



Attending the 12th annual institute on industry held at the National Catholic School of Social Service, Catholic University of America are: Left to right, first row—Helen T. Gall, Cleveland; Shirley A. Echele, Kookuk, Ia.; Theresa Butera, Le Roy, N. Y.; Marie G. Morgan, Toledo; Barone, Le Roy, N. Y.; Ruby Marie Kruger, Arcola, Ill.; Helen Ann Hillebrand, Helen A. Maras, Toledo, Ohio; Ruth Christopher, Easton Rouge, La.; Mary Conners, Arcola, Ill.; Mrs. Bridae V. Kenney, Roxbury, Mass.; Arcolla Theresa James, Chicago; Louise M. Metzger, Zanesville, O. The institute was sponsored by the Social Action Department, National Catholic Women for young working women. Miss Linna E. Braslett, Field Secretary, Social Action Department, N.C.W.C., and Consultant to the Committee on Social Action, N.C.W.C., was Director of the institute. (NC)

Status of Church Is Highly Uncertain in Czechoslovakia

Prague — (NC) — Future of the Church in Czechoslovakia remains as uncertain as the day-by-day events in this nation. Rumors, fear and distrust are rampant here.

The religious press has virtually disappeared. Confiscation of lands of religious communities, by which they largely supported their teaching and charitable activities, has seriously disrupted the work of these communities.

THE QUESTION of continued existence of Catholic schools in Bohemia and Moravia has been solved only for the time being—that is, for the coming school year, as matters stand today; and yet it seems premature to speak in terms of certainty about things that are to happen this fall.

Although communist President Klement Gottwald took part in services commemorating John Hus, heretic religious leader, on what is known as Hus Day here, the Hussite festivities were overshadowed by the huge participation of Catholics in Marian pilgrimages throughout Czechoslovakia the same day.

The main Marian pilgrimage was held at Levoca, Slovakia, where more than 100,000 Catholics attended services on the local Mary's Hill, and where 180 priests were kept busy hearing Confessions and distributing Holy Communion. A similar religious manifestation was held at Stare Hory, Slovakia, where more than 20,000 Holy Communions were distributed to Slovak pilgrims.

AT THE VERY TIME Premier Gottwald was attending a Te Deum service in Prague Cathedral, a communist mob stormed the Catholic churches in Holyov and Stoda, Czech towns near the German border. The rioters forced their way into both edifices, stole valuables, destroyed vestments and church linen, contaminated the holy water and spilled the holy oil. They failed in their attempts to smash the tabernacles.

Feeling still is high here following the overt demonstrations by Sokol youth against the communist government and in favor of former President Benes during parades and gatherings in this city.

These were the first indications of open resentment against the communist seizure of power last February which resulted in the resignation of Benes and the death, reportedly by suicide, of Jan Masaryk, son of the founder and first president of the Czech republic.

Hibernians Plan Canada Conclave
San Francisco — (NC) — As members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the United States and Canada are making preparations to take part in the organization's national meeting to be held in Montreal, Canada, August 10 & George R. Reilly, AOH national organizer outlined five major problems the delegates will have to face in their deliberations.

These he listed as: (1) To map out a program of Catholic action; (2) to lay the ground work for a plebiscite on an undivided Ireland, abolishing partition; (3) to defend released school time for religious instruction; (4) to create a permanent national organization department in the AOH; and (5) to take action on reports of their two-year stewardship of national president, Michael A. McGrath, Lakewood, O., and national president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Anna M. Carey.

Reilly also pointed out that the delegates must give thought to the defense of the constitutional privileges and democratic way of life enjoyed by Americans of all races and creeds. He added that the Hibernians have always been in the forefront of the fight against bigotry and religious and racial intolerance.

Pray for Russia
Lisbon — (RNS) — Fifty Portuguese-Americans who came here from California were among 15,000 persons who participated in a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. The pilgrims prayed for world peace and the conversion of Russia.

U. S.-Born Head Of Conventuals Is Back In U. S.

New York (NC) — The Most Rev. Bede Hess, O.F.M. (Conventuals), born Minister General of the "Black Franciscans" has returned here on a Royal Dutch airplane from Rome via Amsterdam for a visit.

