

British MP's Back Ireland Union Move

By JOHN A. GREAVES
London (NC) — A number of Catholic Labor Party members of Parliament are supporting a move initiated by Eire's Prime Minister, John Costello, to work out a solution of the Irish partition problem.

Labor Party members believe that the time is now ripe to discuss the question calmly. One Catholic member, Hugh Delargy, told the *Catholic Herald*, London weekly:

"LEAVING ASIDE the favorable trade relations which cannot help throwing England and Eire very close together, the cooperation of both countries in the European recovery program places the Irish problem today in a totally new perspective. Just think of the effect of a British move to solve the problem on the other countries of Western Europe."

"I know from my contacts abroad," he added, "and from the attitude of Belgians, Frenchmen and others who know the facts that such a gesture on our part would do us immense good. And I am sure that the Government realizes that."

Labor MP's generally seem hopeful about the outcome of any British move but Catholic members of the Conservative party are not impressed.

RUMORS CONTINUE, however, to the present vacation of Prime Minister Clement Attlee in Eire with the move Mr. Costello raised the matter in the Daily when asked for an assurance that Ireland would not be involved in any British war.

He said: "I have not to speak with due reserve but I feel that for the first time since 1922 (the year the Irish Free State was established) there appears some hope of securing a united Ireland because of advances being made. The interests of the six north-eastern counties of Ireland, of Great Britain, of the United States of Western Europe and of all people who believe in Christian principles demand that there should be a united Ireland, especially if there should be a war in the next few years."

Will Aid DP's



Edward M. O'Connor of Buffalo, executive assistant of War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, who has been appointed by President Truman to the three-man Displaced Persons Commission which will administer the program for admitting 202,000 European DP's into the United States within the next two years. Mr. O'Connor has been with the WRS since 1943.

Dedication to Mary Ordered in Syracuse

Syracuse, N. Y. (NC) — The Diocese of Syracuse will be dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at special ceremonies in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here August 22. Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, it has been announced by Bishop Walter A. Foety of Syracuse, who will officiate at the Cathedral rites. He also has directed that consecration ceremonies be held the same day in each parish and religious institution of the diocese, following the principal Mass and that each family in the diocese conduct consecration rites in the home.

He points out that the dedication is in keeping with the wishes of His Holiness Pope Pius XII to have the entire human race dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Italian Catholic Action Youth Expect Eternal City Rallies to Draw 500,000

Rome (NC) — Catholic Action rallies to be held here during September are expected to be among the greatest gatherings of world youth ever to be held, bringing more than a half million young people to the Eternal City from throughout Italy and from some 50 other nations of the world.

Cardinal Leads Final Rites For Bishop Griffin

Springfield, Ill. — Beneath the high altar in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, which he built more than a score of years ago, Bishop James A. Griffin of Springfield, Illinois, was laid to final rest following funeral rites here (Aug. 11) Wednesday.



His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, who Bishop Griffin has served as one of the co-consecrators when Bishop Griffin was raised to the bishopric nearly 25 years ago, offered the Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem.

More than a score of members of the Hierarchy, a large delegation of prominent State and civic officials, hundreds of priests and nuns were present at the Mass. The Cathedral was filled to overflowing. Bishop Ralph L. Hayes of Davenport preached the sermon.

Bishop Griffin, who was 65, died August 5 in St. John's Hospital, here, where he had been a patient since July 19. While he was in the hospital, plans were being made for a gigantic religious and civic celebration which was to have been held on November 21 to celebrate the prelate's silver jubilee as a Bishop.

Widely recognized as an able administrator and a champion of education, Bishop Griffin also was known as one of the most forceful speakers among the U. S. Hierarchy. He long had been an outspoken foe of communism and condemned other injustices as they appeared on the world horizon.

Bishop Griffin was born in Chicago on February 27, 1883, eldest of the 10 children of Thomas and Catherine Woulfe Griffin. He attended St. Gabriel's School and St. Ignatius College in Chicago then began his studies for the priesthood at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis.

In 1904 he went to Rome and entered the North American College, where he completed his studies. He was ordained on July 4, 1909, and upon his return to the United States served various pastorates in the Chicago archdiocese until November 10, 1923, when Pope Pius XI named him Bishop of Springfield in Illinois, which formerly was the Diocese of Alton.

He was consecrated in Chicago on February 25, 1924, by the late Archbishop (later Cardinal) George W. Mundelein of Chicago.

Nation Slates Special Masses For Labor Day

Labor Day will be the occasion this year for a number of special Masses in industrial centers across the nation.

In Detroit the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists will sponsor a Labor Day Mass at downtown St. Aloysius Church. The Rev. Raymond S. Clancy, Detroit ACTU chaplain, will celebrate the Mass.

In San Francisco a special Labor Day Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, September 5. Bishop Hugh A. Donohoe, Auxiliary of San Francisco and chaplain of the San Francisco ACTU chapter, will preside. Invitations have been extended to all labor officials.

