

'Cold War' Year Reflected In Bishops' Report

Washington (NC) — Declaring that the year 1947-48 "may well be known as the year of the cold war," Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.F.M., of Cincinnati, said here today that it produced happenings not only in this country but throughout the world that created problems of moment for almost all the departments and bureaus of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

ARCHBISHOP McNicholas made this observation in his report to the annual General Meeting of the Bishops of the United States at the Catholic University of America. He spoke as Chairman of the Administrative Board of the N.C.W.C.

Noting that "the efforts of statesmen to lay the basis of a just and lasting peace had had meager success," and that "the conflict between East and West was sharper and more ominous," Archbishop McNicholas added:

"ABOVE ALL, the plotlines in Italy and in France, incidents in Hungary and Rumania, China and Korea, the fall of Czechoslovakia, the behavior of the Russians in Berlin and Vienna and the break between the Communist and Tito provided kaleidoscopic changes of the gravest import not only to the nations but to the Church."

The Archbishop added to these, as happenings that produced problems for the offices of the N.C.W.C., the enactment of the European Recovery Program, passage of the Selective Service Act, and the lifting of price controls followed by inflationary spirals, while essential housing facilities remained scarce.

ON THE HOME scene, Archbishop McNicholas recalled that "the Church-State issue came more sharply into focus during the year," and that "a small group of the more rabid and vicious anti-Catholic elements in the country" launched a new attack upon the Catholic Church.

The McCollum case decision in the Supreme Court, curtailing the teaching of religion during released time on public schools premises, represents a verdict the "full import" of which cannot be appraised and the Senate debate on the Taft Federal Aid to Education Bill is "not less his toxic mor grave," he said.

Catholic Paper Hits Record Circulation

Chicago (NC) — An all-time circulation record of 145,000 has been set by the *New World*, newspaper of the Chicago archdiocese, as the result of a subscription campaign staged by the elementary and high school students in the archdiocesan schools.

Sixteen parishes also adopted a 100 per cent subscription plan, whereby every family in a parish receives the paper and the subscription price is defrayed by the parish or made up by collections taken up in the Church.

Oldtimers Like Their Apple Pie



Maybe it is a publicity stunt for National Apple Week, but home was never like this think these old men at the Little Sisters of the Poor Home for the Aged, in Chicago, as they get set to plunge into the 187-pound apple pie here. The gift of Chicago's Stevens Hotel, the culinary masterpiece contained 500 apples. New World photo by Stan Kubitz. (NC Photos.)

National P-TA Group Joins Crusade Against Evil Books

Chicago (NC) — Among the powerful organizations which have joined in a crusade against lewd literature, "crime-jammed" comic books and objectionable radio and movie programs is the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, with headquarters here.

The national P-TA's avowal of support followed the action of His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, who last week issued a mandate to the 500,000 members of the Chicago Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women to establish parish committees to boycott the sales of objectionable comic books and lewd reading matter.

CARDINAL STRITCH has followed up his mandate with a letter to the pastors of Chicago's parishes urging them to help the women work out plans for the committees to "arouse public opinion against the lewd booklets that undermine children's minds and are occasions for sin."

Declaring that a "national housecleaning is long overdue," Mrs. L. W. Hughes, president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, announced that a committee of five has been appointed to work out specific steps for putting in effect on a nationwide front the association's plan "to eliminate vicious comic books and objectionable radio and movie programs."

Cardinal Stritch, in his letter to the pastors, asked them to cooperate fully with the Women's committees. He said he wanted everything done to arouse public opinion against the menace of indecent books because, "an aroused public will know how to stop the sale and circulation of this dirty printed matter which is actually doing great harm among youth."

The Cardinal referred to the system under which the objectionable publications reach the buyers. He said:

"OUR INVESTIGATIONS show that this printed matter is distributed through certain wholesale distributors under contract with the publishers. These publishers usually print and publish some harmless publications and they require under short-term contract that the distributors accept all their publications, including the bad ones, and distribute them through their news stand outlets."

"Without in any way minimizing the grave fault of publishers and distributors, we wish to call attention to the fact that the retailers are at least equally guilty. These retailers, as far as we can discover, are not obligated to sell these dirty publications under contract, and even if they are obligated, the obligation is null and void under the moral law."

Reds Make Marx School Reading

Manitowish (NC) — The Communist Manifesto, issued a century ago by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, has become "must" reading for public school children down to the age of 12 in Communist-ruled Hungary, according to reports received here.

The same report said that boys and girls students of the age of 17 and above are forced to attend joint classes on sex education over protests of their parents. If the latter object, they are called "reactionary foes of the people's democracy," and are liable to be imprisoned.

THE YMCA in Budapest, the report adds is now run by a 24-year-old communist, whose first step was to remove all religious symbols and burn them. Crucifixes and religious emblems and pictures are banned in all schools of Hungary, while some principals bar prayers.

Father Istvan Asztalos, the pastor of Pocsepri who was recently sentenced to prison for life because he was said to have protested against the suppression of parochial schools, has been beaten to death by the political police, the disclosures went on.

