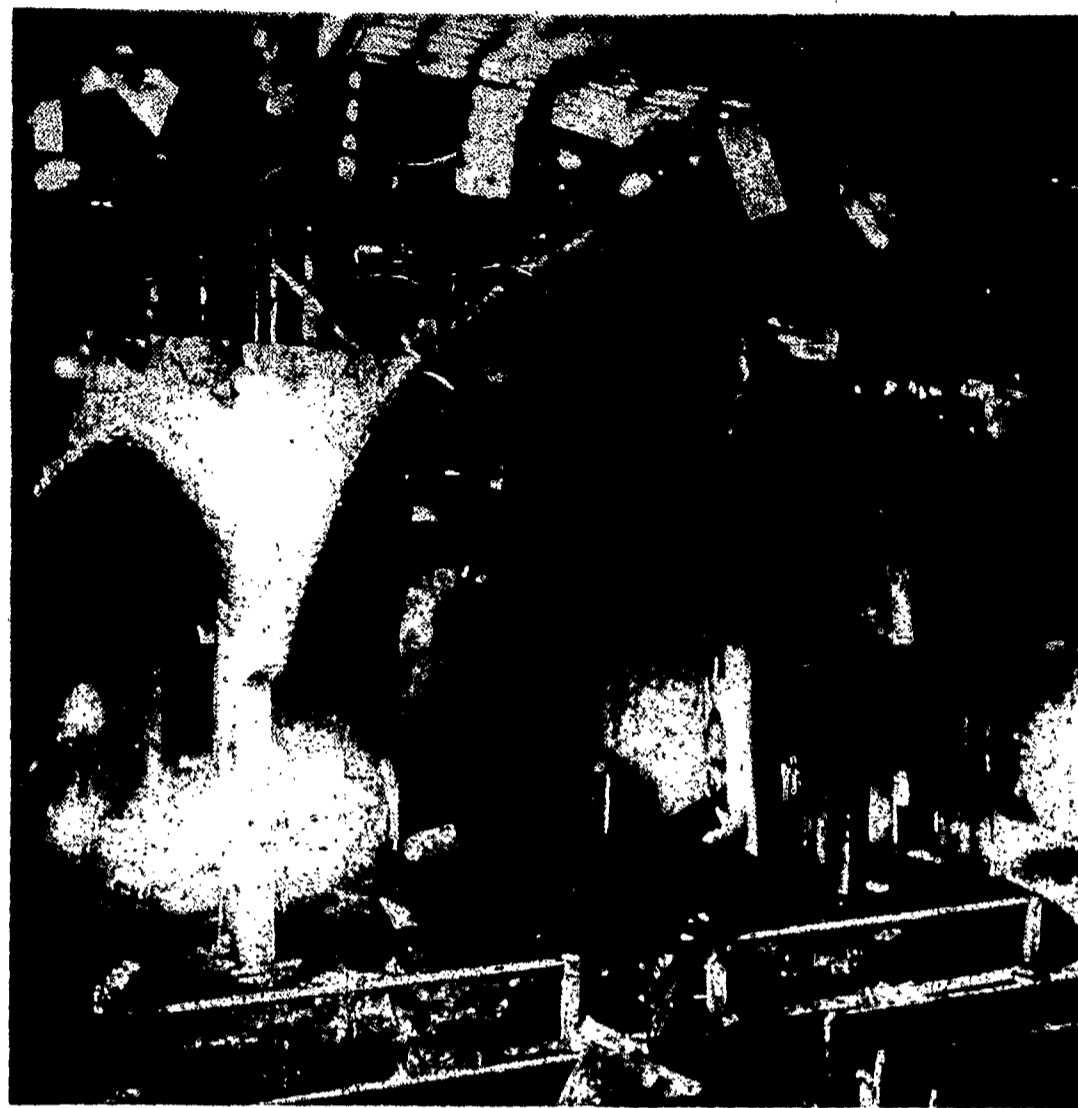


# NEA Linked To POAU Million Dollar Drive To Fight Catholic Church

THE CATHOLIC  
**Courier Journal**  
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE ROCHESTER DIOCESE

14 Pages ROCHESTER, N. Y., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1949

## Trumansburg Pastor Asks Help In Rebuilding Burned Church



The tragic aftermath of a disastrous fire which swept St. James the Apostle Church in Trumansburg early Friday morning is seen in this picture of the church's fire-ravaged interior.

