

ON GUARD

The Fatal Weakness Henry Wallace Liberty Betrayed

There is a fatal weakness in the make-up of many of our self-professed American liberals...

HENRY WALLACE is a good example of the inconsistency of the professional liberal.

Even some of the elect among us may have been lured into thinking that Mr. Wallace is a great liberal...

This was all very clear at last week's Philadelphia convention which saw the formation of the new Progressive Party...

The convention was a rally of communists and fellow-travelers who controlled the proceedings throughout.

In his acceptance speech at Shibe Park the Progressive Party candidate lost all claim to be the standard-bearer of the liberty-loving rank-and-file.

His vigorous attack on American foreign policy towards Russia was to be expected but his scyphantic whitewashing of Soviet Russia was a shock to American ears.

To hear a former vice-president of the United States attack our government with the same words and the same arguments which are spewed forth in every communist journal from Moscow to New York was a big haul to take.

It was hard, too, to hear the man who missed the presidency of the United States by a few heartbeats parrot the Communist Daily Worker's charges of militarism, imperialism and Wallstreetism against our government.

NOT ONE word of criticism did the great champion of the common man have to say about Soviet Russia.

No word of the millions whom the Stalin regime has subjected to persecution and death.

No word did Wallace, the liberal, say of the tens of thousands of bishops and priests who suffer martyrdom under the Men of Moscow.

Nothing either was said about the Red persecution of democracy-loving patriots in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, etc.

Mr. Wallace, inconsistently enough, hurled charges of militarism at President Truman but ignored the mighty armies of his friend Marshal Stalin.

He alleged imperialistic ambitions against Washington but ignored the actual presence of the banners of the aggressive Kremlin in the heart of Western Europe.

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N. Y. School Board Reaffirms Ban on Anti-Catholic Nation

New York — (Special) — By unanimous vote the Board of Superintendents has reaffirmed its ban against permitting New York public school libraries to subscribe to The Nation, weekly magazine, which published two series of articles attacking the beliefs of the Catholic Church.

The announcement was issued by Dr. William Jansen, Superintendent of Schools, and chairman of the Board, following a hearing for groups opposing the ban.

After the decision of the Board, which was unanimous, was made public, Freda Kitchney, editor of The Nation, revealed she had requested the New York State Commissioner of Education to review the decision.

A TELEGRAM scolding the school officials' action and demanding an open hearing on the matter was sent to Mayor O'Dwyer by Archbishop MacLish, former Librarian of Congress and former Assistant Secretary of State.

The committee includes Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, former Governor, Herbert H. Lehman, Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Dr. Edward L. Parsons, retired Protestant Episcopal Bishop of California; Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary.

ALSO GUY EMOBY SHIPLEY, editor of the "Churchman"; author Louis Adamic, Alvin Johnson, Dr. Philip E. Elliott, George Biddle, Christopher LaFarge, William L. White, William Rose Benet, Lillian Smith and Fanny Hurst, authors; Cass Canfield, chairman of Harper & Bros., publishers; Dr. Henry Seidel Canby, editor, Albert Spalding, violinist, and Rex Stout.

Organizations on the committee, which is given the label "The Committee to Fight the Ban," include the American Jewish Congress, American Veterans Committee, Council Against Intolerance, Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, American Civil Liberties Union, Lawyers' Guild, Teachers' Union, Voice of Freedom Committee and the Teachers Guild.

Dr. Jansen in his statement denied charges that the superintendent's decision not to renew subscriptions to the magazine had been based upon pressure from various groups.

"This allegation," he asserted, "is completely false and groundless. No member of the board received a request from any group or from any individual representing any group asking that the subscriptions to the magazine be discontinued.

Dr. Jansen said that although Miss Kitchney had contended at a recent closed hearing before the Board of Superintendents that the Blanshard articles did not contain attacks on religious faiths and beliefs, the school officials "believe they do."

"Since instruction in sectarian religion is forbidden by law in the public schools, how can one justify introducing attacks on sectarian religion in the public schools?" the Board of Superintendents' primary concern with Blanshard's articles is their effect on students.

Students whatever their faith, may well wonder why articles which attack the religious beliefs of any of their classmates are made available in school."

Approximately 75 per cent of the comic books sold on Rochester newsstands are purchased by adults, Jansen noted.

The South Director said a list of 50 "objectionable comic books" prepared by the Federal Police Department after a study by a supreme court judge has been presented to magazine dealers and publishers, and all have promised to cooperate in efforts to clean up the newsstands.

IN A LETTER to Jansen, President Irving S. Manheimer of the Association of Comic Magazines Publishers declared that members of the association have agreed to a new "code of ethics" to eliminate objectionable features of the magazines.

