

Mission Appeal Stresses Plight Of China Church

Rome—(NC)—The plight of missionaries in China was stressed by Archbishop Celsio Costantini, secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, in his appeal for prayers and funds on World Mission Sunday—falling this year on October 24.

TO EMPHASIZE the needs of the missionaries throughout the world, Archbishop Costantini's appeal paints a picture of an elderly, "poorly dressed" man, deep inside China, weaving cloth for a living, while nearby two other men are also busy weaving. "Who is that elderly man?" the Archbishop asks. "He is a Bishop. Who are the other weavers? They are missionaries."

"The enemies of religion have hurled themselves against that mission like a hurricane. The church has been transformed into military barracks; the missionaries were either expelled or are closely watched and obliged to work in order to receive a plate of millet or rice. But they have stayed in order not to abandon their faithful."

"AT ANOTHER mission a peddler, wearing a faded blouse goes from village to village carrying a basket of Chinese medical remedies," the Archbishop continues. "Who is that peddler? He is a Chinese priest. The pagans and enemies of Christ fail to recognize him, but the Christians recognize him and at night they gather round him in a secluded place. He comforts them, baptizes recently-born children and then says Mass without priestly vestments."

The missions are today perhaps in greater need of "prayers, vocations and money" than ever before, the prelate declares. "We are passing through a crisis of civilization which poses the dilemma expressed by the Holy Father, Pius XII: either with Christ or against Christ," he states. "There are churches, residences, seminaries, colleges to be rebuilt. Other work, particularly schools and the press, must be urgently organized."

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Aquinas Girds for Big Season Seeks 8 Wins, Crowds, Fame

Powerloaded and pointing for national fame, the football machine of Aquinas Institute HOPES to engage Cathedral Prep of Erie at the Rochester Red Wing Stadium Sunday afternoon.

At this writing, the 1948 edition of the "Little Irish" juggernaut may, or may not, roar into action this weekend.

Probabilities confuting the Aquinas managers are: The possibility that the Rochester Red Wings will want their home field for a Sunday playoff game in the final round of the International League Governor's Cup clash with Syracuse and secondly, the worry of erecting the field bleachers for a single night game and harming the baseball playing field with football cleats. Climaxing an arduous training period, which saw spirited struggles to fill seven first-team positions left by graduated stars of the '47 team, the Little Irish open an eight-game schedule that promises to eclipse all past records for attendance and "big-time competition" thrills.