From the charred ruins of the Trumansburg St. James the Apostle Church, destroyed last Friday by an early morning fire, the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, pastor, has appealed for help in rebuilding a new house of worship for his little flock of sixty families.

## AFL Warns On 'Church-State Separation' Talk

Washington (NC) — Bewary of the phrase "separation of church and state" when it is used to deny Federal education aid to parochial school children, the American Federation of Labor advises.

To feed hungry children of all creeds, to take children to school rather than have them exempted because they are "too poor to attend," to provide health, welfare and recreational facilities for children in minority religious and racial groups, is not a merger of church and state, so long as public authority free from any sectarian controls ministers alike for the welfare of all children," says a statement by Matthew Wolf, chairman of the A. F. of L. Committee on Education.

"LABOR KNOWS that church and state are separate even though school lunches are given to hungry children in sectarian schools. Labor knows that the enactment of the G. I. Bill of Rights making possible payments directly to sectarian institutions, has not united any church with our government.

Labor wants the facts not prejudgments of bigots to control the situation. The statement repeated the position taken by the A. F. of L. at its recent national convention that Federal school aid should go primarily to raise public school salaries, but should also include help in the way of health and welfare services to all school children.

THE FEDERATION committee criticized attempts in the Senate to rush the Thomas Bill—the Taft Bill of the last Congress—through without extended discussion. The same Senate committee considering Federal educational aid also is faced with the problem of changing the Taft-Hartley Act. In this connection, the statement declared, Labor does not agree that the Taft Bill in its present form is non-controversial. Labor therefore does not agree that this highly controversial form of a Federal aid bill should be pushed out on the floor for extended discussion before Taft-Hartley is repealed.

Jewelry is the logical gift for Valentine's Day, and Thorne's is the logical place to find it. Willam S. Thorne, 318 E. Main. —Ad.

## Egypt Queen's Necklace Given To Bonaventure

St. Bonaventure, N. Y. (NC) — A necklace worn more than 3,400 years ago by a queen of Egypt who openly renounced her own sex has just been acquired by the St. Bonaventure College Library.

The multi-colored adornment, a double circle of round and tubular beads with a short beaded pendant in front, once belonged to Queen Hatshepsut, who ruled Egypt with her father, Thutmose I, in the 18th Dynasty (1516-1481 B.C.). Hatshepsut used every possible device to conceal her real sex, calling herself King Maker and dressing like a man. She married her half-brother, Thutmose II, who succeeded her.

The necklace, with a document authenticating it, came into the possession of the library through the Procurator General of the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor in Rome.

(Continued on Page 6)



Juvenile Roles in "Lady of Fatima," a play to be presented during Passion Week by the Diocesan Holy Name Union, are the aim of these eager looking youngsters, all pupils of Rochester parochial schools. Play directors have tested approximately one hundred children for the play's three child roles.

## Aims Told Press At NEA Site

A connection between the National Education Association and the organization of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State was clearly indicated this week in Washington at a meeting marking the first anniversary of the Protestant-United Group.

A statement, entitled "Address to All Americans," which called for a million dollars to finance a "resistance movement, to cope with the aggressive program of the Roman Catholic Church," was issued by the Protestants-United at a press conference staged in the conference room of the Washington headquarters of the National Education Association.

Further indication of a POAU-NEA tieup was seen in the presence of Dr. Charl Ormond Williams as a speaker at the first public rally of the POAU sessions here. Dr. Williams is director of the NEA field services and is in charge of the association's organizing activities.

In her address at the POAU session, Dr. Williams spoke disparagingly of "the hue and cry of the churchmen who decry the 'secularism' of the public schools," and endorsed a vague "religion of democracy" for which no release-time would be needed.

POAU'S STRONGLY worded "Address to ALL Americans" charged that Catholics are exerting "aggressive, high pressure demands" on Congress to obtain federal aid for parochial schools. Released by the POAU board of trustees, the statement called upon Congress "to defeat the declared intentions of the Roman Catholic Church to secure public funds for sectarian schools, either directly or by subterfuge."

The proposed three-year campaign for a million dollars is necessary, the statement alleged, to fight the Catholic Church's "extensive facilities of propaganda and political pressure, implemented with huge financial resources."

PUBLIC SESSIONS of the POAU rally were highlighted by repetitious attacks on the Catholic Church by POAU leaders including Methodist Bishop Bromley Oxnam, Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison and Harold E. Fey of the Christian Century magazine, and Dr. Clyde R. Miller of Teachers College at Columbia University.

