

### Cardinal Asks Conversion Of Great Britain

London. (NC)—His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, told British Catholics in a Cathedral sermon that "if we want to bring back Our Blessed Lord to a people of this country we shall do it by bringing back Our Lady."

CARDINAL GRIFFIN, preaching an appeal for renewed efforts to reconvert Britain, pointed out that the conversion of England and Wales could be completed within a generation if every Catholic in the country were to bring one non-Catholic into the Church, and if this process were progressively repeated.

England and Wales have an officially estimated Catholic population of 2,500,000 Catholics out of a grand total of about 40,000,000, but the real Catholic population is usually considered to be nearer 6,000,000.

Two hopeful events indicating a very gradual swinging back to the Faith so ruthlessly eradicated 400 years ago took place recently:

SOME 2,000 pilgrims from the Cardiff diocese renewed for the first time since the Reformation the old Welsh pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine at Fernyho in Glamorganshire. Archbishop Michael McGrath, of Cardiff, told them: "This is a revival... The well, long fallen into disuse, is now repaired and today hundreds of pilgrims are demonstrating the return of the Faith. We have, in spite of the stupendous happenings of the last 100 years and the consequences of the apostasy, come full circle."

In torrential rain another 1,200 Welsh Catholics gathered at Llanelly, a few miles away in Carmarthenshire, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the present diocese of Merioneth. The Right Rev. Msgr. John J. Firth, the Bishop, told them that the diocese's Catholic population had doubled in the past 25 years. The whole of Wales 100 years ago had 750 Catholics and nine priests, the Bishop added. Today the two Welsh dioceses of Cardiff and Merioneth had over 100,000 Catholics and over 300 priests.

### Negro College Man Heads Student Group

Milwaukee, Wis., (NC)—Ted Harris, 28, a pre-law student at Lakeland College in Palmdale, Pa., has been elected president of the National Student Association at the second annual meeting of the all-inclusive college group here. Mr. Harris is a veteran of World War II and Negro. He helped direct the recent Philadelphia convention of the National Federation of Catholic College Students.

Also elected to a leading position in the NSA, which represents more than 1,000,000 students on State, denominational and private campuses across the country was Miss Jean Rogers, 19, of Mundelein College, Chicago. She becomes secretary-treasurer.

### Dixie Catholics Push Civil Rights

Atlanta. (NC)—The South may defend its right to solve its civil rights problem in its own way, but it "cannot insist on doing it in its own good time," because "not only the rest of the nation but also the rest of the world" today is impatient with the undemocratic practices found in many Southern localities.

So declared the executive committee of the Southern Regional Council after a recent meeting here. Paul Williams, Richmond publisher and a founder of the Catholic Committee of the South, is president of the council. Another member and signer of the statement is Msgr. T. James McNamara, rector of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Savannah. Other are leaders, both white and Negro, in business, legal, educational, newspaper and civic spheres.

THE STATEMENT called for a three-way remedy—legal, educational and economic—to the problem, and asked for a more statesmanlike approach in the discussion of it. "Certainly a more mature disagreement is possible," the council commented, in likening today's civil rights dispute to the nation's pre-Civil War split over slavery.

Regarding the federal civil rights program, the Southern group stated: "By all means let us have laws—strengthened as much as need be—to protect the rights of disadvantaged minorities. But let us also realize that laws cannot do the job alone; let us see our society for what it is—a complicated interaction of social, economic, and legal institutions."

The statement pointed out that poverty and discrimination go hand in hand and called for "a conscious and costly national effort" to "raise the whole South white and Negro, up to the level of the rest of the country."

JOHN AND PEARLS and homes and schools and health—these are the underpinnings of civil rights. . . . Until the South enjoys a standard of living comparable to that in the rest of the nation, it appears likely that political democracy will also lag behind. Though the South has made much progress toward a higher level of welfare for its people, it must have assistance to speed up the pace of that progress."

As an example, the statement cites the fact that in the Piedmont region, where most of the South's industry is located, a rising standard of living has brought increasing respect for human rights.

The council's executive committee also outlined a program of state responsibilities for civil rights. This includes granting the same respect and consideration for the needs and aspirations of the colored people as for those of other citizens; admitting Negroes to "full and fair counsel" at the level of government; and allowing Negro representation on appointive bodies which make decisions affecting their welfare.

