

Peace of Soul

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BID FOR FEDERAL AID

NCWC Asks Parochial School Minimum Needs Recognized Service Aid

Washington — (NC) — Parochial schools, as well as public schools, are "eligible claimants" for help from the national government, according to the Education Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, which has reaffirmed its position in the face of Congressional proposals calling for federal funds to assist the nation's schools.

Washington (NC) — Federal Aid to Education bills which recognize the needs of parochial and other nonpublic school children have been introduced into both houses of the 81st Congress.



Senator Johnson

Representative John E. Fogarty of Rhode Island has sponsored a measure which, while devoted principally to raising the salaries of public school teachers, would make it possible for parochial school children in all States to receive Federal aid in the form of transportation, health and welfare, and non-religious textbook services.



Senator McMahon

An almost identical measure has been brought into the Senate by Senators Brien McMahon of Connecticut and Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado. This bill differs widely from the Thomas bill, introduced earlier by Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah and 13 other Senators. The Thomas bill is a carbon copy of the Taft bill of the last Congress, which left the question of participation of nonpublic school children up to each individual State and thus effectively ruled out such aid.

THE McMAHON-JOHNSON bill would do the following things: Reserve 50 per cent of the approximately \$225,000,000 yearly allocation to pay teachers' salaries in the nation's public schools. Distribute the other ten per cent for "auxiliary services" to children in all schools. The auxiliary services would include bus transportation, child health examinations and related child health services. The aid could not be used to establish new facilities but only to supplement existing ones.

IN STATES WHERE disbursement of funds to nonpublic schools is prohibited, authorize the U. S. Commissioner of Education to withhold a proportionate amount for the children in these schools and pay the amount directly to the schools concerned. This is the procedure adopted in the Federal School Lunch Act of 1945. A safeguard in this section is that nonpublic schools receiving funds from the Commissioner of Education must first have been approved within their respective States with regard to educational standards.

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U. S. Pilgrimage to Japan Plans Departure on May 16

New York — (NC) — The departure date and fares for the American pilgrimage to Japan, to take part in ceremonies marking the fourth centennial of the leading there of St. Francis Xavier, have been announced here by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, sponsor of the U. S. pilgrimage.

WITH THE APPROVAL of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York and the society's Episcopal Chairman Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell, national director of the pilgrimage, will lead the American pilgrims to Japan. The celebration in Japan is being handled by the Renovation Committee of the Catholic Church in cooperation with the Japanese Tourist Bureau.

THE PILGRIMS will arrive at Nagasaki, Japan, on May 28 for the opening of the novena of ceremonies to take place in the different parts of Japan sanctified by the labors of St. Francis Xavier at Kagoshima, where St. Francis landed 400 years ago. The U. S. pilgrims will take part in the dedication of a new cathedral named for the saint.

Reds Send Student Leader To Russia

Berlin (AP) — For having maintained relations with student leaders from the Western Zones of Germany, Herr Naltonk Chairman of the Student Council of Leipzig University, in the Soviet Zone, was sentenced to 2 1/2 years of hard labor. Together with six other student leaders, he was sentenced to various periods of hard labor. He was deported to the Soviet Union.

'Iron Curtain' Bishops Face Crisis

Czech State Gets Bishops Liberty Plea

Vienna — (NC) — The Bishops of Czechoslovakia have addressed a memorandum to the communist dominated government in Prague declaring that "in spite of promises of religious liberty an attack has been launched on the Church and religion on the same lines as attacks witnessed in other countries."

EXCERPTS FROM THE Bishops' memorandum, adopted at a meeting in Prague, became known here through a Slovak-language broadcast by Vatican Radio. The conference took place under the chairmanship of Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague. The memorandum recalled the Bishops' conference with the President of the Republic last July, when it was agreed to start negotiations aimed at solving outstanding questions on Church-State relations. "However, no advance was made beyond these promises and the talks were broken off," the document said.

REAFFIRMING THEIR willingness to respect their duties to the State and government, the Bishops then cited the following instances of attacks launched on Church and religion: (1) "The rights of the Church are being infringed in connection with the appointment of dignitaries who are being hampered in the performance of their duties."

(2) "Those members of the clergy who abstain from participating in political demonstrations are persecuted."

(3) "BELIEVERS ARE indignant over the restrictions imposed on Catholic schools, charitable institutions, the Catholic press, and religious organizations, and over the restrictions imposed on Catholic public religious gatherings."

(4) "The Bishops have been unable to agree to the confiscation of Church property without compensation, property on which man, religious orders depend for their existence."

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How To Plan A Club for Converts



All are converts and all have served as president for one or more terms of the Guild of St. Paul, at Lexington, Ky. In this photo, the past presidents are looking over their newly printed booklet, "A Club for Converts," based on their experience during the past ten years. It develops the need for some after-care as well as the case with which a priest can organize the converts in a parish. Left to right: standing, Wayne Crossland, Taylor House, Henry Chumley; seated: Russell Carmichael, Mrs. Andrew Kearney, Jasper Skeen, Jesse Shearer, Helen Cook and A. E. Oram. (NC Photo.)