Dr. Miller charged that "President Truman is in office largely as a result of an appeal to the Catholic hierarchy." He accused the House Un-American Affairs Committee of "doing the work of Vatican state" when it issues such booklets as "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion."

## Card. Griffin Under Hospital Observation

London (NC) — His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, was admitted to the Catholic Hospital of St. John and Elizabeth here for rest and observation after he had been taken ill while working in his residence. The doctors attribute the 50-year-old Cardinal's illness to overwork. First reports declare that the Cardinal's condition has shown improvement.

# Diocese To Pray Sunday For Cardinal Mindszenty

## Terror Rules On Eve Of Prelate Trial

Vienna — (NC) — Using terror methods without precedent even in the worst days of the Nazi regime, the Hungarian communist government is now engaged in a campaign to extort signatures for "resolutions" demanding the most severe punishment, even the death penalty, for the imprisoned Primate of Hungary, His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty.

## Bulletin

Cardinal Mindszenty's trial on alleged treason charges against the Hungarian government opened today (Feb. 3) before a Communist dominated court in Budapest. Readers are warned that secular news dispatches reporting the trial are subject to control and censorship by the Communist regime in Budapest. Since his arrest the Cardinal has been held incommunicado and all requests to see him have been denied.

A shocking picture of present-day conditions in Hungary is given by refugees arriving here in a steady stream. According to them, the communist rulers know well that nobody at home or abroad interprets these forced signatures as a genuine manifestation of public opinion.

THEY KNOW that they will never succeed in winning over sincere Christians who compose the overwhelming majority of the Hungarian people. They are probably aware that their terrorist actions will further increase — if that were possible — the antipathy toward the regime.

Then, why do they use such methods? The answer was given by a refugee who has risked his life to escape to Austria. "The communists' aim is to break the soul of the common people," he said, "to debase the conscience of the individual, which is the foundation of all true liberties, and to reduce human beings to soulless machines that produce the maximum and consume the minimum and are willing tools in the hands of the communist operators."

SIMILAR DRIVES to collect signatures in support of the regime's war on the Church pre-empted the nationalization of all

(Continued on Page 6)

## Bishop's Letter

# Litany, Holy Hour Ordered in Churches

Feast of St. John Bosco 1949

My Dear People:

The Bishops of the United States have set aside Sunday, February 6, as a special day of prayer for the Church in Hungary and for His Eminence, Cardinal Mindszenty, now a prisoner. It is a nationwide day of prayer and protest against his fraudulent trial and prearranged conviction.

The studied efforts of the enemies of freedom make the old excesses of the Nazis look amateurish. The situation is fraught with such dangers that we feel that only divine intervention can stem the tide that threatens western civilization.

May I ask then that at every Mass the Litany of the Saints and the concluding versicles and orations be recited from the pulpit with the entire congregation joining in the responses, and that during the afternoon or evening there be a special Holy Hour devoted to prayer and intercession for the captive Cardinal.

The prayers of a nation ascending to God on behalf of this great churchman can be more powerful than the feeble protests of decent governments. May I ask then that this Sunday be set aside as the day of prayer and protest on behalf of Cardinal Mindszenty.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

*James Kearney*  
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

## Congressional Aid For DPs Backed by Msgr. Lambert

Proposals "to bring about an impartial and effective administration of the Displaced Persons Act" were urged on Congress today by the Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, chairman of the Rochester Diocesan Resettlement Committee.

MONSIGNOR LAMBERT released a statement by the committee which urged all organizations and persons interested in DP legislation to study the suggestions and to make their position known to their senators and representatives.

Advanced originally by the National Catholic Resettlement Council, the proposals have been submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee of which Senator Pat McCarran is chairman. The committee is expected to act soon on DP law amendments. The suggestions are:

TO AVOID DISCRIMINATION

in race, religion or national origin of any Displaced Person, visas should be made available to each DP group in proportion to the overall total.

The present eligibility date of Dec. 22, 1945, should be extended at least to Dec. 31, 1948. Immigration visas up to 400,000 should be made available without regard to quota limitations for a period of four fiscal years following July 1, 1948. That particular emphasis be placed on family groups.

PROVISIONS FOR persons of German ethnic origin, should be retained, and the numbers now provided be doubled and extended.