A native of New York State and the first American to hold the supreme office in the Conventuals, Father Hess has been in Rome since 1939 and came to this country to attend provincial chapter meetings of the order through out the country. The first meeting will be held at St. Anthony on Hudson, Rensselaer, N. Y.

The Minister General was met at LaGuardia Airport by a group of four provincial and 20 priests of the Conventuals and was escorted to St. Joseph's Priory, Hockens, N. J., where he will remain until he begins his tour for the chapter.

Hess is serving his third term of six years as head of the "Black Franciscans" during the French Revolution were they were obliged to wear black habits because no other cloth was available.

St. Theresa's Church, Rochester and St. Elizabeth's Church, Auburn are in charge of the Conventuals.

School 'Penalties' Amaze Irish Bishop

Washington — (NC) — Penalties against religious education "in this land of liberty" have amazed Archbishop Joseph Walsh of Tuam, Irish prelate making a brief visit to the United States.

Expressing highest admiration for the Catholic school system in this nation, which he called "the glory of the American Church," the Archbishop said he found it hard to understand why Catholics and other religious groups having their own schools should be forced to pay for the public schools and then compelled again to provide schools where their children can get suitable religious training.

IN IRELAND, he related, the government pays two-thirds of the cost of building, and the full salaries of teachers in primary schools operated by religious groups, whether Protestant or Catholic.

The two big problems facing Ireland today are the emigration of its young people and late marriages. Archbishop Walsh stated he is enroute to Ireland after taking part in the centennial celebrations of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Australia. Ireland's other problem, partition, will solve itself in time, the Archbishop thought.

In the past ten years, he said, about 30,000 of Ireland's young people have annually emigrated to Britain attracted by high wages in industrial plants. These are in addition to the many thousands who volunteered for service in the British armed forces. If this continues, Ireland will bleed slowly to death, Archbishop Walsh asserted.

While this emigration is going on, he continued, foreigners, mostly British, are moving into Ireland and buying up houses and land. The Irish people feel, he declared, that some energetic attempt must be made on the one hand to provide more profitable employment in Ireland to discourage emigration and on the other hand to make the young Irish people conscious of the harm they are doing Ireland by depicting its native population when they leave the country.

SUGGESTING one means of providing employment, the Archbishop declared it a pity that large reforestation and drainage projects are not undertaken by the government. Ireland is extremely low on wood, he explained, and there are thousands of acres of swamp land which could be turned into rich farming areas if properly drained.

Beside emigration of the young, another factor responsible for Ireland's declining birth rate is the tendency toward late marriages, he said. The Archbishop stated he could not find a basic reason for this tendency, though he thought part of the explanation lies in the fact that many young women having profitable jobs are too fond of the independence they provide to give them up for the duties of a housewife.

"Are You With It? Picture "Are You With It?" The Universal International film current by being seen in Rochester theaters, has been listed "B" — objectionable in part" by the Legion of Decency on the basis of a suggestive sequence in the movie.

Belgium Public School Bill OKs Religion Course

Brussels — CIP — Agreement has been reached between the Christian Social Party and the Socialist Party, which form Belgium's Government Coalition, on a bill regulating religious and moral instruction in public high schools. It has been passed in the Chamber of Deputies and is now before the Senate. The bill recognizes the right of the parents to decide what kind of religious or moral instruction their children are to receive in the public schools.

The bill reads as follows: "The high school curriculum includes religious instruction (Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish) as well as moral instruction based on the principles of the student's own religion, as well as non-denominational moral instruction. At the time of each student's registration, the parents or guardians choose by written statement one of these courses. The choice may be changed at the beginning of any school year. If a parent wishes to make a change during the school year, application must be made to the Minister of Public Education, and the reasons for the desired change must be explained.

"DULY ACCREDITED clergy men are invited to take charge of the teaching, or to supervise the teaching of religion and morality, on the basis of their own faith, in all educational institutions covered by this law. Non-denominational moral instruction is organized by the Minister of Public Education. The clergymen as well as school inspectors shall be invited to present suggestions concerning this instruction."

The bill, if it becomes law, will ensure that moral instruction for Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish children is given in conjunction with their religious classes and that "non-denominational" moral instruction will be given only to those students whose parents do not wish them to receive religious instruction.

The fact that the bill recognizes the right of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen to offer advice concerning the "non-denominational" moral instruction offers a certain protection against the possibility that this instruction, from being non-denominational may become anti-religious.

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