

### State Druggists Vote To Banish Lurid Reading

**French Lick Springs, Ind.**—Delegates to the Indiana State Pharmaceutical Association convention here adopted a resolution which pledged their cooperation with police, religious and other agencies in eliminating the display and sale not only of objectionable "comic" books, but also of indecent and salacious magazines and novels.

The action was motivated by efforts of Al Dougherty, South Bend, Ind., pharmacist, Catholic lay leader and secretary of the South Bend-Mishawaka Pharmacy Club. He secured the backing of his local pharmacy club in a fight against objectionable "comic" books and carried the battle to the convention.

**THE CONVENTION** heard addresses by William C. Smith of Washington, representative of the National Organization for Decent Literature, and Abe Schwartzman, representing the Association of Comic Magazine Publishers.

Mr. Schwartzman told the delegates that members of his association, representing 40 per cent of "comic" book publishers, had drawn up a code for decency in "comic" books and said he saw no reason why the convention should pass a resolution regarding the "comic books" since the publishers now promise to clean up their publications.

But the resolution adopted by the convention asserted that "there has been a resurgence in objectionable magazines and other literature that is bringing condemnation from municipal and juvenile officials and the public." The resolution also stated that "retail pharmacists wish to have no part in the distribution of demoralizing literature."

### Code on Comic Books Called Only 'Gesture'

**Cincinnati—NC**—The six-point, voluntary code adopted recently by some comic book publishers in response to growing criticism by parents and educators looks like nothing more than a "gesture" to Joseph T. Nolan Jr., Cincinnati advertising man and teacher at Xavier University, who has made an extensive study of comics.

"In a few months the publishers will return to their usual practices," Nolan predicted.

### YOUNGEST AT WEST POINT



Nation's youngest and smallest West Point cadet probably is son born to Paul Wiedorfer, Maryland's only living Congressional Medal of Honor winner in World War II, and Mrs. Wiedorfer at Franklin Square hospital, Baltimore. Because his father holds the nation's highest military award, Baby Wiedorfer immediately becomes eligible to enter U. S. Military Academy. Mr. Wiedorfer is one of 67 Catholic veterans of World War II who were awarded the nation's highest military award, the Congressional Medal of Honor. (NC Photos).

### 245 Persons Employed for Notre Dame U. Maintenance

**Notre Dame, Ind.**—Only the keenest imagination can visualize the ingenuity and labor involved in keeping in working order a "city" of more than 4,800 residents, with 60 buildings scattered on 1,700 acres.

This is the complicated task of the efficiently organized Maintenance Department at the University of Notre Dame.

Life at Notre Dame would grind to a slow stop if it were not for the many and widely varied activities of the organization of "trouble-shooters" comprising the Maintenance Department. The Rev. Bernard J. Furstoss, CSC, who before entering the priesthood was a wood pattern maker for the Crane Company in Chicago, heads the department which is so vital to the operation of the Notre Dame plant.

**TO UNDERSTAND** the problems of the maintenance crews, the average homeowner need only count the number of drains in his home which may become clogged, the number in a normal house is not more than three. The challenging problems successfully answered daily by the Maintenance Department may be readily seen when it is pointed out that the University has more than 10,000 drains to keep in order, many more locks to jam on in need of keys, miles of tunnels where steam pipes rush heat to the 60 buildings on the campus, intricate pipes that supply water and miles of electrical circuits.

But these are only a few of the intricate tasks performed by a crew of 95 men under Father Furstoss. In addition to the ever-present stream of repairs and replacements, there is the problem of maintaining a neat appearance of the University lawns and gardens. There are 300 acres on the campus where grass, hedges and flowers grow. Eighteen men are not doing but work on these grounds.

The entire 1,700 acres of campus, including two lakes and a golf course, comprise a lot of territory for one department to cover. So the University employs 20 men whose duty it is to haul equipment and materials from one part of the campus to another. This requires 70 cars and trucks maintained on the campus for such purposes.

Duties of the Maintenance Department also are affected by the central heating plant of the University which consumes 90 tons of coal daily in the winter and 35 tons daily in the summer. To keep the heating system in good repair and to fix any of the 10,000 drains that may get clogged, there are 17 steam fitters and plumbers on the maintenance staff.

