

### Father McKay Burial Rites Held in Corning Church

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Thus ends the life of another priest, but not the priesthood. As the human body, a living organism, builds itself over and over again so that the same personality lives on. Even though parts decay and die, so the priesthood of Jesus Christ, founded in an upper room twenty centuries ago, lives on strong and vibrant, an organism shot through with the Divinity of Christ, yet carried in the frail vessels of weak human nature.

"To the non-Catholic mind, the idea of a priest as mediator between God and man, is an alien thought. To the Catholic, it is one of great comfort and consolation.

"No Catholic is ignorant of the frailty of the priest, yet he realizes that God chooses men from among men, calls them in a special way to do His work and because of this work they do people love and respect the priest. In all the events of life which touch them deeply, he is at their side.

"One priest differing from another in character, disposition, mental attainments and personality, yet each one having one thing in common—the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

"Almighty God is a wise Father. He knows well the human nature which he created and which by its own will fell from grace. Because in every other act of life there is mediation of one kind or another, so that beautiful relation which exists between God and His children, the priest stands humbly presenting to God the weaknesses of himself and his people and returning from God divine strength and supernatural grace.

"This is the priesthood of Jesus Christ. This is the priesthood of St. Peter, St. Boniface, St. Patrick. The priesthood of the Cure d'Arce of Pope Pius XII. Cardinal Spellman, and Father McKay.

"The Church aims, not at making a show, but at doing a work. She holds that, unless she can in her own way, do good for souls, it is no use in her doing anything.

"She holds that it were better for sun and moon to drop from heaven, for the earth to fall, than that one soul committed to her care should be lost, may even fall into a single sin. To such a priesthood was Father McKay ordained. His labors are now over and the Church he served so well sends her beautiful prayers of requiem after his departing soul.

FATHER MCKAY was killed instantly early Sunday morning when he was struck by a milk truck on a fog-shrouded road about 10 miles west of Watkins Glen.

He was on his way from his family home in Canandaigua to celebrate the early Mass at St. Vincent's in Corning when the accident occurred.

According to Coroner Oakley A. Allen the priest apparently had trouble with his auto and had stopped on the highway to signal for assistance.

The truck driver told investigators that he was driving through a heavy fog when he saw the figure of a man frantically waving him to the left but the rear end of the machine struck Father McKay.

The truck crashed into his parked car and then careened over an embankment overturning and causing back and leg injuries to the driver, Clayton Teeter, of Beavers Dam Township Road.

A native of Canandaigua, Father McKay was educated in Canandaigua Academy, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary. He is survived by his father, Edward Mc Kay; four brothers, Paul of Palmyra, Francis and George of Canandaigua, and Robert of Pasadena, Cal.; and a sister, Mrs. Fred Parker of Brant Lake, N. Y.

Text in part of Father Cleary's eulogy for Father McKay reads:

"Let your teaching be a spiritual remedy for God's people. Let the fragrance of your life be a delight to the Church of God that both by preaching and example you may build up the family of God." (Taken from the Ordination Ceremony of a Priest.)

"Almighty God, in the wisdom which is His and which none of us questions, very suddenly and in a tragic way placed His hand upon the shoulder of one of our priests and whispered, 'My son, come home.'

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## Catholic Orphan Boy 'Goes Home' Cathedral, Sidewalks of N. Y. Thronged In Final Tribute to 'The Mighty Babe'

New York, August 19—(Special)—A crowd greater than any that ever cheered itself hoarse for him under sunny skies stood reverently silent in grayness and rain as New York paid the final tribute to its beloved Babe Ruth. There was the governor of the nation's leading state . . . the mayors of three of its greatest cities . . . the woman who rose from a sickbed to hobble on crutches to the Mass . . . the executive who as a youngster was one of scores "healed" by a Ruthian home run . . . the kid who represented the Babe at the funeral of his discoverer, Brother Gilbert.

SEVENTY-FIVE thousand of them alone in the area surrounding St. Patrick's Cathedral, where Cardinal Spellman presided at the Mass. Uncounted thousands along the route of the cortege. Another six thousand at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, where the Babe was laid to rest.