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There Are Good Comic Books, City Officials Declare



District Attorney Daniel J. O'Mara (left) and Youth Supervisor Henry H. Jansen sort out the "good" and "bad" among the 296 comic magazines sold by Rochester newsstands.

Progress Reported In 'Comic' Cleanup

Purchases of "good comic books" will be the best means of eliminating the bad ones, Supervisor Henry H. Jansen of the Rochester Police Youth Bureau asserted Tuesday in reporting progress in the city's drive against objectionable comics.

Declaring that the two principal comic book distributors in Rochester have promised "fullest cooperation" in eliminating those specializing in stories of crime and sex, Jansen declared:

"WE ARE TRYING, however, to stress the positive side of this campaign. There are many good comic books. Many of the classics are now published in comic book form; there are stories of the Bible, and many others which are wholesome reading. We are trying to influence the newsstands to give this type more prominent display."

Daniel J. O'Mara, district attorney, who is cooperating with the city's department of Public Safety in the current drive declared that many of the 296 comics distributed in Rochester "have been pretty bad, but we expect the situation to improve now."

O'Mara pointed out that the State Penal Law prohibits production distribution or possession of publications "principally made up of crime news, police reports or accounts of criminal deeds or pictures of stories of deeds of bloodshed, lust or crime. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor or, he added, punishable by fine and jail sentence."

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Holy Year Program Set By Pius XII

Rome — (NC) — Four principal intentions for pilgrims and Catholics throughout the world during the forthcoming Holy Year in 1950 are outlined in a message by His Holiness Pope Pius XII to members of the central committee.

Written in the Holy Father's own hand, the message was given to committee members gathered for their first meeting in the Hall of Congregations of the Vatican Palace. His Holiness outlined the Holy Year intentions as follows:

- 1. SANCTIFICATION of souls through prayer and penance, and unshakable fidelity to Christ and the Church.
2. Action for peace and defense of the Holy Places.
3. Defense of the Church against renewed attacks of her enemies and beseeching of the true faith for those wandering in error, infidels and those without God.
4. Actual realization of social justice and works of assistance in favor of the humble and needy.

Among members of the committee present were Bishop Martin J. O'Connor, rector of the North American College in Rome, representing English-speaking countries; Dom Anselmo Albarada, prefect of the Vatican Library, representing Spain; Msgr. Ludwig Kaas, representing Germany, and Msgr. Rene Fontanelle, representing France.

Formation of four special commissions to supervise activities during the forthcoming Holy Year in 1950 has been announced at the Vatican.

The first and foremost of these commissions, under the presidency of Msgr. Alberto Orsini, of the Holy Office, will promote various forms of piety and spiritual activity in Rome and Italy during the Holy Year, with the thought that these activities may be carried on also throughout the Catholic world.

The second commission will deal with meetings and conferences. It will be divided into two main sections. The third commission will supervise exhibits of the missions, modern sacred art, the Catholic Press, and other Church activities.

The fourth commission, to be headed by Msgr. P. J. Angles, president of the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music, will be devoted to presentation of the best liturgical music.

Auxiliary Bishop Appointed to Erie

Washington — (NC) — The Right Rev. Msgr. Edward Peter McManaman, rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, Erie, Pa., has been appointed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII as Titular Bishop of Floriana and Auxiliary to Bishop John Mark Gannon of Erie.

The appointment was announced in a letter received from the Holy See at the Apostolic Delegation here. Bishop-elect McManaman, who has been rector of the Erie Cathedral since 1936, has also served for more than ten years as promoter of justice in the Erie Diocesan Curia.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., son of James Joseph and Elizabeth Ann (Dillon) McManaman, on May 3, 1900. He studied at St. Thomas College (now University of Scranton), Scranton, Pa., and St. Bonaventure College, Allegany, N. Y.

His message, His Eminence Adenote Cardinal Piazza, president of the Episcopal Commission superintending the Catholic Action Association in Italy, the Pope asserted that the first aim of priests should be to strengthen and increase "their piety and their study."

Princess Elizabeth Sends \$402 to Catholic Society

Quebec — (NC) — The sum of \$402 has been received by the St. Vincent de Paul Society from Princess Elizabeth. It was announced here by Thomas Tremblay, president of the Superior Council of Canada, in a letter to Judge Tremblay, Viscount Alexander, Governor General of Canada, wrote:

"You will remember that on the occasion of the marriage of Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth, numerous gifts were received from all over the world, which were on display in St. James Palace for a moderate entrance fee."

"After the display of gifts Her Royal Highness concurred the happy idea of dividing the money subscribed among certain societies, of which two are in Canada."

"I have the pleasure of bringing to you the knowledge that one of the organizations chosen for this purpose is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul."

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