

# German Hierarchy Issues New Pastoral

Fula, Germany — (NC) — The disorders of our day have their deepest root in the disturbed and partially destroyed order of the relationship between man and God, the hierarchy of Germany declared in a joint pastoral epistle at their annual meeting here and later read from pulpits at Sunday Masses.

"Millions of people" says the pastoral, "no longer figure with God in their lives. They don't fight God, but just pay no attention to Him. They sense no obligation and no responsibility toward God. However, without the right order in our relation to God, no real order can be established and the quiet cannot come about which arises from order—that is, peace."

IN THE CLOSING address of the Fula conference at which the pastoral was adopted, His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, noted the aid which has been given Germany by other nations and the obstacles between the present and the reconstructed future.

The pastoral refers to two problems now in the forefront of public interest here: the currency reform and the dismantling of industrial plants under the war reparations program.

The planners of the currency reform should not lose sight, the bishops say, of the old people, invalids, pensioners, and families that have lost their providers. Many have had their savings wiped out by the currency move and are unable to earn a living. Students are in a particularly difficult position, as are charitable and welfare institutions, whose directors see no way to alleviate the suffering of the needy.

"IF ON TOP of this," the pastoral continues, "industrial plants and factories spared by the war which are dedicated to peaceful pursuits and can provide a livelihood for the people, now are being dismantled and reduced in capacity, then it is hard to see how a good order can be restored in our economic and social life in the visible future."

## PAPAL NUNCIO DIES IN EIRE

Dublin — (NC) — After a simple but impressive funeral in Dublin's Pro-Cathedral and a state funeral procession through the capital's streets, the mortal remains of Archbishop Paschal Robinson, O.F.M., 75-year-old Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland and beloved dean of the diplomatic corps, now lie in the Franciscan plot of Glasnevin Cemetery, the resting place of Ireland's heroes.

LEADING THE procession were detachments of civic guards and Italian naval units from the tripartite ship, Amerigo Vesputti, visiting Dublin; an Irish Infantry battalion with arms reversed, followed by a Franciscan guard of honor with the bearer party of military police. A mournful tattoo was beat on black-draped muffled drums.

Archbishop John A. D'Alton of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland, headed the outpouring of Churchmen who attended the final rites. They excluded virtually all of the Irish hierarchy, heads of religious communities and great numbers of the clergy.

The delegation of state dignitaries was headed by President Sean T. O'Kelly and included cabinet officers, members of parliament, the judiciary and the diplomatic corps.

AT THE EXPRESS written request of Archbishop Robinson, the rites in the Pro-Cathedral were simple. As he wished, he lay in state barefooted and in the simple, rough, brown habit of a Franciscan, with a crozier of his Archiepiscopal insignia. And also, as he wished, the services in the Pro-Cathedral consisted of a Low Requiem Mass which was offered by Archbishop John McQuaid of Dublin.

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## Pilgrims Get Papal Audience



More than 500 American pilgrims led by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston were received by His Holiness Pope Pius XII at the Papal summer residence, Castelgandolfo. The pilgrimage was organized by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Pictured at a reception at the American College, left to right, Monsignor Joseph McGeough, New York priest attached to the Papal Secretariat of State; Bishop Martin O'Connor, rector of the college; His Eminence Nicola Cardinal Canali; Archbishop Cushing; Count Enrico Galeazzo. (NC Photos.)

## West Virginia Attorney General Upholds Public School Use for Religion Classes

Charleston, W. Va. — (RNS) — West Virginia's schools may be used for religious instruction, with certain restrictions, according to an opinion prepared by Attorney General Ira J. Partlow upon request of W. W. Trent, state superintendent of schools.

### Lay Teachers Take Nuns' Post In Dixon School

St. Louis, Mo. — (RNS) — Laymen have been hired as teachers in the two public grade schools and the public high school in Dixon, N. M., which has been in the news since the filing of a suit to ban garbed Catholic clergymen and nuns from teaching there.

Announcement of the employment of lay teachers for the current term was made by Henry H. Kramer, president of the Rio Arriba County Board of Education.

The high school building, owned by a Roman Catholic order, was loaned to the board of education rent-free. This action followed the refusal of five nuns—all teachers in the school—to sign 1948-49 contracts.

Meanwhile, J. T. Reece, state school bus transportation director, said that public school buses would carry all students into Dixon, whether they attend the public schools or the new Catholic parochial grade school which has been opened there. The new school is staffed by Dominican nuns.

Castles for U. S. Pilgrims New York — (NC) — U. S. Catholics making the Marian pilgrimage to Fatima in October will stay in two ancient Spanish castles.

## Rio Meeting Asks Rural Encyclical

Rio De Janeiro — (NC) — With urgent recommendations looking toward establishment and development of family-sized farms as the key to future Christian security, the third Inter-American Conference on Catholic Social Action closed here.

The conference took unprecedented action on the subject of its major debates, agriculture, when it petitioned Pope Pius XII to issue an Encyclical on rural life. While there have been numerous Papal documents dealing with agriculture and its problems, no Pope has ever issued a rural life Encyclical intended to serve as a guide on the norms of Christian conduct in country life.

THE CONFERENCE also formally organized the Inter-American Confederation of Catholic Social Action. The by-laws of the confederation provide that its members shall work for the well-being of peoples throughout the Americas.

