

Holy Father's Appeal For War Victims Set Sunday In Churches Of Nation

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60TH YEAR



Well-trained, the above 130-voice Nazareth College Glee Club will be heard in concert Thursday, March 31 at 8 p. m. in the College Auditorium. The concert will high-

light the College's Silver Jubilee celebration. With J. Theodore Hollenbach directing and Miss Cecilia Chang and Miss Irene Parker as soloists, the Glee Club will sing

a well-balanced program. His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside at a Solemn Mass opening the Jubilee. (Story and program on Page 7)

Senate Unit Dims Nonpublic Schools' Federal Aid Hope

Washington — Unanimous approval of the Thomas Federal Aid to Education bill and a companion school health bill by the Senate Education and Labor Committee has dimmed the nonpublic schools' hope of sharing with public schools in the recognition and assistance of the United States government.

The \$300,000,000 Thomas bill leaves the question of inclusion of aid to nonpublic schools up to the individual States, a provision which effectively rules out such aid, as Catholic authorities have pointed out. The \$355,000,000 health bill, however, carries a guarantee that all children, whether in public or parochial schools, will receive its benefits.

Strong Catholic support continues to be felt here for the principles contained in the McMahon-Johnson educational aid bill.

THE McMAHON-JOHNSON bill would earmark ten per cent of the total educational appropriation for these services, and would provide, as does the new health measure, that the funds to aid nonpublic school children be expended according to the School Lunch Act formula in States where tax funds cannot be allocated to any but public agencies. The Senate committee's action this week kills the McMahon-Johnson bill as such, but does not rule out efforts to work its principles into the approved Thomas measure.

Senator Elbert Thomas, chairman of the Education committee, told the press that the health bill, recently drafted by a subcommittee headed by Senator Lister Hill of Alabama, would be given consideration on the Senate floor before the general educational aid bill.

If both bills are approved by the Senate, there will be no provision for such aid as bus transportation for nonpublic school children. It is expected that this gap in coverage will be debated fully when the two bills are brought before the full Senate membership, though the bill has the unanimous approval of the education committee. It was declared that some members had reserved the right to offer amendments on the Senate floor.

The Thomas bill is almost identical with the Federal school aid bill which was passed by the Senate last year but was blocked in the House. It aims to set a floor of \$55 in combined State and Federal money under the annual expenditure for the schooling of every public school child in the country. Twenty-five high income States would receive \$5 per child, and grants would range up to \$26.58 per child in Mississippi.

THE HEALTH BILL provides for periodic medical and dental examinations for school children, and makes facilities available for treatment of defects in case parents are not able to pay for this care.

The bill states "Such examinations and service shall be made available to children on a just and equitable basis, without regard to race, creed, color or nationality, or the location or character of the school in which the examination is made." The aim of the measure is to insure that "no American child shall come to adult life with physical or mental defects which can be prevented or corrected at an early age."

Court Order Spells Chaos In Schools

Santa Fe, N. M.—(AP)—Effects of the recent court ruling which barred 143 Roman Catholic parishes and rooms from public school teaching posts in this state are beginning to be felt in various communities.

As a result of the ruling by District Judge E. T. Hersey, which also prohibited the holding of tax-supported school classes in buildings owned by the Catholic Church, a number of such classes have been ended.

IN BERNALILLO AND Cuba, for example, high school students now have no place where they can attend classes. Previously, the Catholic Church, which owns the school buildings in both communities, had permitted their use as public schools.

Mayor A. F. Apodaca of Bernalillo said the court order would hit Sandoval County "very hard." He said the county had no funds to use for the construction of new school buildings and asked that the Catholic diocese be asked to teach in rural schools where lay persons had refused to work.

Santa Fe, N. M.—Judge J. T. Hersey's decision in the so-called Dixon case "in favor of the public schools" has on the public schools "been on the news," according to the Santa Fe Register, official organ of the Roman Catholic archdiocese here.

School Showing Of Sex Movie Brings Protests

Granston, R. I.—(AP)—A proposal by PTA groups that the sex education movie "Human Growth" be shown in Granston Junior and senior high schools as part of their regular curriculum has brought varying reactions from clergymen here.

Submitting up the reaction of the priests assigned to Granston's four Roman Catholic churches, Father John X. Murphy, pastor of St. Matthew's, said "Human Growth" would be cut off from the school curriculum.