Priest Scores 'Economic Barons' on Factory Closing

Manchester, N. H. (NC) — In an address at the sixth annual convention of the New Hampshire Industrial Council, CIO, here the Rev. George R. Kilcoyne, supervisor of the Labor Institute of the Catholic Diocese of Manchester, assailed "economic barons" who close their factories and leave workers economically stranded.

OBVIOUSLY REFERRING to a big textile concern in Nashua, which recently announced that it planned to move to the South but later agreed to sell its mills to a new civic corporation and continue at least some of its operations in the Gate City on a lease basis, Father Kilcoyne declared that when the lives and happiness of millions are involved in human relations between management and labor the entire subject goes beyond the domain of economics alone and enters the field of moral law.

"Only on that basis that all of us are creatures of God," said the priest, "can we talk of mutual rights and duty. Deny this dignity and might makes right."

"Rights of management to use things in its possession by title of ownership are conditioned to the dignity of individuals and necessities of public welfare. No one has the right to violate either of these."

"Though he owns the plant, no economic baron can close that plant and leave thousands or hundreds without subsistence. While such a move may be legal under laws of the state, it may not be made under the law of God, for industry is not an end in itself and does not exist for the profit of a few. On the contrary, it is a human institution designed to keep home and family going."

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Parental Job Is 'Toughest' Writes Priest

London (NC) — "A parent's job today is one of an archangel," the Rev. S. Kennan, S.J., wrote in the parish magazine of St. Walburg's, Preston, Lancashire. It is the most difficult job on earth, with the longest hours, the most complications, no vacation, no pay, only expenses, he added.

"In a world like this, with all its paganism, false ideas, wrong standards, and even positive irreligion, the conscientious parent is almost afraid to let his children out of his sight," Father Kennan said.

"They are taught to be 'independent,' to express their own personality, to find their own amusements and most of their interests outside of their own homes, to be 'advanced' and '20th-century' and all the other catch-phrases."

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A MODEL PLANE FOR POPE



His Holiness Pope Pius XII seems pleased as he inspects a model airplane presented to him by a Fiat automobile worker during an audience at the papal summer residence, Castelgandolfo, near Rome. Nearly 1,000 factory workers from Turin visited the Holy Father. A.P. Wirephoto. (NC Photos.)

Berlin Reds Ban Free Lunch in Parish Schools

Berlin (NC) — Parochial school pupils in the districts of Steglitz, Neukolln and Kreuzberg of this city have been excluded from the benefit of free lunches by order of the communist education chief of the municipal administration. The order, applying to Protestant and Catholic schools, was vigorously protested at a public meeting of Catholic parents held in the British sector.

"You cannot make people democratic by starving them," said one speaker.

IT APPEARS now as though the communists are going to lose out in their struggle to suppress private Catholic and Protestant schools recently opened here to take care of an overflow of registrations by parents unwilling to entrust their children to communist educators.

Allied commanders of the Western sectors so far have not taken a stand in the matter, but appear willing, at least tacitly, to approve establishment of these schools, whereas the communists insist they were opened "illegally."

The socialists, who so far virtually were of one mind with the communists in matters of education, now seem to have an eye on the forthcoming municipal elections. Obviously, it is for this reason that they have profited their representatives to refrain from supporting measures apt to arouse the majority of the voters.

THE ISSUE may become a boomerang for both the socialists and the communists, because the parents willing to accept communist dictatorship in matters of education are but an insignificant minority.

St. Mary's Catholic school of Neukolln, in the American sector of the city which was the main object of the anger of Hans Wildangel, the communist education chief, now has a good prospect to survive. His Eminence Conrad Cardinal von Preysing had occasion before his present illness to submit the matter for the consideration of both American and French authorities who both assured him of their sympathy and desire to be as helpful as they can under the circumstances.

British Anglican Leader Embraces Catholic Church

London (NC) — One of Britain's leading Protestant churchmen, Sir Henry Slesser, a vice-president of the Anglican Church Union, has been received into the Church and confirmed by Bishop Francis J. Grimshaw of Plymouth. It was announced here.

Sir Henry, who is 65, is a leading British lawyer and was formerly Solicitor General (Chief Justice) and Lord Justice of Appeal. His conversion is already being acclaimed as "the most important since Newman."

SIR HENRY was a friend of the late Gilbert Keith Chesterton, the Catholic literary genius, and his conversion is no surprise to some close friends who point to a marked trend toward Catholicism in the new convert's latest writings.

Often described as "one of the leading brains" in the Church of England, Sir Henry is best known as one of the men responsible for the growth of British trade unionism. An authority on trade union law he has defended the workers in several notable industrial disputes, and has championed trade unions in the House of Commons as a Labor party member.

German Bishop Shovels Coal

Cologne (CIP) — A Bishop in the French Zone of Germany took off his coat and spent several hours shoveling coal when, at the beginning of November, freight cars had to be unloaded in a hurry at the Trier railroad station. In an emergency, he told volunteer helpers, everyone must be willing to do his part.

The Bishop is the Most Reverend Bernhard Stein, Titular Bishop of Dagnum.

Arab Refugees Aid Jerusalem (RNS) — Archbishop Giacomo Testa, Apostolic Delegate to Palestine, announced here that arrangements are being made for wider distribution of funds allocated by the Vatican for the relief of Arab refugees.

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