

Bishop Upholds Right of State In Education

Washington (NC)—"Many Catholic educators, in their desire to vindicate the rights of the Church and the family, seem to deny the state its natural right in education," Bishop James T. O'Dowd, Auxiliary of San Francisco, said here to 105 priests and Brothers who supervise the activities of 2,600,000 United States Catholic elementary and secondary school children.

He spoke at the annual meeting of the Department of Superintendents of the National Catholic Educational Association.

Bishop O'Dowd, a former archdiocesan school superintendent himself, urged the officials to develop friendly working relations with State school officials.



"POPE PIUS XI spoke of the true and just rights of the state in the education of citizens," he declared. Hence education is not merely a private affair which involves only pupils and teachers. It is a matter of keen concern for the state and society at large. It is well for us to remember that on the ground of the common welfare, education and the Church and the state and the family have a meeting place."

To help solve the teacher shortage in Catholic schools, a group led by the Rev. Charles Mahoney, Rochester diocesan superintendent of schools, recommended that the N.C.E.A. work together with the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on a program of promoting religious vocations "not only for mission and home service but with particular emphasis on the needs of our Catholic schools."

The Rev. Arthur J. Sullivan, Portland, Ore., archdiocesan superintendent of schools, in a symposium on "Public Relations and the Press," urged the educators to remember that "a good salesman never knocks another product. Good public relations work does not resort to name-calling and destructive criticism" of public education or other agencies.

He set the goal of Catholic school public relations as "the acceptance by the community of the Catholic school as an integral part of the American school system."

NCCS Volunteers For Hospitals Appointed

Washington (NC)—Appointment of National Catholic Community Service volunteers, representatives on advisory committees in 43 Veterans Administration hospitals in 22 states and the District of Columbia was announced here this week in the NCCS annual report to the Board of Trustees.

HONOR CARDINAL HLOND



Led by Cardinal Sapieha, Archbishop of Cracow, Bishops from all the dioceses of Poland participated in the funeral procession in Warsaw, for August Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland, who died at the age of 61. The prelate was one of the staunchest foes of atheistic Communism. His body was buried in a vault of war-blasted St. John's Cathedral, Warsaw. At his request, his heart was removed and sent to the Cathedral at Gniezno, of which archdiocese he was also the head. (NC Photos)

Christ the King Seminary Started at St. Bonaventure

St. Bonaventure, N. Y.—An eighteen year dream is on the way to realization for Very Rev. Thomas Plassman, OFM, St. Bonaventure College president, with the start of construction on the college campus of the new \$2,000,000 Christ the King Seminary.

Plans call for accommodations for 200 seminarians from twenty dioceses throughout the United States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. The seminary, expected to be completed in the late Spring of 1950, will be situated on a commanding knoll in the southeast corner of the campus about 1,700 feet from State Highway No. 17.

BLENDING WITH other campus buildings, the new structure will be four stories high, faced with red brick and have a mission tile roof. The architecture is Florentine modified to meet Franciscan requirements.

A campanile distinct from the rest of the building will tower 110 feet into the air. It will be the

Abp. Cushing

Pledges Catholic Friendship To Jews

Boston (RNS)—Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, addressing the 75th anniversary convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations here, called upon all true Christians to reject religious and race prejudice.

The first Roman Catholic Archbishop ever to speak before the Jewish group, he said: "THERE ARE many ignorant or malicious things sometimes said about our beliefs concerning Christ and their effect on the attitudes of Christians towards Jews. I ask you not to believe these things; they are lies and they are said to divide us."

Archbishop Cushing, dwelling on the need for brotherhood, pledged the friendship of American Catholics with Jews.

"The consistent Catholic," he said, "must see Christ and love Christ and serve Christ in all his neighbors. Christ identified himself with the poor, the lowly, the oppressed, the alien; no Catholic can put these, or any others, beyond the pale of his loving service and remain a true follower of the Nazarene."

"NO MAN," he continued, "could have my faith concerning Christ, His life and death, without loving Him and loving the

Germans Staff World Missions

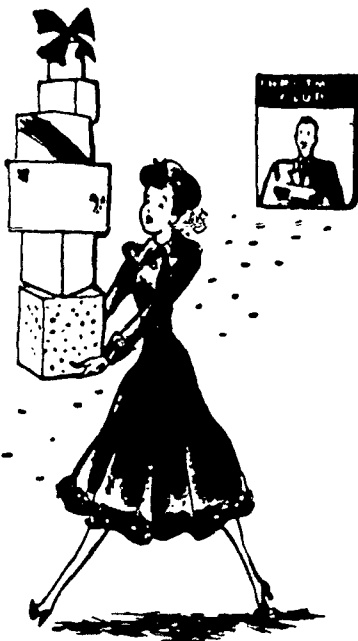
Frankfurt (NC)—German missionaries remain in charge of two-fifths of all the Catholics in South Africa, according to a survey by the Regensburg, Bavaria diocesan organ. Some 8,000 German priests, Brothers and Sisters still are stationed in mission posts all over the world. Fifty of the most important mission districts are under the jurisdiction of German superiors or Bishops.