Inside the huge Gothic edifice, 6,000 mourners filled every pew as the mahogany casket, blanketed with orchids and red roses, was borne up the aisle at 11 a. m. Behind it walked the family, quiet and composed — Ruth's widow, Claire, their two adopted daughters, Mrs. Richard Flanders and Mrs. Dorothy Sullivan, and his sister, Mrs. Wilbur Moberly.

During the Mass, Gov. Dewey and Mayor O'Dwyer knelt in a pew across from the family. To the rear of Dewey and O'Dwyer were the honorary pallbearers, including Mayors James M. Curley of Boston and Thomas D'Alesandro Jr. of Baltimore, and leading figures in the worlds of sport, business and politics.

Near the back of the church was Gustave Foley, who used to sell the Babe papers from her stand at Times Square before illness struck her down. Helped by two burly cops, he limped into the cathedral at 9 a. m.

The executive and the kid were, John Sylvester, 33, of Garden City, L. I., and 11-year-old Frankie Haggerty of Danvers, Mass. The Babe promised in 1926, to hit a homer for Sylvester, then seriously ill. He hit three, and Sylvester got well. Little Frankie was deputized by the Babe to attend Brother Gilbert's rites last year, when Ruth was battling the cancer which brought his death Aug. 16.

AT THE END of Mass, the Cardinal left his throne on the altar and stepped down to the casket. He recited the Lord's Prayer as he passed twice around the bier, sprinkling incense and



With only the family and close personal friends present, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. O'Donnell (left), rector of the Church of the Guardian Angel, New York City, pronounces the blessing over flower-draped casket of Babe Ruth at receiving tomb in Gate of Heaven cemetery, Mount Pleasant, N. Y. Seated at right are Richard Flanders, son-in-law; Mrs. Claire Ruth (middle), widow; Mrs. Flanders, the late home run king's daughter, International (NC Photos).

holy water. Then he intoned a prayer of his own composition.

"May the Divine Spirit that inspired Babe Ruth to overcome hardships and win the crucial game of life animate many generations of American youth to learn from the example of his struggles and successes loyalty to play their positions on all-American teams, and may his generous, hearted soul through the mercy of God, the final scoring of his own good deeds and the prayers of His faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in everlasting peace."

In the recessional from the Sanctuary, Cardinal Spellman paused at the front pew occupied by Mrs. Ruth and her daughters. He shook hands with them, offering his condolences. In tears, Mrs. Ruth and the daughters knelt and kissed the Cardinal's knee.

Celebrant of the Solemn Mass was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Flannelly, Cathedral administrator. The Rev. Thomas H. Kauffman, O.P., who administered the last rites of the Church to Babe Ruth, was a deacon of honor at the Mass. Bishop Stephen J. Donohue, Auxiliary of New York, was present in the Sanctuary.

ALL ALONG THE route to the cemetery at Hawthorne little knots of kids and grownups — who didn't know the Babe but still considered him a friend — congregated on street corners as the hearse passed.

The cortege arrived at the cemetery at 1:40 p. m., and the casket was taken from the hearse and placed on a catafalque beneath a canopy. Then a brief communal service was conducted by Msgr. John J. O'Donnell, pastor of the Shrine Church of the Sea, Tenth Ave. and 21st St., who acted as the Cardinal's representative.

One of the last official acts of Babe Ruth was to endorse the fund for the Brother Gilbert Memorial Gymnasium, a proposed \$400,000 project to be located at St. John's Prep School in Danvers, Mass. In his endorsement of the project, Babe Ruth paid tribute to "my pal," Brother Gilbert, and related how the Brother greatly influenced his life.

As a memorial to the mighty slugger, a bill has been introduced in the New York City Council to change the name of River Avenue, which skirts the Yankee Stadium — the "house that Ruth built" — to Babe Ruth Avenue.