The conferees, who represented 19 countries, adopted several resolutions, including:

1. A suggestion to member organizations that special attention be given to agricultural problems in their countries, looking toward formation of family-sized farms, protection of the family farm with credits and guarantees that farms would not be excessively economically divided.

2. AN APPEAL to all member nations to permit the greatest immigration of displaced persons possible, so that they might be assimilated into a program of small farms.

3. A dual consideration of labor's problem, touching upon industrial councils and individual organization.

It was recommended that the industry council system be adopted in the Americas, "as a sound approach to the problems of insuring peacetime prosperity, full employment and production and a democratic participation of the people in the operation of their respective national economies."

It was further recommended that joint councils be formed in individual concerns, so that industrial activity could be organized scientifically and in a human way.

Economic associations should be encouraged, said the second resolution on labor, with full autonomy for both employers and employees. There should be no governmental interference in the status or action of such councils.

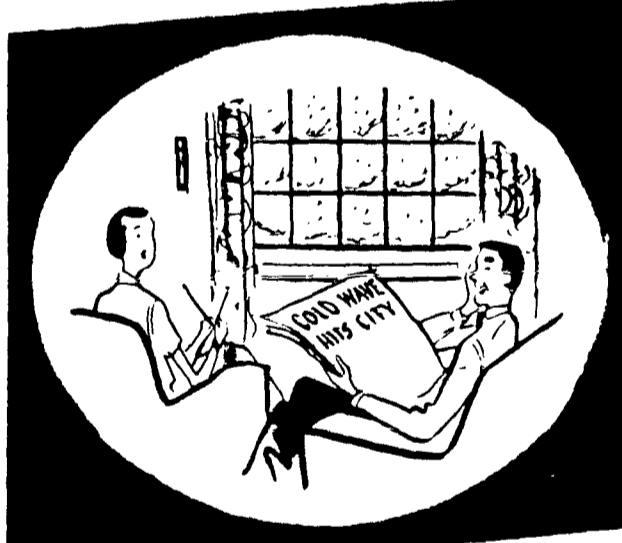
## Romania Reds Oust Religion From Schools

Bucharest — (RNS) — Beginning with the current school year, religion will no longer be taught in Romanian schools. At the same time, the new cuts law prohibits the use of icons or other religious symbols in schoolrooms.

An exception will probably be made for the two remaining Orthodox seminaries and such other seminaries as may be permitted to continue under the new measure.

The ban against teaching of religion outlaws a practice of giving religious instruction to all grammar and high school pupils for one hour each week.

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Right Reverend Bernard Kaelin, O.S.B., Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Order, receives a copy of "Catholic Authors" from its editor, Very Rev. Matthew Hoehn, O.S.B., of Newark, N. J., which the Abbot Primate will present to Pope Pius XII. The volume of biographical sketches of contemporary Catholic writers was especially bound in white morocco leather with gilt edges and extra finish. (NC Photos.)

## Abp. Lucey Stresses 'Realities of Life'

New Orleans — (RNS) — Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio told the 24th national convention of the National Council of Catholic Women here that "the pastor who ponders man's blessed immortality and forgets his stomach is doomed to failure."

"Some Catholics find it easier to accept the doctrines of the Blessed Trinity and the Immaculate Conception than the doctrines of a living wage. If Christianity is to have any meaning for a tired and wretched world Christians must justify their faith."

"The lives of many Catholics are hardly discernible from those of an unbelieving generation. Catholics should astonish their associates by the integrity of their lives. Too often our friends are astonished for other reasons."

Dr. Elizabeth Morrissey, professor of economics at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, told the convention that she did not put much faith in the view that "woman's place is in the home."

"IT SHOULD be woman's interest in the home," she said. "Although the disintegration today of home and family worries Catholics and Protestants alike, the mere remaining of home by the woman is not the answer."

"A mother may be at home while the children are at questionable places of amusement. She may be at home while her husband labors for a pittance. She may be at home while her family is threatened by slum areas, disease-breeding."

"Yes, she may be at home—too many are—when in the real interest of her home and her family she should be out working for slum-clearance projects, for decent housing programs, fair wages, broadened educational facilities and an endless array of reforms. To be at home completely indifferent to the crying needs about her or to be at home lost in a soap opera, a who-done-it or a bridge game is definitely not the answer."

## Cincinnati Prelate Reminds Catholics of Duty to Vote

Cincinnati — (NC) — The clergy and faithful were reminded of their duty to vote, especially in the approaching presidential election, in a pastoral letter written by Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., of Cincinnati, which was published in The Catholic Telegraph Register, archdiocesan weekly newspaper.

"There is no doubt," the Archbishop wrote, "that our Catholic people in too many instances refrain from voting. Too many feel that a single vote is of no consequence. Too many do not familiarize themselves with the issues at stake and are not informed as to the character of the many candidates seeking office."

The prelate emphasized that "we are espousing no particular party and we are not favoring any set of candidates." He emphasized that every Catholic man and woman should resolve to form the habit of voting, whether or not the election seems important.

Members of the Sisterhoods, not bound by cloister restrictions should vote in all elections and furnish an example of love of country and civic virtue which they are called upon to teach, he said.

The prelate added that every Catholic should enjoy the greatest possible liberty in voting, and every voter should not be influenced for or against a candidate on grounds of religion, race or color.

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