

Bishop Kearney Will Talk Sunday Morning On CBS Nation-wide Broadcast

'Rosaries for Russia' Crusade Grows

Columbus, O.—(RNS)—Every moment of the day, the clock round, someone in the United States has a prayer on his lips for the conversion of Communist Russia.

HERE IN OHIO'S capital city, Catholic school children pray daily for Russia's conversion. Elsewhere, in towns from the East to the West Coast, nuns and others daily say "Rosaries for Russia."

To modest, soft-spoken Father Vincent M. Martin, O.P., teacher of philosophy at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, goes major credit for launching in Columbus almost a year ago the "Rosaries for Russia" prayer idea which today has spread to almost one-third of the 15,000 Catholic parishes in the United States.

IN ADDITION, the crusade has the approval of many Catholic religious leaders and currently is sponsored by the

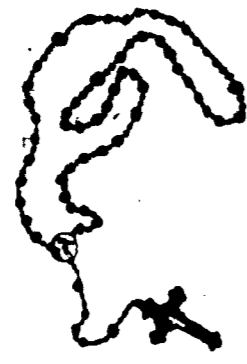
national headquarters of the Rosary Confraternity and the Holy Name Society, two of the largest Catholic lay organizations.

While Popes have asked prayers for the conversion of Communists, Father Martin is credited with offering the first organized prayer plan—that of "Rosaries for Russia." This simply means that Catholics are asked to pledge that they will say daily prayers on the rosary for this purpose.

Father Martin has written two pamphlets explaining the movement. The first was issued in April, 1948. The second, entitled "Our Lady of Fatima," was issued in August. More than 250,000 pamphlets have thus far been distributed.

AS OUTLINED by Father Martin, the purpose of the movement is three-fold:

- (1) To attain for countless souls led astray by Russian Communism, the gift of conversion.
- (2) To end blasphemous atheism, the implacable enemy of Christ, and its reign of revolutionary terror.
- (3) To heed the requests of the Popes since the very beginning of Communism, and the plea of "Our Lady of Fatima" that the rosary be employed as a constant weapon against the Communist threat.



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'Nation' Asks Ban Removal At Hearing

Albany, N. Y.—(RNS)—Action of the New York City Board of School Superintendents in banning The Nation from the city's school libraries because of articles regarded as anti-Catholic was called unconstitutional and an "infringement of specific guarantees" in three briefs submitted here to Dr. Francis T. Spaulding, state education commissioner.

THE CASE OF The Nation Associates, publishers of the magazine, was presented by Edward S. Greenbaum, who charged that the banning of the magazine because of a series of articles written by Paul Blanshard was "arbitrary and punitive, in violation of constitutional guarantees of freedom of the press, due process of law, and equal protection."

Michael A. Castaldi, representing the New York City corporation counsel's office, asked Commissioner Spaulding to dismiss the magazine's petition for reinstatement "as a matter of law." He branded the Blanshard articles as "un-American, undemocratic and an attack on religion and dogma of an accepted faith," adding "they went further than discussing the attitude of the Church on current issues."

DURING THE hearing which lasted more than two hours, Greenbaum insisted "this is not a fight with the Catholic Church." He said the school board's action "constituted censorship, and created precedents which would undermine the continuance of a free society."

BLANSHARD WROTE the series of articles as a "criticism of Catholic beliefs, dogmas and religious practices." The board claimed in instituting the ban, spokesmen said the decision to eliminate the magazine from school libraries was reached when the board determined that the editorial policy had been modified to permit the publication of articles that are an attack on the Catholic faith.

Constitutional guarantees freedom of assembly to all people. A school teacher has no right to raise doubts as to the validity of their religious beliefs.

Ireland's Rugby Team Chooses Priest Player

Dublin—For the first time in the history of Irish Rugby football, a Catholic priest has been selected as a member of the team which will represent Ireland in a series of international matches.

He is Father Thomas J. Gavin, who is at present attached to St. Edmund's House of Studies for secular clergy at Cambridge, England.

Born in Coventry of Irish parents, Father Gavin learned his football in Cotton College, Staffordshire, England. He was ordained in Birmingham, England, in 1934, and since his assignment to Cambridge has been playing football with the London Irish Rugby team.

Father Gavin will be seen in his first international game when Ireland meets France in Dublin on January 28.

Bishop Will Deliver WHEC, CBS Talk



BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

His Excellency Bishop Kearney, shown here at his desk, has prepared a sermon entitled "The Lady in the Stable" which he will deliver Sunday morning at 10:30 on the "Church of the Air Program" for the nationwide network of Columbia Broadcasting System.

Before and after the Bishop's 15-minute address in the "Church of the Air" program on Sunday morning (Jan. 30) at 10:30 a.m.

Originating at the Rochester studios of Station WHEC, the Bishop's talk on the weekly CBS "Church of the Air Program" will be carried by 125 CBS stations across the nation. WHEC, Ithaca, and WHEC are the only area stations scheduling this program for diocesan listeners.

