

Released-Time Bill Debated In Rhode Island

Providence, R.I. — (RNS) — A protracted hearing on the pending released-time religious education bill was held here by the Senate committee on education, with 19 opponents and a dozen proponents presenting their views.

In general, the bill was opposed by representatives of Protestant and Jewish groups and favored by Roman Catholic spokesmen, with several non-religious groups and the Progressive Party of Rhode Island urging the committee to report unfavorably on the measure.

THE REV. DAVID J. Coffey, diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, revealed at the opening of his arguments for passage of the measure that the bill was sponsored by his department.

The position of the measure's proponents was presented by the Rev. Arthur T. Geoghegan, a teacher at Our Lady of Providence Seminary, Warwick Neck, who gave an extensive historical resume in refutation of the Church-State separation argument.

FATHER GEOGHEGAN said that Jewish, Roman Catholic and Protestant children already remain out of school or arrive late on religious holidays and that it is on this same basis that he asks for released time to provide better religious instruction. "It is already clear who is a Jewish child, a Catholic child, or a Protestant child," he said.

He urged increased brotherhood and a realization that "there is something in us that is common under God," as the only way to eliminate discrimination, and added that the "present tendency toward racial discrimination may be checked under released time."

Father Geoghegan denied that the bill was designed as an opening wedge whereby the Church could take control of education. **THE PRIEST** also denied that the McCollum case decision applied to the proposed bill and said that Justice Black "emphasized that every case must be decided on its merits."

He argued that every child has a right to religious education, that parents have a right to insist that the public schools discharge their obligations, and that the state has an obligation to protect the child's rights in religious instruction as in other fields of education.

The state has no "right" to violate the parents' rights," he said, adding that "our public schools are breeding atheism."

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Sport Interest Wins Pontiff 'Pope of Athletes' Reputation

Rome — (CIP) — Pope Pius XII gave renewed evidence of his interest in sports and athletics when he received 70 participants of a bicycle race in the Vatican's Damasus Court. The Holy Father handed to one cyclist the little flag with which the signal for the beginning of the race was to be given, and then delivered an address.

HE DECLARED: "May the Apostolic Blessing which I have given you with great willingness accompany you on your course, and may it preserve you from every risk or danger. May you be full of energy, and may your minds be clear and your hearts burning for the fulfillment of all your duties. And may this blessing be a symbol, an example and a guarantee of Christian fortitude and of an intrepid future."

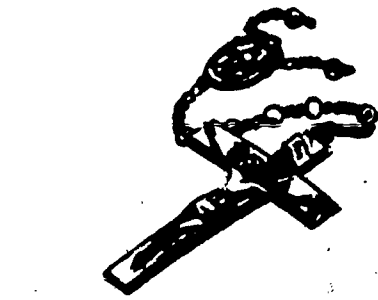
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Fund Drive Will Aid Strikers In Quebec Area

Quebec, Que. — (NC) — Plans to raise \$100,000, with an immediate contribution of \$25,000, for the Catholic union employees of asbestos firms on strike at Asbestos and Thetford Mines, Que., were made at a meeting here of 200 delegates of the Confederation of Catholic Workers of Canada. They represented 16 professional federations, 13 councils and 400 syndicates affiliated with the confederation.

THE STRIKE of some 3,500 asbestos workers has been going on for more than two months. It already has cost the confederation close to \$200,000 in benefits. Convoys of food have been sent from many cities and towns. Students at Laval University, University of Montreal and McGill University have contributed money and other aid. In addition, a general subscription fund to help the strikers and their families is being organized in the province.

The largest company affected is the Canadian, Johns-Manville, Ltd., at Asbestos.

THE STRIKERS, out since February 13, have asked for increased wages and improved working conditions, including steps to eradicate asbestos dust conditions which are injurious to the health of the workers.

The Quebec government declared the strike illegal and rescinded the union's right to collective bargaining when the workers walked out without first seeking arbitration. Spokesmen of the strikers have charged abuses in the application of arbitration proceedings in the past.

Members of the Catholic clergy and the Catholic press have supported the claims of the workers.

Russians Confiscate Protestant Hospital

Berlin — (RNS) — The Protestant hospital of Knights of St. John at Juterbog, in the Soviet occupation zone, has been ordered confiscated by Russian authorities. It was learned here. Evangelical authorities denounced the Soviet action as a "fearful attack against church institutions and a clear case of robbery."

Archbishop Yu-Pin

Reds Hit Church In Nanking

Washington — (NC) — Announcing that he is returning to China shortly, Archbishop Paul Yu-Pin of Nanking has issued a statement telling what has happened to his Archdiocese, now passing under complete communist domination with the recent capture of Nanking.

"Forty thousand Catholics of the Archdiocese of Nanking have fallen under communist domination," Archbishop Yu-Pin declared. "In the city of Nanking itself, there remain but a few hundred Catholics with my Vicar General and parish priest. I do not know whether the religious communities in Nanking have remained. The rest of my Christians have left the city in search of religious freedom and human liberty."