He criticized the aim because of its "purely materialistic description of the process of human growth without any reference to the part played by Almighty God in the act of creation."

Meanwhile, in Providence, Roman Catholic Bishop Russell J. McVerney said that while he had not seen the film, he thought it would be "a dangerous practice" to show films of this nature to children of highly impressionable years.

"I know I would strongly oppose its being shown to children up to junior high age," he said, "and I also would oppose its being shown to senior high children if mixed."

Church Sees Persecution In Bulgaria

Rome — (NC) — Persecution of the Catholic Church in Bulgaria and the end of all religious freedom in that communist-dominated country are foreseen here on the basis of reports detailing the proposed law governing religious denominations.

The country's Catholic Bishops are reported to have made strong representations in a statement presented to the president of the national assembly.

THEIR STATEMENT pointed out that the very provisions of the proposed law makes it impossible for them to draw up the constitution for self-government which the law requires from each religious denomination and which must be presented for approval to the foreign minister.

The first article of the law establishes freedom of conscience and of religious belief for all citizens but the other 30 articles, as published in the official journal of February 17, 1949, make it evident that practically every phase of religious life will be subject to the control and approval of the foreign minister.

THE JURIDICAL status of the various denominations depends on the approval by the same cabinet ministry which is empowered to receive recognition, determine religious activities of a church, and the law, the social order of good morals.

There is theoretically freedom of conscience and belief for all and the churches are separate from the State but even separation is declared to be no concern of any religious denomination but merely a matter for the State.

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Rabbi Wise Statement Denounced

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Ten Catholic University professors here have denounced as "false and malicious" an alleged statement by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York that "the largest of Christian Churches is unequivocally for war."

Dr. Wise's statement was reported by a press association as having been made in defense of the Rev. William Howard Melish, whose father was recently ousted as rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal church in Brooklyn, N. Y.

After reading the press report, the Catholic University professors, as individuals, drew up the declaration in which they assailed Rabbi Wise's statement as "deliberately untrue" and "designed to stir up racial bigotry."

They called upon Jewish leaders and others to join them in denouncing "a wanton attempt to spread distrust of American leadership in world affairs and to stir up hatred and dissension among the American people."

Their statement asserted that "no secular leaders have worked so hard to maintain peace and prevent war as have the Popes and members of the Catholic hierarchy."

The statement was signed by the Rev. Msgr. John H. Ryan, the Rev. Msgr. William J. McDonald, the Rev. Msgr. Donald A. Maclean, the Rev. Msgr. Maurice S. Sheehy, the Rev. Michael J. McKough, the Rev. Dr. Edward P. Arbez, the Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, Dr. Brendan F. Brown, the Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, and Dr. Stephen Kuttner.

Catholics In U.S. Asked For \$5,000,000 War Victim Aid

Frank Tripp Hits Paper's Slur On Irish Aid Pope's Efforts

Elmira — Prompt apology by Frank Tripp, publisher of the Elmira Advertiser and vice-president of the Ganoni newspapers, was needed to quell the storm of indignation which broke here when a member of The Advertiser staff wrote statements offensive to the Irish and their patron saint on the eve of St. Patrick's Day.

THE UNFORTUNATE incident stated when Bob Prentiss, writer of the "Tizer Talk" column in the morning Advertiser, attempted to do a piece about the Irish. Apparently aiming at humor, Prentiss lampooned the popularity of St. Patrick's Day among even those who have no Irish ancestry and confessed himself as "darned sick of the entire thing."

"We cannot feel obligated to pay obsequence to the entire population of South Boston once a year just because a fool from England (son of a deceiver under the Roman government and a native of Monmouthshire) was sent over to Ireland by the Pope to beat the Irish into line."

To these flippant references to

Bishop's Letter

My Dear People:

On Lentare Sunday (Mar. 27) the Church in the United States will unite in a mighty effort on behalf of the suffering peoples in Europe and the East. This is known as the Pope's Relief Collection.

His Holiness expresses his appreciation and also his concern in these words:

On more than one occasion in the past, venerable brethren, we have expressed to you our cordial appreciation of the constant and generous efforts you have made to assist us in our works of apostolic charity, and we desire to renew to you now the assurance of our abiding paternal gratitude.