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THE CHORAL selections are entitled: Vestimentum Tuum by Mercanti; Ave Maria by Ravanello; Heart of Mary, Pure and Fair, by Saylor; Ave Maria, To Thee Holy Virgin, by Singenberg; and Regina Coeli, by Stein. The appearance of Bishop Kearney and the St. Bernard's Choir was arranged with network officials by William Adams, program director of WHEC.

THE COLUMBIA Broadcasting System twice a month invites a Catholic Bishop or priest to speak on its full-hour "Church of the Air" production sharing the program time on alternate Sunday mornings with Protestant ministers of prominent churches. The speakers are chosen from various parts of the nation and are always accompanied by an outstanding choir of their community.

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Priest Scores 'Unfair' Pupil Aid Measure

New York—(NC)—Catholic opposition to Federal School-Aid legislation is "reasonable" if such legislation fails to include a guarantee of government assistance to non-public school pupils, according to the Rev. William E. McManus, assistant director of the Education Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

THE CATHOLIC policy on Federal aid to education is presented by Father McManus in an article in the current issue of the Jesuit weekly, America.

(Father McManus will speak to Holy Name men of Monroe County on Federal Aid to education on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 in St. Monica's School Auditorium. He will also be interviewed on Station WHEM at 12:10 p.m. Sunday.)

If Congress passes legislation excluding non-public school pupils from some share in government aid, the exclusion will be deliberate and not the result of oversight, the priest charges.

PASSAGE OF SUCH a bill, he states, would be based on the assumption that government has no duty to help parents exercise their right to choose a school for their children.

It would also set an unjust precedent for future Federal school aid bills and would encourage the public school organizations which seek to set up a "non-sectarian ethical culture" in American schools, he argues.

The current attitude of the Federal government on school aid is important, Father McManus explains, because it will have a great bearing on what all government units will do in the near future on health and welfare proposals.

If government takes an impartial attitude toward both public and voluntary agencies, i.e., shows readiness to assist any agency that serves the public interest, this development is good. If government, however, on any level adopts a doctrinaire policy that only public agencies in all three fields shall be eligible for tax funds, the development is bad," he points out.

Thus, despite unfavorable reaction to an adamant stand on the part of Catholics, opposition to an unjust Federal school aid bill "may be the first step toward a right decision in other fields," Father McManus concludes.

Priests Appointed To Elmira Heights and Livonia Churches

Appointments of one pastor and one administrator of churches in Rochester diocese by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, are announced today at the Chancery. Appointments will become effective Tuesday.

The Rev. Daniel R. Sullivan is appointed pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights, succeeding the Rev. William M. Cannon, now pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Corning. Father Sullivan has been assistant pastor of St. Augustine's Church, Rochester.

The Rev. Walter A. Fischer is appointed Administrator of St. Joseph's Church, Livonia and St. William's Church, Conesus, due to the illness of the Rev. Thomas J. Harrington in his 48th year in the Holy Priesthood.

Father Fischer for the past four years has been serving as Director, Social Action Department, Rochester Catholic Charities. As director of Camp Stella Maris, diocesan youth camp at Conesus Lake and as diocesan director of Boy Scout activity, Father Fischer is widely known for his work among youth.

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Attempt To Split Church Ranks Fails

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Rakosi Predicts Prelate's Death

Vienna—(NC)—Hungary's communist Deputy Prime Minister Matyas Rakosi reportedly told one of his friends, a communist holding high political office, a few days ago that Cardinal Mindszenty would be sentenced to death and executed and that through such action Hungary would gain leadership among the "people's democracies" of central Europe.

According to news received here from Budapest, Rakosi made his prediction in the course of a private dinner with his friend, which was attended by the wives of the two officials.

"I know," Rakosi is quoted as saying, "that many in this country will blame the communists for the execution, but when these critics will see the enormous economic advantages that will derive from our leading position, they will be satisfied."

Throughout Hungary, school children are being forced to sign "resolutions" calling for the death of the Cardinal.

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Reds Employ Drugs To Get 'Confessions' Cardinal And Aide Suffer, Vienna Says

Rome—(NC)—The distinct possibility of the use of drugs by the Hungarian communist regime in order to obtain a so-called confession from His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty is raised by Il Quotidiano, daily newspaper of Italian Catholic Action, on the basis of a document which is said to have been obtained from reliable Budapest sources.

This document speaks of a drug called "Aetodon," which is said to weaken the nervous system and to destroy will power and which is widely used in communist-dominated countries against political prisoners.

The document reveals two recent cases in Budapest where there were definite indications of the use of drugs to obtain "confessions." One case concerned Valentin Arany, who had made a "confession" but retained sufficient will power to voice a protest in the course of his "trial."

THE "TRIAL" which was broadcast, was immediately interrupted and the defendant taken back to his cell. A few days later, when the "trial" was resumed, the defendant was so weakened that he willingly "admitted" his alleged crimes.

