

Oxnam View Called Attack on Christ

San Diego — (NC) — Countering a declaration made here by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam that Catholicism makes its adherents susceptible to political totalitarianism, Bishop Charles F. Buddy of San Diego pointed out that the Methodist leader in effect, challenged the authority of Christ Himself.

BISHOP OXNAM delivered the principle address at a Reformation Day meeting at Ford Bowl here and said, among other things, that "people in the habit of accepting their religion from a hierarchy are more susceptible to dictatorship in the realms of economics and politics."

In a dedicatory sermon at the new Church of Christ he King in downtown San Diego, Bishop Buddy replied: "The teaching authority of the Church comes from God Himself. It does not come from the consent of the faithful. Bishop Oxnam does not approve this arrangement. He finds it dangerous. He says: 'You can't divide up the human mind so it accepts orders from one quarter and rejects them from another.'"

"THAT, AS the Bishop sees it, is the first step toward political totalitarianism," Bishop Buddy continued. "The implication is that the Catholic Church is a totalitarian institution because it uses the authority which Christ gave it to teach and govern the faithful."

"Bishop Oxnam condemns the Catholic Church as a form of totalitarianism," he summarized. "He warns his countrymen against Catholics because they accept the authority of the Church. The authority of the Catholic Church comes from Jesus Christ. The obligation of the faithful to accept that authority is an injunction direct from Jesus Christ. In criticizing Catholics and condemning the Catholic Church, Bishop Oxnam criticizes and condemns Christ Himself."

The Catholic prelate also commented that Bishop Oxnam erred in attempting to establish a parallel between secular and Church rule. Secular government, he pointed out, involves relationships between man and man, but the Church concerns itself with man's eternal destiny, and is the intermediary in the relationships between man and his Creator.

Requiem Offered For Bishop Roy

Edmundston, N. B. — Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem was offered today in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral here for the Most Rev. Marie Antoine Roy, O.F.M., 55, first Bishop of Edmundston and first Franciscan to become a member of the Canadian hierarchy. Bishop Roy came from a family of 16 children, ten of whom entered the religious life.

The Bishop was stricken with a heart attack while preaching at a retreat for priests in Quebec City. He was at first hospitalized in Quebec and later at Hotel Dieu Hospital in Edmundston, where he died.



BISHOP BUDDY

Protestants Decry Oxnam's Charges

Kansas City — (NC) — Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, Mo., said he has received many unsolicited assurances from loyal Protestant clergy who "have viewed with regret and disapproval" the anti-Catholic utterances made by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam in an address here.

BISHOP O'HARA said "the inflammatory address of Bishop Oxnam... must not be allowed to set Protestants and Catholics at each others' throats in hatred and discord." The Catholic prelate added:

"Those who knew Bishop Oxnam's antecedents could not be surprised at this ranting attack on Catholic Bishops as totalitarian dictators and the Catholic people as being dumb, driven sheep. It was, of course, for such attacks that Bishop Oxnam was removed from the National Board of the Brotherhood of Christians and Jews."

REBUKING a "temptation to answer Bishop Oxnam in kind out of respect for myself as well as my non-Catholic friends in Kansas City," Bishop O'Hara declared: "I shall have no part in controversy that stirs the embers of hatred and distrust among American citizens. Washington in his farewell address and Lincoln in his letters repudiated the Oxnam's of their day. Our fellow citizens of today have been witnesses of the intelligent and devoted fidelity of the Catholic Church in America, as exemplified both in its Bishops and in its patriotic people, to its principles and practices of democracy."

Bishop O'Hara's statement was published in The Kansas City Star and was in answer to charges that Bishop Oxnam had made in an address in the arena of Municipal Auditorium here.

Atomic Studies Reveal God, Says Professor

Notre Dame, Ind. — (Special) — Research findings of nuclear physicists during recent years "sound the death knell of materialism as an explanation of the universe and as a philosophy of life" according to the Rev. John A. O'Brien, Professor of Religion at the University of Notre Dame.

Father O'Brien expressed this view in an article entitled "Atom Fairyland" which appears in the November issue of the "Reader's Digest."

IN HIS ARTICLE Father O'Brien presents some of the amazing discoveries of scientists concerning the unbelievable power and energy stored within the atom. He explains that instead of matter being composed of solid inert particles, it is composed of particles moving at a speed greater than a bullet shot from a gun.

"Even more staggering, according to Father O'Brien, is the finding of sub-atomic physicists that all matter composing the body of a full grown man could be compressed into a tiny speck invisible to the naked eye. If the gaps and vacant places between the electrons and protons were eliminated. Yet the tiny invisible speck of dust would weigh as much as the body of a man six feet tall, the Notre Dame professor pointed out.

"FINDINGS of nuclear physicists offer new and striking confirmation of man's age-old belief in God. To the real scientist there is no common clay. Every particle of matter is aglow with miracle and with mystery, singing a refrain in homage of the infinite Power from whose creative hands it came.

"The evidence of mathematical law of a high order which atomic researchers encounter at every step convinces them of the utter inadequacy of materialism as an explanation of their invisible world. Robert Andrews Milliken reflected the mood of scientists when he said: 'Everyone who reflects at all believes in one way or another, in God.'"

Catholic Educator Scores 'Credit-Itus'

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — "Credit-Itus" was listed as one of the bills besetting Catholic colleges by Dr. Roy J. Deferrari of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

He urged that Catholic colleges adopt "programs of concentration" for superior students, so that they will have more time to study on their own initiative and be less trampled with courses and credits.