"In this hour of sorrow we look more than ever to your great country for continued consolation and support. We feel confident that our beloved sons and daughters in the United States will not fail to respond generously to the appeal which you will make to them in our name and that they will enable us to carry on and extend those works of charity by which we endeavor to alleviate the distress of our suffering children.

"From our heart we beseech Almighty God to reserve a bounteous share of recompensing grace for all those who have contributed or who will contribute towards our crusade of mercy."

"In pledge of that celestial reward, and as an added token of our grateful and affectionate benevolence, we impart to you, venerable brethren, and to the zealous priests and ever faithful people of the United States, our special apostolic benediction."

The purposes of this collection have been detailed in the campaign literature and in the diocesan paper. Since this matter we are dealing directly with starvation, disease, and destitution in their most bitter forms, a generous donation to this collection will be the finest expression of our Lenten sincerity.

May I beg at the very least one dollar from every one that our diocese may meet its responsibility in the national campaign. The restoration of religion in Europe is at once a privilege and a responsibility. Only our constant and self-sacrificing generosity can make it a reality.

Praying that God may reward your generosity with many blessings, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

James C. Kearney
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

March 15, 1949



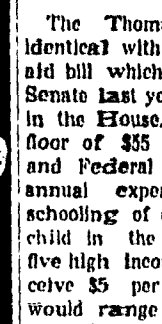
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Pope Seeks Help To Ease World Plight

Spurred on by a message of His Holiness Pope Pius XII millions of Catholics in 88 Archdioceses and Dioceses throughout the nation prepared to participate in the \$5,000,000 campaign of the Bishops' Fund for Victims of War which will be taken up in thousands of parish churches this Sunday Lentare Sunday, March 27.

The message of His Holiness was carried to the faithful on television screens throughout the nation during this week. In Pope Pius XII his brief address, the Holy Father reiterated his confidence that the Catholics of America will continue their generous support of war sufferers throughout the world.

The campaign also will be brought to the attention of the faithful through a special broadcast over the network of the American Broadcasting Company on March 26. Starting Pat O'Brien, J. Carroll Nash and other movie and radio celebrities the program will originate in Hollywood but at its conclusion will switch to Cincinnati for the message from Archbishop John T. McNicholas, chairman of the N.C.W.C. Administrative Board.



'Lady of Fatima' play characters receive dress rehearsal instruction from Willard Scott, (left), director of the 40-member cast. They are, from left, Robert Brite as "Antonio," father of Lucia; Joan Moore as "Olimpia," mother of Jacinta and Francisco, and Lory Hope Lee, who plays the part of "Mama Rosa," mother of Lucia. Sponsored by the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union, the play will run for one week, from Sun., Apr. 3, through Sat., Apr. 9, at Mercy High School Auditorium. (Story on Page 9)

ON GUARD!

By Rev. Patrick J. Lyons

It is well known that the tactics of the Soviet Union, as the result of the present-day activities of his son who served as chairman of the National Council of Soviet American Friendship, an organization listed as subversive by the United States Attorney General.

IF RABBI Wise feels that it is his obligation to enter a protest, he should do so.

Floral arrangements for any occasion always properly styled, always the best showing for your money at Blanchard Florist, 58 Lake Ave. Call Main 1886—our chartreuse colored deliveries cover all sections everyday.—Adv.

Mercy High Issues Student Guide on Conduct

By MARY CARRY

A practical handbook published this week by Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester, aims at coaching teenage boys and girls in the proper social graces which are the hallmarks of ladies and gentlemen.

Titled "The Young Catholic Student," the new social conduct guide is a new adaptation for general use in all high schools and the third edition of "Mercy Mode," a pocket-size pamphlet originally prepared as a social-conduct guide for young ladies attending Our Lady of Mercy.

MISTER M. FRANCES CA, principal of Our Lady of Mercy, called the original "Mercy Mode" fifteen years ago. A few years later, the booklet was so in demand it became necessary to issue a new edition to fill the orders which poured in from both boys' and girls' schools.

The latest edition, described as a "manners manual" closely following many of the ideas of



Examining first copies of a new courtesy pamphlet prepared by Our Lady of Mercy High School as a social guide for Catholic high school boys and girls are Sister M. Frances, principal of Mercy and students Betty Garrison (left) and Betty Doyle.