A LABOR DAY Mass sponsored by the St. Thomas More Guild will conclude the summer Industrial Relations Seminar to be held at Bayonne, N. J. The Rev. Benjamin L. Masse, S. J., associate editor of *America*, will deliver the sermon. All union and industrial groups in Bayonne have been invited.

St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York will be the scene of a special Labor Day Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, with the Rev. John E. Byrne, director of the White Plains Labor School, as preacher. The Mass will be the fifth annual religious observance of Labor Day under ACTU sponsorship. Among the members of the sponsoring committee are Senators Robert F. Wagner of New York and James E. Murray of Montana.

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Cardinal Gives Stamps to Nuns

Boston (RNS) — Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, has presented his personal stamp collection to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The presentation was made as a tribute to the prelate's aunt, Sister Mary Philomena, a member of the order for 54 years.

The cardinal's collection contains stamps from all parts of the world. An unusual item is an Iwo Jima sheet which Cardinal Spellman purchased during his visit to the Pacific island in 1945. The sheet is autographed by President Truman.

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AIDING A TOTALLY-DEAF TOT



Twin nuns, Sister Rose Anisa and Sister Rose Alice, of the Order of St. Joseph, shown giving patient instruction to a five-year-old totally deaf pre-school child from St. Mary's School of the Deaf, Buffalo. The demonstration was given at an Institute for Training Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at a summer session of the Catholic University of America, Washington. There are only ten Catholic schools for deaf children in the United States, with an enrollment of 1200. (NC Photos)

American Olympic Athletes Provided With Daily Mass

London (NC) — Ample facilities for daily attendance at Mass are being offered the estimated 100 Catholic youths on the 300-member U. S. Olympic team being accommodated at the Royal Air Force Camp at Uxbridge, Middlesex. Masses are said each morning in the Uxbridge lounge by two American priests, who are with the team as unofficial Catholic chaplains.

The priests are the Revs. Francis A. English of Paterson, N. J., and Joseph A. McMahon of St. Louis. They are not officially recognized as chaplains since the setup for the U. S. Olympic team does not provide for chaplains.

The daily Masses are served by George Guida, quarter miler from Villanova College, Villanova, Pa., and Edwin O'Toole, 10,000 meter runner from Manhattan College, New York. An average of 50 attend these Masses and many receive Communion daily. Probably half of the several thousand athletes taking part in the Olympics are members of the Church. Besides the Americans, they include 98 of the 100-member Irish team, and most of the competitors from the European Catholic countries and from South America. New Zealand, Iceland, Iran and Iraq are believed the only competing nation to have no Catholic representation on their teams.

His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, welcomed the Catholic athletes in a colorful reception at Archbishop House, Eastern committee members attended in their national costumes. The general public was barred from the ceremony but had an opportunity to see the sportmen at a subsequent Benediction service in the Cathedral at which the Cardinal pontificated and preached.

Pope Blesses Ambulances
Rome (RNS) — Five ambulances manufactured in Italy with funds contributed by War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, New York, were blessed here by Pope Pius XII.

The ambulances will be used in the poorest parts of southern Italy by the Pontifical Relief Commission.

Head of Korea Lauds Church's Freedom Help

By REV. GEORGE CARROLL
Seoul, Korea (NC) — Dr. Syngman Rhee, Korea's new President, told me during an interview that he will never forget the encouragement and help given by the Catholic Church to his country during the darkest days of the struggle for Korean independence.

He said that the moral support given by the Church encouraged the nation's leaders to carry on the fight. He pointed out that the Church was the first to recognize the separation of Korea from things Japanese, when it assigned Mgr. Patrick Byrne, M.M., as Apostolic Visitor to Korea. To Koreans, he added, this gesture was a recognition of their independence.

DURING MY private audience with the President, I presented him with a note of congratulations from His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. The letter said: "It was very glad to hear of your election as President of Korea and I wish to offer you my heartiest congratulations. I wish you every success in your new position and promise a prayerful remembrance of you in your work and also for the welfare of the Korean people."

The note was signed: "Your sincere friend, Francis Cardinal Spellman."

PRESIDENT RHEE was visibly affected by the letter and tears welled in his eyes as he recalled the many expressions of sympathy and encouragement given in the past by the Cardinal.

President Rhee also spoke in glowing terms of his long friendship with Archbishop Paul Vit Pin of Nanking. He recalled how the Archbishop had helped with advice the members of the Korean government in exile both in Nanking and in Chungking. He said the Archbishop's words of encouragement, when the going was tough, made the going easier.

The new Korean national government will be inaugurated formally on August 15, at which time the military government will cease to function. When the new government takes over, it will be a great day for Korea and the Koreans.

Noted Theologian Dies
Earle (NC) — The Rev. Gilbert Antonin Bertlinguer, O. P., celebrated orator and theologian of the Dominican Order, has died at Ballantray monastery in Savoy at the age of 85.

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