"Many of our colleges are suffering from 'credit-itus'," he said. "We are placing too much emphasis on marking and credits, and not enough on learning for its own sake."

The three subjects basic to any college course, he said, were religion, history and philosophy. He called survey courses an "abomination" and severely criticized fine arts "appreciation"

THE FARLEYS IN ROME



James A. Farley, former U.S. Postmaster General and his son, James Jr., pictured during their recent visit to the summer residence of Pope Pius XII, at Castelgandolfo, where they were received in special audience. Following the papal audience, Mr. Farley presented to the Holy Father some European officials of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, of which Mr. Farley is chairman. The group also visited the North American College in Rome. (NC Photos).

U. S. Nuns Stay With Pupils In Shanghai Despite Reds

Shanghai, China — "We have hundreds of compelling reasons for remaining in Shanghai: our pupils." This was the reaction of one nun when asked whether American members of her community would evacuate this city in accordance with advice given by the American embassy at Nanking.

The embassy has asked all American citizens in the Nanking and Shanghai areas to consider the desirability of evacuating those areas in view of the present military situation unless "compelling reasons" urge them to remain.

THE NUNS' reply was typical of those of six other communities here which have American personnel, on being asked what they intended to do. However, the final decision in some cases, it was pointed out, rests with religious superiors in the United States.

It is possible that the missionaries who recently arrived here and are still studying Chinese may be transferred elsewhere, but so far no priest, Brother or Sister engaged in mission work here intends to leave Shanghai.

THE TOTAL number of American missionaries in mission work in the Shanghai and Nanking areas is about 75. There are more than 30 priests, about the same number of nuns, eight Jesuit scholastics and two Brothers.

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Apostolate of Orient Needs Lay Missioners

Loveland, O. — (NC) — There is a definite need for lay missionaries in the Far East, 80 young women were told at a course in missiology given at Grallville, lay apostolate training center here. The course marked the opening of Grallville's annual school of formation for the Church's lay apostolate. Attending are young women from 18 States in this country, China, Australia, Philippine Islands, Denmark, and British West Indies.

SPEAKERS in the course were Msgr. Edward A. Freking, national director of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade; the Rev. Nicholas Maestrini, general secretary of the Chinese Catholic Truth Society.

"The Far East contains two-thirds of the world's population, and their religious future depends upon the action we take now," declared Father Maestrini who pioneered in inviting lay missionaries to China. Two former members of the Grallville staff are working there now under his direction surveying opportunities for lay missionary work: Mary L. Tully, of Chicago, and Veronica Forbes, of Detroit.

"PRIESTS and nuns can teach doctrine and principles," said Father Maestrini, "but the practice of Christian family life can best be demonstrated by lay Catholics living in the mission country."

He pointed out that many foreigners living in China "give anything but good examples." "It is necessary to show that there are foreigners who live by Christian principles," he added. "The Church will not be established until a Catholic culture is created in all departments of life — in art, literature, law, medicine, — and this is the task most especially of the laity."

He said there are "tremendous possibilities for young Americans to devote their lives to lay missionary work in the Far East. The nation which showed that 16,000,000 young people were ready to fight in the last war when our country was not even attacked has an enormous vitality, part of which ought to be directed into the mission fields."

Catholic Hospital Advance Reported

Fatima



Two relatives of the Seers of Fatima have just entered the Congregation of the Claretians. Both born in the same hamlet, Casa Velha Fatima, they are Tome Pereira dos Santos, 18, (upper photo) nephew of Lucy, and Francisco Manuel Neves Rosa, 13, nephew of Jacinta. The Claretian Fathers plan to construct a novitiate and seminary near the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. (NC Photos).

Milwaukee — (NC) — Twenty-three Catholic hospitals have been established in the United States since the war bringing the total number to 776 — an increase which represents the addition of 1,796 beds and 349 bassinets. The facilities in Catholic hospitals now number 114,728 beds and 20,735 bassinets. There has also been an increase of 10,000 beds in hospitals now established. These Catholic hospital facilities now serve approximately 3,600,000 patients annually.

THESE FACTS are revealed in the new 1948 directory number of Hospital Progress, official journal of the Catholic Hospital Association, published here by Bruce.

The directory discloses that there are 6,276 hospitals in the United States, serving about 15 million patients annually.

The survey breaks down this figure into two groups: government-owned, 1,917; and non-government hospitals, 4,359.

THE 176 CATHOLIC hospitals, on a percentage basis, provide about 31 per cent of all inpatient care in the non-government hospitals.

Approximately 25,000 Sisters and Brothers, members of 283 different religious organizations, conduct these Catholic hospitals. Fifteen of these are orders of men. The directory's listings disclose that eight new orders have begun to engage in hospital or nursing activity since the war. This new group was responsible for ten of the new hospitals.

In addition to the hospitals, the directory lists 298 Catholic allied agencies which represent services such as: infirmary or more extended inpatient service; small general hospitals; and various special hospitals. These allied agencies serve an additional 500,000 patients annually. The agencies' accommodations are estimated at about 30,000.

The directory also discloses that 11 of the government-owned hospitals are operated by religious orders. Fifteen of the privately owned hospitals are also conducted by religious orders.

New Carmelite Seminary
Dallas (NC) — Ground for a new \$250,000 minor seminary for the Discalced Carmelite Fathers on Chalk Hill near here was blessed and broken by Bishop Joseph P. Lynch of Dallas. The institution will serve the Carmelites of the Texas-Oklahoma province.

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