The other case concerned a priest, the Rev. Jean Arzalas who, at the time of his arrest, defended himself with what is described as heroic courage. However, when brought to "trial" he was reduced to "a human rag" and the Hungarian clergy to refuse further obedience to Cardinal Mindszenty.

THIS INFORMATION coincides with statements obtained by this correspondent from Hungarian sources here. These statements mention another drug, called "Penthatol," which is also used to extract "confessions."

The methods employed are described as follows: For several days, a prisoner is fed nothing but soups. Weakened by thirst, the prisoner is offered water or soup, both of which have been "doped" with the drug. The effects of the drug are severe headaches, vertigo and a sense of uncertainty and fear, somewhat similar to hypnosis. The prisoner retains consciousness, but is deprived of his power of judgment and lacks any resistance to even the most unjust and unreasonable orders.

(Press reports from Vienna quote the American-sponsored newspaper Wiener Kurier as presenting what is declared to be an eye-witness account of the questioning of Cardinal Mindszenty. The eye-witness, a Hungarian police official who says he was present at the examination, stated the Cardinal resisted for four days. Completely weakened by the incessant questioning, he was given "refreshment pills" which produced an almost complete numbness and a torturing thirst and resulted in almost complete numbness. On the fifth day, the Vienna account says, the Cardinal finally signed a self-accusatory statement which was then published by the regime in a "Yellow Book" as the Cardinal's "confession.")

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Barring Student From Bus Upheld

Fremont, Ohio—(RNS)—The Ohio education department has upheld the action of Washington township school board in preventing a parochial student from using public school buses.

Dr. Clyde Hissong, state education director at Columbus, said a board of education may pay public funds for transportation of public school pupils only.

He made the statement after St. Joseph's Holy Name Society here protested the Washington board's decision to bar Mary Ann Held 13, from the board's buses. The girl had been riding in the bus from her home at Lindsey, Ohio, to St. Joseph's high school here. The bus regularly transports Washington township and Lindsey pupils to Ross high here, a public school.

Rome Newspaper Refutes 'Yellow Book' Accusations

Rome—(RNS)—Il Quotidiano, organ of Italian Catholic Action, refuted charges made against Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, in a documented Yellow Book published by the Hungarian government to "prove" he was guilty of treasonable activities against the State.

The Catholic newspaper took particular exception to statements in the Yellow Book that Cardinal Mindszenty offered an automobile to the director of the Vatican Radio in order to obtain a special radio program in Hungary.

"THIS STATEMENT," Il Quotidiano declared, "is an insult not only to justice and freedom, but to common sense."

The newspaper also challenged the Hungarian government's assertion that Cardinal Mindszenty,

Chapel Started At Philippine Apparition Site

Manila—(RNS)—A number of Roman Catholic dignitaries attended the consecration-laying of a new chapel in Lipa City, Batangas Province, in honor of Our Lady, Mediatrix of All Graces.

Erection of the chapel was undertaken after reports of a series of apparitions of Our Lady. The first was reported on September 19, 1945, of the Most Holy Name of Mary. It was said that showers of rain petals accompanied the apparitions.

According to records maintained by the Curial Office of Lipa City, Our Lady appeared for 18 consecutive days to Sister Teresita Constantine, one of 15 children of the town.

Apparitions accompanied the consecration-laying ceremony. Father William F. MacLennan, S.J., of New York, pastor of the Shrine of the Most Holy Name of Mary, S.J., former superior of the chapel in the Philippines and now head of the Catholic Women's Organization, and Mrs. Maria A. Gomez, wife of the late President, were also present.

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Conforming to the communist pattern of "justice" that has become warily familiar to the world, the Budapest regime has produced what it termed a "confession" made by the imprisoned Primate, His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, and announced that the "trial" would take place in the near future.

Reports from Rome, based on statements by persons acquainted with communist police methods, point out the distinct possibility that this "confession" if it is not a complete fabrication, has been obtained by the use of certain drugs which have the effect of weakening the nervous system and paralyzing the power of volition.

It is an established fact that secret police in communist countries have used drugs to extract "confessions" from prisoners.

ACCORDING TO reports from Vienna, Cardinal Mindszenty addressed a letter to the Hungarian Bishop a few days before his arrest, telling them that he had taken part in no "confession" and that he had made no confession and that he would never resign.

He warned them not to be misled by what he called "confessions" and that they were authorized by his own signature and declared them null and void in his name.

Other Vienna reports indicate that the Hungarian Primate "confessed" only after undergoing from five days of incessant questioning, which broke down his resistance. A Hungarian police official, who also was present at the interrogation, is quoted as saying that the Cardinal was convinced with his secretary, the Rev. Andrej Talar, a fellow prisoner, who showed the effects of torture and said the Cardinal: "I confess now to whatever they want."

Meanwhile, the communist regime continues to mobilize Hungarian "public opinion" against the Cardinal. Non-Catholic church groups including the Calvinists and Lutherans, in Hungary, are said to have "approved" the government's action. Strict censorship prevents any news on the five sentiments of the Hungarian people from leaving the country.

THE HOLY FATHER is continuing to receive expressions of

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