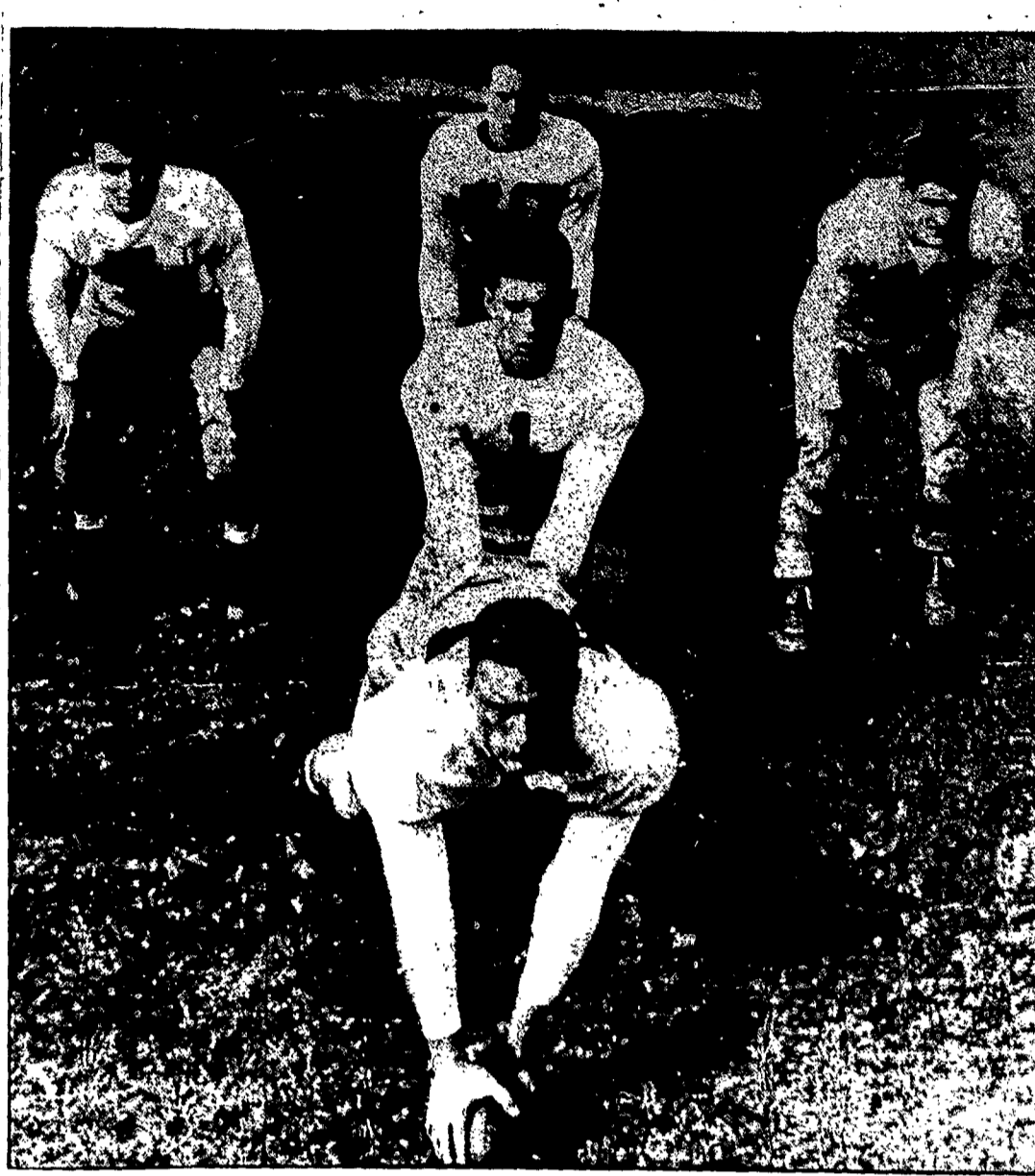
DETERMINED to break last season's mark of 127,343 spectators, and spread their athletic reputation across the nation, Aquinas has scheduled teams from New York City, Detroit, Chicago, Texas, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

Anticipating no easy contest with Erie, already victorious in two games, Coach Harry Wright has picked a starting team that averages 195 pounds in the line and 170 pounds in the backfield. Although admitting that his backs are smaller and lighter than last year, Wright plans smooth running "T formation" land-plays and a tricky air-attack.

Director of Athletics, Rev. Cyril Carter, C.S.B., expects an inaugural turnout of 20,000 to see the 1948 gridiron edition. Nearly 9,000 fans have bought complete season tickets for all the games and the advance sale of single game tickets has far exceeded last year's record, he said.

Adding to the color and excitement of the Sunday games, Director Ray Hasenauer will present the Aquinas Band in a musical and marching program and the Aquinas cheer team will whip up the 1948 student section with new cheers.

TO REPLACE Jimmy Ryan as triple-threat quarterback, Coach Wright will rely on Chuck Maloy whom he calls the greatest pass wizard Aquinas has ever



Practicing for Aquinas Institute's opening game against Cathedral Prep of Erie at the Rochester Red Wing Stadium, Coach Harry Wright's starting backfield polishes the tricky deception of the T formation. As the Erie forward wall will see them are Center, Art Nowak, 200 lb. veteran ready to hand the pigskin to Quarterback Chuck Maloy. Ranged from left to right in the rear are, Halfback Johnny Della Villa, Fullback Jimmy Ging and Halfback Joe Berbers.

had, Ray Hasenauer and Bob Farrell are standbys for the signal-calling post.

