

Opposition Voiced Against Federal Welfare and School Aid Bills

Doughton Bill Imperils Child Care Programs

Washington (NC)—A Congressional proposal to pour Federal money into State public welfare programs under a broadened Social Security Act can be a serious threat to Catholic child welfare in the United States, Msgr. John O'Grady, executive secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, has warned here.

The bill, H.R. 2892, has been introduced by Representative Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Along with a companion measure which would widen the coverage of the old-age insurance program, it embodies the Administration's plan for extending the social security system.

MONSIGNOR O'GRADY, in a statement of the charities conference policy, directed his criticism at the bill's intent to "bring the Federal Government with all its rules and regulations into every community in the United States to set up governmental programs for the care of children."

"If, for instance, as happens in a number of cities," he explained, "a juvenile court has been committing children to Catholic agencies, this plan will have to be discontinued because the bill says that in every community there must be one agency that has entire responsibility for the care of children."

MONSIGNOR O'GRADY also commented that the bill provides that every State must contribute State funds to child care programs, and this provision means, he said, that in many States where it is unconstitutional to pay for Catholic and other religious child care with State funds, these programs would be practically wiped out.

THE CHARITIES official also declared that the enactment of the Administration proposal would do great psychological harm to Catholic and other private charitable projects, since, he said, it amounts to an announcement to the American people that the Federal Government now proposes to enter into the entire field of child care in the United States.

HEAR HOLY FATHER'S PLEA



This scene was typical of many throughout the United States as students of Catholic parish schools listened to the "Lenten radio-visit" of His Holiness Pops Plus XII, on Ash Wednesday. In a deeply moving address the Holy Father asked some 2,000,000 school children to contribute their pennies, nickels and dimes as a special Lenten sacrifice to help feed and clothe the suffering children in war-stricken lands. This picture was taken at Sacred Heart School, Washington, D. C., opening the children's phase of the Bishop's Fund for the Victims of War.

Narberth Leaflet Campaign Has Spread Truths 20 Years

Washington (NC)—The Narberth Movement, Catholic information society founded by a few Pennsylvania laymen which grew to a world-wide status, will be 20 years old March 19.

On March 19, 1929, eight men of St. Margaret's Church in Narberth, Pa., sent by mail small Catholic information leaflets to 500 of their nearby non-Catholic friends. Today the movement is found in 47 States and seven foreign countries.

IN 1928, the bitterness of the Alfred E. Smith presidential campaign led John J. Cahery, of Narberth, to get a few Catholic laymen together to write single page leaflets to send to their neighbors. In an effort to offset religious prejudice against Mr. Smith, this work stopped after the election.

The idea, however, led to formation of the Narberth Catholic Information Society, which confined its messages strictly to explanations of Church doctrine and practices. Leading spirit of the movement was Karl H. Rogers, a professional advertising man, assisted by Henry P. Carr, a broker. From 1931 till 1942, Mr. Rogers devoted

Senator's School Aid View Lauded

Chicago (NC)—The average Catholic cannot understand why his children should be discriminated against by the state because they attend a non-public school, Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt, director of the Education Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, told the Knights of Columbus Forum here.

"Despite the tremendous contribution our Catholic schools make to American life," he said, "there are educators, ministers of religion and some lawmakers who would even deny to our children the common services of health, transportation and non-religious textbooks."

BUT THERE ARE some "sincere and objective" legislators who have spoken out for the rights of all children to these schools services from government, he interposed, and cited Senator Paul H. Douglas, new Senator from Illinois, and former University of Chicago professor as one of these.

"Senator Douglas," Monsignor Hochwalt declared, "has been tireless in his work and as a political and social scientist has demonstrated rare insight in his analyses of the social problems of the times. As a liberal he has supported the rights of every boy and girl to those school services which are essential today. Perhaps what we need in Congress are more fair-minded educators who have come from the field of social science."

The Catholic school official expressed strong disagreement with those who discuss the "American school system" and include only the public schools within the meaning of that term.

"For these persons," he explained, "the private school is to be tolerated only as an historical mistake; from this point of view, apparently, private education is made up of groups who because they remain apart cannot be conceived as adding anything to American life except divisiveness."

Cardinal Griffin Improving London (NC) His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, who is resting in London's Catholic hospital of St. John and Elizabeth after collapsing from overwork, is reported to be improving rapidly.