**ALSO INCLUDED** on the maintenance crew are 12 electricians, 12 painters, nine carpenters and cabinet makers and three sheet metal workers. Not included in the crew of 95, but still under the Maintenance Department, are 150 maids and janitors in the various campus buildings.

### Duties Stressed At Elevation Of Bp. McVinney

**Providence, R. I., July 16—NC**—The Catholic Church as the fountain-head and pure stream of true Christianity was emphasized by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston in his sermon at the consecration of the Most Rev. Russell Joseph McVinney as fifth Bishop of Providence.

An overflow congregation, including dignitaries of Church, State and laity, witnessed His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, officiate in the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul here.

**BEFORE HIS** elevation, Bishop McVinney served as rector of Our Lady of Providence Seminary. He is the first native of Rhode Island to become ruler of the Providence See and was consecrated on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

Four archbishops, 22 Bishops, scores of Monsignori and hundreds of priests and Religious were in the packed assemblage. Among the hierarchy was Archbishop Francis P. Keough, predecessor of Bishop McVinney who is now head of the nation's primate See, the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

**IN HIS SERMON**, Archbishop Cushing declared that a "Catholic Bishop is the prophet of God to all the people." He said that a "noted Catholic of the hour, a principal spokesman of the happy tragedy which is being mounted against the Faith at the moment, in his most recent attack on the Catholic hierarchy objected to their being designated as 'rulers'."

The Boston prelate reminded that it was not a Church council nor the members of the hierarchy themselves which designate them as "rulers," but the words of St. Paul, confirmed and authenticated in Holy Scripture: "Take heed to yourselves and to the whole flock, wherein the Holy Ghost hath placed you bishops to rule the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

"There is a danger in our day," the Archbishop said, "that men may forget by whom the Bishops are sent. That danger is certainly great when even men who call themselves Christian clergy so far forget the Sacred Scriptures as to deny the divine authority of the Bishops and its supernatural source."

"But there is another danger, a danger perhaps even more great. It is the danger that the Bishops themselves may forget to whom they are sent. It is the danger of a false sense of exclusiveness which seriously limits the apostolic work of the Bishops and the divine influence of the entire Church."

**ARCHBISHOP CUSHING** emphasized "We must never forget that Catholicism is not a denomination. It is not another one among the warring sects which are the lamentable fruit of the revolt against Catholic unity and Catholics must not accept with complacency the divisions of 'Christendom'."

### REUNION IN AMERICA



At a recent meeting of the Cleveland Blossom Council of the National Council of Catholic Women, Nadine Lyda and Mary Koles met again Miss Eileen Egan, consultant of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference. The girls were among Polish refugee children Miss Egan brought to Mexico from a Displaced Persons camp in Siberia in 1940. They now make their homes with Cleveland families. The N.C.W. is currently engaged in a campaign to collect 5 million garments for the needy in many lands. (NC Photos).

### Catholic Abstention from World Church Meet Defined

**Amsterdam, Holland—(NC)**—Only about half of the 300 church bodies invited to take part in the ecumenical session here of the World Council of Churches, from August 22 to September 4, will take part, according to present indications.

In all about 1,500 delegates are expected to attend.

Among the churches which will not have representatives at the meetings are the Roman Catholic Church, the Dutch Reformed Church, the Southern Baptist Church in the United States, the Missouri Synod, the Armenian Church and the Scandinavian Lutheran Church. Objections will be sent by the Quakers of England. Participation of the Russian Orthodox Church remains in doubt.

**SO FAR ONLY** eight minor Orthodox Churches have expressed their intention of taking part in the deliberations. The result is that the meeting will prove an almost distinctly Protestant affair.

The meeting will be another effort on the part of Protestant leaders to bring about union, if not of doctrine and religious practices, at least of action in the common struggle for peace and against the encroachments of materialism.

While in the years past the Catholic Church's steadfast refusal to participate in these sessions smacking of a bargaining over truth to achieve union puzzled the other religious bodies, there is now an increasing understanding of the Church's position that she has the truth and can in no way compromise it.

**SYMPTOMATIC** of this development, the Presbyterian theologian William Adam Brown, writes in his book, "Toward a United Church" (1946):

"For a Roman Catholic it is a fundamental point of faith that God has endowed the Pope of Rome with the responsibility of being the representative of Christ on earth. The fact of granting to any other church body the same right to speak in the name of Christ would make the Roman Catholic Church guilty of treason. The consequence is that the Roman Catholic Church must decline any invitation to take part in such a ritual participation of the ecumenical Movement in virtue of her fundamental principle."