The Aquinas halfbacks are numerous but small. Roddy Powers, Chuck Hilbert, Johnny Della Villa, Angelo Ferao who saw some service last season will surely star this year with such newcomers as Charles Castellano, Joe Berbers and Joe Graham, also carrying the ball. In the fullback department the most

hopeful prospects are Jimmy Ging and Al Catalano both big and fast and sure to be in action each weekend.

The hefty line includes only two holdovers from 1947 Ray Rigney, the towering 6'6" pass receiver end, and Art Nowak, the 200 pound center and defensive linebacker, who played most of every game last fall. Besides Rigney, the starting

wingmen may be veteran Dick Aulenbacher or Frank Trubitta. Ready to substitute for Nowak at the center spot are Joe Schmitt and Jimmy Riggs, both lettermen of the '47 season.

Leading the tackle candidates are Frank Legan and Bob Ervin while the heavy guard positions will be filled by Bernie Taille, Ed Malcewaki, Bill Calahan or Jack Shipley.

Saint Joseph Calasanzius Made Protector of Schools

Vatican City—(NC)—In an Apostolic Brief issued here, His Holiness Pope Plus XII has chosen St. Joseph Calasanzius, founder of the Order of Clerks of the Mother of God of Christian Schools (Scaloph Fathers), the patron of all tuition free Christian schools throughout the world.

St. Joseph's patronage, according to the letter in Latin, extends to all popular (populares) Christian schools, that is, those schools normally demanding no tuition and providing education for children of the poorer classes.

THE BRIEF was issued on the occasion of the third centenary of the death of the saint and second centenary of his beatification. It was printed in full on the front page of *Osservatore Romano*, Vatican City daily. In the letter the Pontiff declares that in this age there is special need to attend to the proper education of children and youths because the haters of truth do not hesitate to attack the Church daily, even stooping to the most impudent calumnies.

The Holy Father relates that documents prove beyond doubt that St. Joseph Calasanzius in 1597 opened in Rome the first public school in Europe for the free education of needy children. The Pope also states that this

Aquinas Games Aired by WRNY Each Sunday

The "Standing Room Only" sign at the Aquinas games this Fall won't disturb fans who must stay at home. For a full picture of the grid battles they can tune in WRNY each Sunday afternoon for Ad Penfield's accurate play-by-play broadcast of the game from the roof-top radio booth at the Red Wing Stadium.

Penfield's excellent coverage of the 1947 games attracted wide and favorable attention. He will repeat his authoritative descriptions assisted by David Curlin, of the WRNY staff, with background and color details of the scene.

Catholic Radio Programs San Juan, Puerto Rico—(Cip 19 week.) Catholic radio broadcasts are now scheduled by 9 radio stations in Puerto Rico, located at San Juan, Ponce, Bayamon, Guayama, Arecibo, Mayaguez, and Aguas. A survey prepared for the current issue of "El Piloto," Puerto Rico's Catholic weekly, reveals

6 School Papers From Here Win National Honors

Six Rochester Diocesan schools have been named winners of 1948 All-Catholic awards in the annual survey and rating conducted by the National Catholic School Press Association.

Dean J. L. O'Sullivan of the Marquette University College of Journalism, national director of the Association has announced the following:

Annual Publications - The Salesian, De Sales High School, Geneva; "The Achillea," Holy Family High School, Auburn; "Lanthorn," Nazareth Academy, Rochester.

Newspapers - "Maroon and White," Aquinas Institute, "The Gabriel," Nazareth Academy, "The Quill," Our Lady of Mercy High School, all of Rochester.

Magazine - "Verity Fall," Nazareth College of Rochester.