"THE COMMUNIST onslaught has already closed down three of my six daily newspapers in China — Peiping, Tientsin and Nanking. Also, my two Catholic radio stations have been silenced. Two of my publications in Nanking I have moved to Canton — a Catholic weekly and a Catholic monthly. I am now starting up a Catholic daily newspaper in Singapore where there are nearly a million Chinese."

Archbishop Yu Pin revealed that the Catholic school in journalism in Nanking has been closed, and that he has been forced to close down eight archdiocesan high schools founded since VJ-Day.

Other Catholic projects which he indicated would be affected by the Red advance were two large cooperative farms for refugees, mostly from communist China, which he had established. One is a 1,300-acre farm outside Suchow, and the other a 400-acre farm outside Nanking. As part of this program he has integrated his Refugee Relief Work with a Catholic high school for Sino-Japanese war orphans in Suchow.

"THE VIOLENT Yangtze River crossing following the Red ultimatum demanding 'surrender,' blasted to bits the Peiping Peace Talks," he declared.

"The Chinese communists must take full responsibility for the collapse of China's peace efforts. Now the world knows that the China Reds never wanted peace. All communist 'peace-offensives' are geared to war — that's why there is again war



ARCHBISHOP YU-PIN

and bloodshed in China today.

"The Government of China has rejected the communist demands for surrender — with the courageous declaration that 'the Chinese Republic will fight to the end.' As she did with the Japanese aggressors, the Chinese Government is attempting to effect some sort of retreat to defensive positions further south. The leaders of China still think that human liberty is worth fighting for even though they go down to the valley of death. In this, at least, they have set a splendid example. At a tremendous cost, to the remaining half of a free world.

"THE PEACE parley failed principally because of three Red demands (there were many others): Unopposed crossing of the Yangtze; abolition of China's Constitution spelled submission

relations with Western capitalist nations — especially America.

"The Government of China rejected these demands because: Unopposed crossing of the Yangtze River meant only one thing, namely, resumption of war after the Reds got on the other side; abolition of China's Constitution spelled submission to Red domination; severance of relations with Western Powers added up to abandonment of the Democracy of the West, and going over to the camp of the enemy, Soviet Russia.

"THE PEIPING peace failure heightens the challenge in our day — Freedom with the Democracy versus the serfdom of Soviet domination. At a terrible price, China chooses Freedom with the Democracy.

"Together with the rest of the Free World, the people of China want peace, but peace worthy of the dignity of a free man. Like all other democratic nations, the Chinese people want to preserve their freedom and dignity under the Constitutional Government which they freely chose last year in the largest election in history. Clearly, the Government of China elects to be numbered among the family of the Free Nations of the world. Even though unaided in this, her darkest hour, China will not dishonor her partnership in World War I and II with America, and go over to the enemy.

"It is the irony of history that America's erstwhile enemies, Germany and Japan, are receiving U. S. aid, rehabilitation and protection, while China, formerly ally and traditional friend of the U. S. is being abandoned."

U. S. Catholic Club Opened in Korea

Seoul, Korea — (NC) — Catholics in the American Army and among State Department personnel stationed here have opened the Seoul Catholic Club under the direction of the Rev. Hugh Craig, Maryknoll missionary from Minneapolis.

More than 60 turned out for the opening ceremony, at which Bishop-elect Patrick J. Byrne, newly-named Apostolic Delegate to Korea, urged them to become active Catholics and match the activity of communists. Captain A. Nardello of As-

toria, Long Island, N.Y., was chosen chairman of the club. The group plans to meet once a month.

A chance to learn the Korean language will be given Army personnel when the Rev. George Carroll, M.I., begins an eight-week course in conversational Korean to the United States' Military Government personnel in 1948 and 1947, and also to Air Force personnel at Kimpo airbase outside Seoul.

Freethinkers Fight Nuns On Religion Study

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Freethinkers and secularists fought the Institute of Religion for religious instruction leveled here by the Department of the Free Religion.

THE GROUP was organized by the National Secular Society, which has a long record of religious instruction in the "secular" schools of the city and in defiance of a Supreme Court decision.

Craig said that Roman Catholic nuns have taught classes in religion in all Westport schools after regular school hours for a good many years. He criticized other religious groups that have asked for the same privilege.

WALTER said that an Institute of Religion had advised parents that children attend the Institute of Religion classes without their regular teachers.

Next added that an Institute of Religion had advised parents that their rights to allow the children to be used after hours for religious instruction.

Chapel Barred At Alleged Vision Site

Washington — (NC) — The Episcopal Chantry of Rochester has issued a strict order not to build a chapel near the village of Tappan, on the border between New York and Vermont, where a person was said to have experienced a "Massed Virgin" vision in 1845. After a thorough investigation by the War and Peace Commission, it was decided that the woman appeared to have been a victim of hysteria.

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