**Heads U. S. Sisters** Clinton, Ia. NC Sister Mary Regis Cleary, dean, registrar and teacher at Mt. St. Clare Junior college here for the past 18 years has been elected mother general of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Irish-born nun will supervise 30 schools and colleges and several hospitals.

### Pope Stresses Need For Moral Standard

**Vatican City—NC**—His Holiness Pope Pius XII expressed his regret at "the scarcity of results" from the efforts employed since the end of the war to achieve true peace, as he received the credentials of Ecuador's new Ambassador to the Holy See, Manuel Larrea Ribandenera.

Speaking in Spanish, His Holiness described the path to true peace as strewn by obstacles which nullified such things as the diligence of negotiators, simply arithmetical adjustments and discussions conditioned by force. The reason, he said, is that these factors "derive their reality from only one motive."

**WHAT IS LACKING**, he continued, is "acknowledgment of a norm recognized by all, which would be morally obligatory and therefore inviolable, whose application to the concrete problems of peace would arrest this multiplying of particular and selfish interests and disordered desires for power."

The Pontiff declared that where faith in God and His law was strong enough to cause God's influence to pass from the individual conscience to the field of public life, divergent opinions were compossible in an atmosphere of moral seriousness and the way was opened to the solution of the most intractable problems.

"Wherever, instead, a lively contact between that which is earthly and that which is eternal has been lost there is likewise lacking in negotiation that strong moral impulse which in the stern conflict of interests is indispensable, being able to rise to heights where justice and peace happily and fraternally meet each other," he stated.

"Those peace treaties in the preparation of which respect for the unwritten laws of thought and moral activity have been forgotten or knowingly denied are seen lacking in that interior binding force which is first of all the premise for obtaining their desired validity. For this reason a fidelity to treaties cannot be hoped nor can there be any certainty of it unless both contracting parties have been profoundly impressed in their spirit with an appreciation of their obligation," the Holy Father said.

**ADDED PERSECUTION** Feared From Law Basel—NC—"Provocation and instigation of hatred and disunity among the nationalities, races and different religions" is made punishable under a new elastic law just promulgated in Yugoslavia, according to KIPA, Swiss Catholic news agency.

Observers feel that the law is intended to provide the government with the means to persecute the churches because it provides specifically that it is to be considered aggravating, if an attack emanates from the representative of a church, while at the same time criticism of religion in general and of irregular behavior on the part of church representatives are not to count as provocation.

### Asks Positive Red Rebuff

**Brussels—(NC)**—Communism cannot be stopped by merely indulging in an anti-communist attitude but only by positive action to correct what is wrong, the Rev. Canon Joseph Cardijn writes:

"FIGHTING AGAINST an error does not constitute possession of the truth, and rejection of a wrong solution does not mean that the right solution has been found. . . . When the communists attack justice, 'want and inequalities, an anti-communist attitude is not sufficient to put things right and to create order. And this is the point. The rest is pharisaism and double-dealing."

Asking what is the use of rejecting something unless the right thing is put in its place, the article continues:

"NEGATIVE anti-communism, which is silly and short-sighted, has done great harm to the working class, the Church and the Faith. An anti-communism of that kind creates the impression of being an anti-social force directed against the workman, and of preventing the reforms necessary for the salvation of the working class. The greatest danger is not created by communism, but by ignorance with respect to truth. Communism is a consequence of that ignorance."

"What should be known and guaranteed is personal dignity of the workman's life, his soul, his work and his family; that respect and justice that are due to this dignity; and also that social system which . . . gives expression to this dignity and respect."

### Parish Visitor Nuns Hold Vow Ceremonies

**Monroe, N. Y.—(NC)**—Twenty-seven members of the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate participated in an impressive reception and profession ceremony in the chapel of the Marycrest Motherhouse here. Ten young women received the habits of the community; seven novices pronounced their temporary vows and ten professed members made their final vows.

Purpose of the community is to supply missionary nuns to aid priests among neglectful and needy families in a parish, take the parish census, give religious instructions and, as the Rev. Raymond L. Purcell, S.J., put it in his sermon at the ceremonies, to enter some homes so hostile that "God's anointed ambassador dares not at first go."

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