### St. Peter's Outlined In Lights



This unusual view of St. Peter's Basilica was made in St. Peter's Square on the occasion of a midnight Mass attended by delegates to three-day ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the men's Italian Catholic Action group. Lamps attached to the pillars and cornices of St. Peter's outline the vast church against Rome's skyline, while other lights delimit Bernini's circular colonnade enclosing St. Peter's Square. The altar, under a brilliantly illuminated canopy, is situated on the steps leading up to St. Peter's. One thousand priests distributed Holy Communion. Italy's Premier Alcide De Gasperi was among the communicants. (Wide World Photo).

### 'None Forgotten So Quickly As Bishop,' Says Archbishop

Sioux City, Ia., (NC)—"None of office with democracy of action is more quickly forgotten than a Bishop. It seems strange but it is everlastingly true. As a rule most of his family have been called before him; he has no parishioners who have been daily associated with him; he is more or less alone."

ARCHBISHOP Gerald T. Bergan of Omaha made this observation as he appealed for prayers in remembrance of Bishop Edmund Heelan in his sermon at the funeral Mass for the late Sioux City prelate at Epiphany Cathedral here. Bishop Heelan died September 20.

Archbishop Henry P. Rohlfman of Dubuque celebrated the Pontifical Requiem Mass. Among those who assisted at the Absolution was Bishop Joseph M. Mueller, Coadjutor to Bishop Heelan since August, 1947, and now Ordinary of the Sioux City diocese.

Archbishop Bergan characterized Heelan, who was born in Ireland but had served in Iowa as priest and prelate for nearly 60 years, as "a member of the old school too swiftly passing away, who could balance dignity

### Jobless Teachers Aided In Hungary

By DEZSOE JAMBOR

Budapest. (NC)—Hundreds of Religious who have refused to continue their teaching activities in the nationalized former Catholic schools receive daily evidence of the esteem and affection in which they are held by their former pupils and Catholics in general.

MOST OF THESE former teachers have been assigned to parish work, particularly in the field of Catholic Action. Catholics everywhere have followed an appeal by His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, to open "their hearts and gates" to these men and women, many of whom had devoted for decades all their efforts to bringing up Hungary's youth in the faith of their fathers.

Reports from all over Hungary depict how hundreds of anonymous benefactors appear at the gates of the residences where these Religious live, leaving gifts of money, books, food, sweets, cigars for them, and running away before they can be thanked. Women, returning home from the markets, stop at the doors and offer part of the food they have bought to the Brothers and Sisters.

IN MANY TOWNS and villages children and adults attend the nationalized schools get up an hour or two earlier each morning to attend Mass before opening of classes in the state schools.

(New attacks against Cardinal Mindszenty and his stand in the school question were made by Prime Minister Lajos Dinnyeys at a meeting of the political committee of the Smallholders Party, which last year was thoroughly purged of all anti-communist elements.

(According to a Budapest broadcast, monitored in this country, Mr. Dinnyeys charged the Cardinal with leading a "whispering propaganda" in order to persuade parents not to send their children to the nationalized schools. Declaring that "never have so many political speeches been delivered in churches as during this year," the Prime Minister added that "the democratic government watches calmly such demonstration and keeps an alert guard on the achievements of democracy.")

Among the relics found were a draftsman's brass dividers, a hook and eye used on soultaines and a couple of plain finger rings. The last named were presumed to have been carried by the missionaries for performing marriages among the Indians.

### Ex-Lith Premier Will Tour U. S.

Brooklyn, N. Y., (NC)

Jonas Cernius, former Premier of Lithuania and General Chief of Staff, has been appointed to make a nation-wide tour in the interest of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc. in an effort to save the lives of communist-persecuted Lithuanians. It has been announced by the Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Koncius, president, at the Fund headquarters here.

Mr. Cernius, who experienced a narrow escape from the communists in Lithuania, said there are thousands of Lithuanians among the displaced persons in Europe, who eagerly look forward to coming to the United States, "where they will be free to have freedom from fear and have an opportunity to earn livelihoods by their own efforts and not depend upon further charity from the American people."

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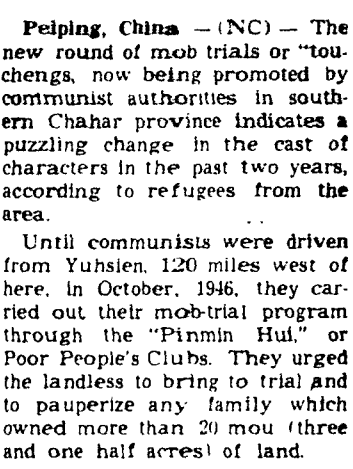
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