Educator Lists Guideposts For Fair School Aid

Washington (NC)—In their efforts to convince the general American public that parochial school children have a rightful place in any Federal school aid legislation, Catholic laymen and women ought to adopt the following guideposts, Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt of the Education Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, urged here:

EMPHASIZE the public service of the Catholic school.

EMPHASIZE THAT all Catholic school children are citizens. Emphasize the general plan that welfare services be for all children.

CITE the argument that welfare services for children by the Federal Government in nonpublic schools are constitutional. Show the financial savings to the nation.

EMPHASIZE that Catholics pay their share of taxes for public schools and are obliged to do so.

MAKE THE POINT that in addition Catholics support their schools for reasons of conscience.

Fr. John Gough Dies In Sayre

Sayre, Pa.—Several priests from the Southern Tier of Rochester Catholic Diocese to whom he was well known will attend funeral services here at 11 a. m. Monday for the Rev. John J. Gough, pastor of the Church of the Epiphany and former editor of "The Catholic Light," official newspaper of Seneca County, who died today at the age of 62.

Ordained in the 1920s at Catholic University, Father Gough was a former regional director of the Holy Name Society. The Pontifical Requiem Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. William J. Ruffey,

FLEE CHINA MISSIONS



Two blood sisters, nuns of China were happily reunited when 28 Sisters of Charity arrived at their motherhouse, Mt. St. Joseph-on-the-Ohio. They left their work in China reluctantly, but on order from the U. S. State Department because of the communist reign of terror there. Sister Martha Seton Tsai (right) who arrived last December happily greets her sister, Sister Teresa Tsai who was with the new arrivals, welcomed by Mother Mary Zoe, vicar general of the community. (NO Photos)

Fordham Reveals Expansion Plans Costing 3 Million

New York (NC)—A \$3,000,000 expansion program is necessary to equate Fordham University's \$10,000,000 plant with its current activities, the Very Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., new rector and president of the university, told 1,000 persons at the 95th annual dinner of the Fordham Alumni Association.

A new dormitory to house students living in barracks which must be vacated next January, is the university's most immediate need, Father McGinley stated. Other needs he listed were: more classrooms on the campus and in the City Hall Division, scientific laboratories for research, a library wing and "water and healthier quarters for some of the Jesuit faculty."

In a reference to Fordham's athletic policy, he mentioned the need for a stadium and continued: "We want to have on our schedule colleges which are respected, both athletically and scholastically, as we wish to be respected—and more and more colleges are seeking us out."

French Schools Supply Clergy

Paris (NC)—Catholic schools proportionally supply the clergy with five times the number of aspirants supplied by other schools. This statement is based on the results of a survey just made in France. Catholic schools are much less numerous because of the heavy expenses they impose on parishes and parsons.

These figures show that out of every 1,000 boys in Catholic schools 23 enter a minor seminary, while out of every 1,000 in public schools only four become seminarians. Proportionally, therefore, Catholic schools supply 85 per cent of the seminarians.

AFL Scores Thomas School Aid Proposal

Washington (NC)—The Thomas Federal Aid to Education Bill has been attacked again by the American Federation of Labor, which termed it "inadequate and inequitable" because it does not specifically earmark funds to raise teacher's salaries and does not guarantee health and welfare services for children in non-public as well as public schools.

THE A.F. of L. Committee on Education, headed by Matthew Woll, released this comment following a meeting here.

"The American Federation of Labor was the first great nationwide organization to enter the fight for Federal aid to education," declared Mr. Woll. "It has fought for an equitable program of Federal aid for over 30 years."

"WE INSIST that every Federal aid bill must protect the autonomy of every State in regard to the conduct of public education in its boundaries," he continued. "We hold at the same time that the Federal Government has a right to pay for what purposes the money it gives the States is to be used. Any State that doesn't want to use the money for such purposes need not accept it."

About the participation of non-public school children in the program, Mr. Woll said: "The American Federation of Labor wants the Federal aid to education bill to provide for health and welfare services for all children. Granting such services to all children will not interfere with State aid."

He repeated the January assertion of the A.F. of L. committee that "to feed hungry children to school rather than have them starve because they are too poor to attend is a provision for health, welfare and vocational facilities for children in minority religious and racial groups, is not a matter of church and state, so long as public authority, free from any sectarian control, makes the law for the welfare of all children."

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