Religious orders in Germany are helping in the home missions as well, particularly in the eastern territories now under Soviet control, and 146 Religious now are assigned to those regions, while 713 assist the diocesan clergy in the Western German districts.

Cardinal Mooney, Charleston, S.C. (NC)—His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, will dedicate the gymnasium of Bishop England High School in a ceremony to be held here on Nov. 21. It has been announced by Bishop Emmet M. Walsh of Charleston.

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President Truman Replies To Pope's 'Good Wishes'

Vatican City, Nov. 13 (Radio, NC)—In response to a congratulatory message from His Holiness Pope Pius XII on his election, President Harry S. Truman pointed to peace, happiness and concord among the nations



as "common objectives" in "our field of labor" and, humbly asking Divine guidance in his tasks, expressed gratitude for the assurance of the Pope's prayers. The Holy Father's message to President Truman was as follows: "On the occasion of Your Excellency's election to the office of the Presidency of the United States, We would convey Our cordial congratulations to yourself and your family and Our prayerful good wishes for peace and prosperity. (Signed) Pius XII."

President Truman replied as follows: "I am profoundly touched by the warmth and earnestness of your congratulatory message. Our fields of labor, although distinct, have some common objectives; the happiness of mankind and peace and concord among the nations of the world. The times are grave and the issues momentous. In the spirit of deep humility, I ask the guidance of Divine Providence and am grateful for the assurance that I and my family have a remembrance in your prayers. (Signed) Harry S. Truman."

'Gross Betrayal' Charged In Forecast of Elections

Leavenworth, Kan.—(NC)—The manner in which political writers and radio commentators predicted victory for Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in the presidential election was characterized as "a gross betrayal of democratic principles" by Dean J. L. O'Sullivan of the Marquette University college of journalism in an address before a sectional meeting of the Catholic School Press Association at St. Mary's College here.

For the proper functioning of democratic government, it also undermines the guaranteed free press.

DEAN O'SULLIVAN said the writers and commentators had ample warning from The Literary Digest, which forecast the election of Gov. Alf Landon in pre-election polls in 1936.

He added: "Let the newspapers and radio broadcasters stay away from the field of prophecy and perform their proper function of reporting the events of the day, which they are not doing any too efficiently at present."

Austria Argues Religion And School Issues

By FRIEDRICH FENDER

Vienna, Austria (NC)—The place of religious education in public schools in Austria's future educational setup are shaping up as issues of a high debate when the Austrian legislature takes up the question of school reform and of raising the standard of education.

THE AUSTRIAN People's Party (Catholic) holds a majority in the legislature and is known to favor both religious education in public schools and state aid for private Catholic schools.

The Socialist Party, which closely trails the People's Party in national strength, is divided on the issue. A progressive section of the party feels that there is no incompatibility between the socialist program and Christianity and wants the old-time, anti-clerical attitude of the party jettisoned. However, a radically left-wing section adheres to Marxism and opposes any measures which favor religion or the Church.

WHILE COMMUNISTS also oppose religion in public schools and aid for Catholic schools, they are not represented in the government and their strength in the legislature is almost negligible.

During Hitler's dictatorship in Austria all Catholic private schools were closed. Of the teaching orders in Vienna, only the Ursuline nuns succeeded in keeping up an extensive program of clandestine instruction in their convent.

Though the greater number of the private schools in Vienna were reopened as soon as the Nazi authorities fled, the city's school officials did not permit the opening of new private schools, even in cases when the number of applications for admittance reached five- and six-times that of the pupils who could be accommodated by existing schools. Vienna's Catholics are now determined not to tolerate this situation any longer.

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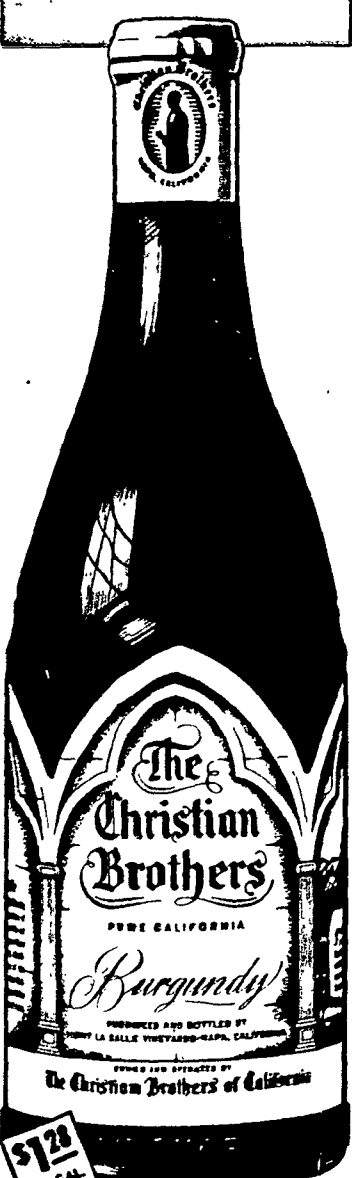
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