Reds Rig Court, Set Penalty For Cardinal's Trial

Vienna (NC) — Two new steps on the part of the communist dominated regime in Hungary in its campaign to manufacture a case against His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, have come to light through reliable information reaching here.

THE HUNGARIAN government has begun the circulation among workers and peasants of petitions demanding the utmost in punishment for Cardinal Mindszenty. The petitions are being circulated for the workers and peasants to sign, and it is made abundantly clear that their failure to do so will involve the gravest consequences for them.

Word also has been received that the Hungarian communists intend to set up for the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty a tribunal constituted exclusively of career judges who are subservient to the regime.

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Catholic Information Talks For Inquirers Set by CWV

A Catholic information course, offering non-Catholic inquirers a complete series of instructions on the principles and practices of the Catholic faith will begin Tuesday evening, Feb. 15th in Rochester's Hotel Seneca under the sponsorship of the Catholic War Veterans of Monroe County.

Religious Leaders Rap Euthanasia

Pittsburgh, Pa. — (RNS) — A proposal by 379 New York Protestant ministers and Jewish rabbis that mercy killings be legalized has been denounced by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergymen here.

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, rabbi of Rodef Shalom Temple, said legalization of euthanasia would "break down one of the greatest safeguards of human life." "Once physicians are permitted, even with so-called safeguards, to decide who is medically better off dead," Dr. Freehof said, "they will decide who is morally better off dead than alive."

Bishop Austin Fardue, head of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, said: "I do not approve the taking of human life under any circumstances or in any form."

Other clergymen who opposed the measure are the Rev. James R. Speer, pastor of First Presbyterian church, Wilkesburg; the Rev. Arthur H. Haberlin, pastor of the Smithfield Evangelical Protestant church; and the Rev. John R. Wannemacher, pastor of the Stewart Ave. Lutheran church.

Hierarchy in Poland Calls Conference

Warsaw — (RNS) — Poland's Roman Catholic Archbishops and Bishops have summoned to a special emergency conference in Cracow at the end of January, it was disclosed here. The meeting is expected to be presided over by the Most Rev. Stephen Wyszynski, newly-appointed Archbishop of Gniezno and Warsaw.

THE CONFERENCE was called after Premier Joseph Cyrankiewicz had made a bitter anti-Church speech before the Polish parliament in which he accused Catholic priests of "carrying on anti-State activity under the cloak of religion."

IN THE COURSE of his address — said to be the most violent in tone and substance made so far by any Polish leader, and the first of its kind ever made in any Polish diet in history — Cyrankiewicz charged the priests with exercising an "undesirable and detrimental" influence on Polish youth.

Some Communist spokesmen have openly stated that if Marxism is to succeed and take root in Poland, the power of the Church must be broken first. Even the proposed collectivization of land, they argue, depends upon the outcome of the present clash of forces between Church and State.

Finding Mother Leads To Faith

Camden, N. J. — (NC) — The first definite step in the conversion of Harold A. Stretch, owner and publisher of the Camden Courier-Post, came as a result of a phone call informing the 65-year-old newspaper figure that his 72-year-old mother, whom he had never known, was still alive.

Holy Name Lists School Aid Talk

"Federal Aid to Education" will be discussed by the Rev. William E. McManus Ph. D. of Washington, D. C., assistant national director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, at the winter meeting of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union on Sunday, Jan. 30, in St. Monica's School Hall, Genesee Street, Rochester.

Father McManus, one of the nation's top experts in education legislation, has written extensively in defense of the Catholic position on government aid to nonpublic schools.

The Diocesan meeting will open at 3 p.m. with Benediction in St. Monica's Church. Deansery President Edward M. Lorcheider will preside at the meeting in the school hall, to which all Holy Name parish societies in Monroe County are urged to send officers and delegates.

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Pontiff Honors Football Coach

New York — Frank M. Leahy, Head Football Coach and Director of Athletics at the University of Notre Dame, received one of the highest papal honors Monday night when he was inducted into the American Chapter of the Knights of Malta in ceremonies at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Mr. Leahy is believed to be the first person in the field of athletics ever made a Papal Knight by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII. The honor was conferred on the Notre Dame coach by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

The Knights of Malta is the oldest order of laymen and prelates in the Catholic Church.

State Head Calls 'Nation' Hearing

Albany, N. Y. — (NC) — A public hearing on the ban placed on the weekly magazine, The Nation, by the New York City schools will be conducted here on January 24 by Dr. Francis T. Spaulding, New York State Education Commissioner. The magazine was banned from the schools last June for a series of articles regarded as anti-Catholic written by Paul Blanshard.

The hearing is being held on a petition by The Nation that Dr. Spaulding reverse the ban.

Hungarian Reds Force Atheism on Nation's Youth

Rome (NC) — Will the youth of Hungary open its mind and soul to accept dialectical materialism or will it refuse? This is an interesting and important question as the communist program enters a new phase and employs new tactics in Hungary.

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