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Aquinas Grid Backs Are Ready

Congress Group Rebukes FCC on Atheist Stand

Washington—(NC)—A ruling of the Federal Communications Commission relating to the rights of atheists to secure radio time has been attacked by a House committee as a "dangerous and unwarranted policy of 'thought policing' that has no basis in law."

The view was expressed by a special committee headed by Rep. Forest A. Harness of Indiana, which held hearings here earlier this month at which Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen, atheist leaders, representatives of the broadcasting industry, and FCC officials appeared. Center of contention was the so-called Scott decision of the FCC, issued in 1946 after a California atheist had demanded radio time in answer to religious broadcasts.

THE HARNESS COMMITTEE held in its report that the Scott ruling "clearly invades the field of legislation and indulges in quasi-judicial interpretation on a subject which Congress clearly decided to be outside the Communications Act."

It stated further that "the dictum contained in the Scott decision were literally applied, atheists would be entitled to answer each Protestant, Catholic or Jewish program, and the apostles of atheism would have as many programs as were given to all the religious groups combined."

CHAIRMAN WAYNE COY of the commission replied that this was a misinterpretation of the Scott decision, and that what the ruling emphasized was that a radio station operator "in exercising judgment as to what is a controversial issue should not deny time . . . for the expression of a particular point of view solely because he does not agree with that point of view."

The Congressional committee also said that, despite indications that the FCC had reversed its position in the Scott case by later renewing the license of station WHAM in Rochester in a similar case, it would recommend remedial legislation to the next Congress unless the communications commission expunged the "capricious" and "unintelligible" wording of the Scott decision.

Mr. Coy, in his comment on the committee report, also referred to the WHAM renewal. He said that the action was taken "not in circumstances suggesting a reversal of the Scott decision, but upon the assurance of the licensee that the Society of Free Thinkers had not been denied time because of disagreement with their point of view."

Priests Celebrate Masses In Room of 'Last Supper'

Jerusalem—(NC)—Among unexpected results of the present conflict in the Holy Land is the fact that through the fortunes of war a High Mass has been celebrated in the Cenacle, place of the Last Supper.

Some time after the Jewish capture of the Mount Zion area of Jerusalem—where are located the Benedictine Dormition Abbey, the Franciscan Chapel of the Cenacle (Christians cannot pray in the real adjacent Cenacle), and the actual Room of the Last Supper—the captors offered to allow Catholic clergy interned in the Dormition Shrine, three Benedictines and one Franciscan, to hold services in the place which witnessed the institution of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE RELIGIOUS were quick to avail themselves of this opportunity, a portable altar and all necessary articles were carried into the real Cenacle.

Here the Benedictine Father celebrated a High Mass, while the Franciscan and the two Benedictine Brothers sang the sacred chant. Afterwards the Franciscan Father said a Low Mass of Thanksgiving.

Mass has been furtively said in the Cenacle on very rare occasions in the past century by visiting prelates and others, in whose behalf costly "arrangements" were made with the cus-

todians of that venerable shrine, which is the very center of the Catholic faith.

However, this is undoubtedly the first High Mass to be said there in centuries, perhaps the first time since the Franciscans were expelled from this their principal monastery in 1922.

Japan Mission School Has Admiral Alumna

Tokyo—(NC)—The Morning Star school, oldest educational institution conducted by the Marist sisters in Japan, has four admirals. In Japan, four admirals of the Japanese Imperial Navy, one Bishop, several ambassadors and a number of princes in its roster of 1,000 graduates, a report in the recent issue of the Missionary Bulletin reveals.

The Bishop alumna is Bishop Paul Taguchi of Osaka and among the admiral graduates is Rear Admiral Shinjiro Yamamoto, an outstanding Japanese Catholic. Yamamoto is modern times.

The Morning Star school began with an enrollment of six students in 1868 and reached its maximum enrollment of 1,000 in 1940. Forty per cent of its facilities were destroyed by incendiary bombs during the war and its enrollment now stands at 1,000.

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