### A Look at Labor Labor—and Politics

By A. C. Tuckey

Walter Reuther is a bright young man. At 40 he can live long enough to establish himself as another Samuel. Walter Reuther is a bright young man. At 40 he can live long enough to establish himself as another Samuel. Workers of America, some 900,000 strong, like him at all unlikely that he will succeed Philip Murray as President of the C.I.O.

If the future treats him as kindly as the past, it may well be that he will be able to bring the AFL and the CIO under a united banner. The UAW president is particularly important to the labor movement. He stands as a symbol of labor's new leadership.

Thirdly, political-minded labor leaders have almost torn the American labor movement apart. In our history there has never been a political movement that has not ultimately weakened the economic strength of organized labor.

This does not mean organized labor can never have its own party. It simply means that American history makes such a party difficult to conceive. If it comes into existence, it will be born out of many political failures, not out of the sharp head of Walter Reuther.

Fourthly, in a real sense, the American Labor movement is only twenty years old. It has arisen to a position of dominance only in the last decade. The gains of organized labor have to be consolidated. The machinery of the labor movement has to be brought up to date. Ancient labor leaders have to be set aside. This is a job for Walter Reuther and the new leaders of labor.

According to reports, Reuther's ambition is to supplant the Democratic Party with a political organization born out of the trade union movement. He reasons that the Democratic Party, after 1948, will disintegrate. He feels that organized labor, therefore, will lack political spokesmen. His solution is a new Labor Party to take its place. In his turn, he will be Ernest Bevin and Clement Attlee, all rolled into one.

THIS WRITER believes that, if such be Reuther's plans, he is making a serious mistake. The reasons for such a statement are many.

First, even granting the defeat of the Democratic Party in 1948, the political representatives of labor's viewpoint will still constitute a vocal minority. A party

Let political parties wait for the time being. The PAC and the political leagues will serve their purpose for the time being. Political parties now would only divide the labor movement further.

Woman Teaches Canon Law Vienna — (CIP) — Dr. Charlotte Leiminger has been appointed Assistant Professor for Canon Law and Church Law at the Law School of the University of Vienna.

### Congressman Hits Atheist Radio Bid on WHAM

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an acknowledgement of the existence of God was shown to be fundamental to our form of government.

"There is no controversial public question in our philosophy of government as between religion and atheism. The framers of our form of government assumed the existence of God and frequently referred to Him. The question of the existence of God was beyond controversy in the minds of the founders of our government.

"IF IT BE ARGUED that the phrase in our Constitution, 'free exercise thereof,' includes the guarantee of the freedom to teach atheism, such a conclusion is not warranted.

"The Constitution guarantees the free exercise of religion. Religion is the relationship between man and God. Atheism denies the existence of God, and therefore any such relationship. Hence atheism is not a religion at all.

"IT MAY WELL BE that individuals have a right to deny the freedom of speech to advocate atheism; they wish but this does not make atheism a 'controversial' public question. The great body of men from the beginning of history down to the present time have put the question of the existence of God beyond controversy.

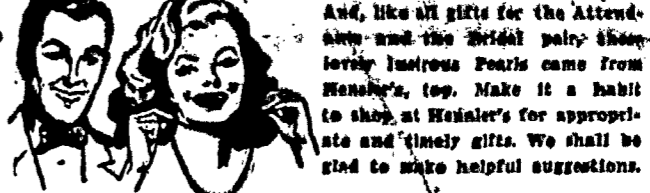
"Men have similarity put beyond controversy the question of wrongness of deliberate murder. No one will contend that the radio stations would have to give to 'Murder, Inc.' the same radio time as they gave to the police department in its efforts to protect human lives.

Congressman Kersten supplemented his remarks by inserting an article in "Columbia," Knights of Columbus magazine, by Edward J. Heffron, an official of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, titled "Atheism Bids for a Place on the Air."

### London Ukrainians Given Own Church

London — (NC) — A permanent Catholic church of the Eastern rite has been set up in central London to care for the city's 30,000 Ukrainian immigrants. The church, dedicated to St. Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury in the seventh century and himself a Greek rite priest, was formerly a school. The three priests serving the church will live on the top floor, being converted into a residence.

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