(Continued on Page 6)

## Bp. Kearney Asks Prayer And Protest

His Excellency Bishop Kearney has designated Sunday (Feb. 6) as "Cardinal Mindszenty Day" in the Diocese of Rochester.

In a letter issued this week the Bishop calls upon the faithful of the diocese to join on Sunday in a nationwide day of prayer and protest in behalf of the Catholic Church in Communist-ruled Hungary and that nation's imprisoned Primate, His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty.

"Cardinal Mindszenty Day — A Sunday of Prayer and Protest" will be observed in all dioceses of the United States. The Bishop's letter states: "The day was selected by the American hierarchy so that the prayers of American Catholics may be offered during the Cardinal's trial which began today (Feb. 3) in a Budapest courtroom."

IN THE DIOCESE of Rochester, Bishop Kearney directs that at all Masses on Sunday the Litany of the Saints be recited from the pulpit by the parish priest with the entire congregation joining in the responses.

The Bishop also requests that all churches hold a Holy Hour during the afternoon or evening devoted to prayer and intercession for the captive Cardinal.

CALLING ATTENTION to the Cardinal's fraudulent trial and prearranged conviction, Bishop Kearney's letter charges that "the studied efforts of the enemies of freedom to destroy religion in the territories they occupy make the old excesses of the Nazis look amateurish."

"The situation is fraught with such dangers that we feel that only divine intervention can stem the tide that threatens western civilization," he warns.

"The prayers of a nation ascending to God on behalf of this great churchman can be more powerful than the feeble protests of decent governments."

## Medical Test of Cardinal Asked

Paris (RNS) — Abbe Albert Gau, Roman Catholic priest, has proposed that Hungary permit an international medical-legal commission to examine Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, imprisoned in Budapest, to determine if he has been drugged.

(The Vatican and other Catholic sources have charged that Cardinal Mindszenty has been given drugs to elicit a "confession" of treasonable activities from him.)

Abbe Gau's proposal, made in a telegram to Count Michael Karolyi, Hungarian Minister to France, declared that a refusal by Hungary "will be taken as an admission of criminal behavior."

The priest, a member of the French National Assembly, recently declined a Hungarian government invitation to visit Budapest because he would not be permitted to speak to the Cardinal personally.

## Reds Refuse BBC Trial Bid

London (CIP) — Mr. Patrick Smith, Vienna representative of the British Broadcasting Corporation, was refused a Hungarian visa, CIP has just learned. He applied for the visa with the express statement that he had received instructions from the London headquarters of BBC to cover the forthcoming trial of Cardinal Mindszenty, Archbishop of Esztergom and Primate of Hungary.

## New St. Anne's School Starts Education Work

Despite the resentment of "certain elements" in this country to the presence of God in schools, people should thank God that the building of a Catholic school is still possible in America. His Excellency Bishop Kearney told persons attending the dedication Sunday of Rochester's new St. Anne's School.

SPEAKING IN the spacious auditorium of the new building, Bishop Kearney warned, "Unfortunately, there are certain elements now in our own country that resent the crosses upon our schools. Thanks be to God this minority is not effective."

The Bishop blessed the structure and congratulated the Rev. George J. Schmidt, pastor, and the people of the parish whose efforts and cooperation were responsible for erection of the new school.

HE REMINDED listeners of their extreme good fortune in living in a country where such a haven of learning and understanding for children is possible. "We cannot help feel," he said, "a sense of sympathy and admiration for the people of some European nations who must stand by helpless and see the crosses torn from the walls of their schools."

Calling attention to the fact of St. Anne's motherhood of the Blessed Mother he said: "It is a particularly appropriate ceremony today for St. Anne — dedicated to the mother of the greatest mother of all — in that the parish from now on becomes a mother, a sanctuary where within the shadow of the priest's home the little children will learn the meaning of good citizenship for this and Heavenly life."



St. Anne's School, Rochester, is the newest addition to the diocesan school system. Assisted by the Rev. George Schmidt, pastor, His Excellency Bishop Kearney is shown here blessing the new Brighton Park school which opened this week.

ATTENDING THE Bishop in the ceremony were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, P. A. V. C.; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. William Stauder, Rev. Francis P. Hoelen, Rev. Arthur F. Florack, and the Rev. Dr. John E. Maney. The dedicatory procession was led by 20 robed altar boys of the parish.

Express your sympathy with Flowers, Call Main 1-1111, and Floris at 318 East Avenue where you may buy beautiful daily delivered bouquets including hospital bouquets. —Ad.