

New Mexico Attorney General C. W. Leagues Issues New School Ruling

Santa Fe, N.M. — (RNS) — Attorney General C. W. Leagues ruled here that free textbooks may be supplied to pupils in sectarian schools, under the court's ruling in the so-called Dixon case.

Leagues also held, in answer to queries from State School Superintendent Charles L. Rose, that:

- (1) Members of religious orders may teach in tax-supported schools.
- (2) Transportation of non-public school children may be continued until a judgment is entered.
- (3) The 143 Roman Catholic nuns, brothers and priests involved in the court decision should not be re-employed.

they shall not teach any sectarian doctrine while so employed.

ON STATE transportation of non-public school children, the attorney general said that eventually Judge Hensley's ruling against the use of school buses to carry non-public pupils "may be found to be correct."

"However," he added, "it is not compulsory until a judgment is filed."

Martinez said he could not issue a blanket statement as to when a building is under "absolute control of the state." This opinion was in reply to a question from Rose on whether non-public school buildings can be rented for state school use.

JUDGE HENSLEY had ruled

that no buildings could be used which are not under "absolute rule of the State." Martinez said the test of this provision must be an individual one, since the situation varies in the state.

Commenting on the need to clarify the court's decision, Martinez said:

"It is understood that both parties intend requesting the trial judge to clarify various findings of fact and conclusions of law so that the exact meaning and intent of the trial judge may be determined. The results of these maneuverings is to put the Board of Education in a position like a ship at sea without a rudder."

Hit Draft On Sterilization

New York — (NC) — Sterilization of humans would prove neither a deterrent of crime nor would it eliminate the factor of heredity, declared Miss Catherine Schaefer during discussion of Article 6 of the Draft Covenant on Human Rights, when she opposed a Danish amendment which would permit sterilization or castration in cases where such operations were deemed necessary in the interest of the community and the individuals concerned.

MISS SCHAEFER spoke for the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues during the current session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission which began its discussion of the Draft Covenant on May 6th.

Article 6 of the draft text which reads that "No one shall be subject to any form of physical mutilation or medical or scientific experimentation against his will," was objected to by Dr. Max Soerensen of Denmark on the ground that it would conflict with Danish legislation on the subject.

The amendment was rejected by the French delegate, Rene Cassin and the U.S.R. delegate, A. F. Pavlov, while the U.S. and Lebanese representatives proposed reference of this article to the World Health Organization.

"WHILE a sterilization program would prove futile with regard to its proposed objectives," said Miss Schaefer, "it would, on the other hand, do much harm. It would lead to an increase in immorality and social diseases."

"Another serious danger lies in abuses such a power could lead to if placed in the hands of the state. The principle of sterilization upheld by the Nazis is fundamentally no different from that of this amendment. It amounts to this that civil authorities, to lighten the responsibilities of the state, may trample upon the inviolable rights of citizens."

"I wish to reaffirm the basic principle that the human body may not be mutilated unless there is no other way to save the health or preserve the life of the person," Miss Schaefer said.

Pope Lauds Spain Nun's Holy Life



VENERABLE RAPHAELA PORRAS

Rome — (RNS) — Only 24 years after her death, Pope Pius XII has issued a decree acknowledging the heroic virtues of Raphaela Porras, of Pedro Abad, near Cordoba, Spain, who founded the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is the first step toward beatification and ultimately canonization.

Raphaela Porras is now the Venerable Raphaela Mary of the Sacred Heart. Ordinarily, the Holy See does not permit an official discussion of a person's virtues in a beatification cause until 50 years after that person's death.

The Spanish nun was only 27 when she founded the congregation whose chief aims are reparation to the Sacred Heart by means of daily adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, the education of girls, and the organization of retreats and other apostolic works.

After sixteen years, Sister Raphaela retired as superior of the congregation and spent the rest of her life in the obscure confines of a convent in Rome. She died on January 6, 1925.

Pagan Town Seeks To Be Catholic Center Of Japan

Arlington, Va. — (NC) — Evidence that a totally pagan Japanese town is sincere in wanting to become "the Catholic center" of Japan is cited in a letter received here by the Immaculate Heart of Mary Fathers from the Rev. Joseph Spae, I.H.M., superior of the Holy Japan, mission.

Mizu, a town of 9,000 pagans, last fall requested the Immaculate Heart of Mary missions to bring it the Faith, and promised to provide a church and a rectory in the "best place in town" and a large apartment house as a convent for nuns. Father Spae granted the request, but still has not enough trained mission personnel to carry it out.

HIS LETTER tells of the reception he and the I. H. M. superior general, the Very Rev. Joseph Van de Putte, received when they visited the town while the latter was conducting a canonical visitation in Japan. Father Van de Putte is now in the United States for a visitation of the society's houses here.

Spain Has No Protestant Problem, Asserts Diplomat

Jersey City, N. J. — (RNS) — There is no such thing as a "Protestant problem" in Spain, according to Pablo Merry del Val, cultural councillor to the Spanish legation in Washington, D.C.

Speaking before a St. Peter's College group here, the diplomat denied that Protestants were suffering persecution in Spain. "There is more freedom of religion in Spain," he said, "than there is in many countries inside and outside the United Nations."

HE SAID that in Sweden, teachers must be Lutheran, and that the king and cabinet must also be Lutheran. "In Sweden Jews and Catholics are barred from office," he added. "In both Norway and Sweden the bishops are nominated by the kings. This is far more control than Spain even attempts over its own particular and ancient faith."

Merry del Val said it was true that Protestant processions were "occasionally forbidden." He explained that such demonstrations were practically certain guarantees of violence, and added that they would be as unwise as a rally staged by American Catholics "in the heart of the Ku Klux Klan belt in the South."

CONFLICTS BETWEEN Catholics and members of evangelical groups took place most frequently, he said, when the latter approached Catholics with pamphlets attacking their Church.

Merry del Val said that a church and a hospital, where bitter fighting raged during the Jewish-Arab hostilities, have been turned over to the Italian Consul General here by Israeli officials. It was the first substantial restoration of Italian property in the Holy Land since the end of World War II.

First Honored



Very Rev. James J. A. Troy, K.C.H.S., pastor of St. Austin's Church, Minneapolis and former Colonel Chaplain in the U. S. Army, has been appointed Canon of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Col. Troy is believed to be the first priest of the United States so honored for his extraordinary services to the Holy Places.

Bolivar Scion Weds In London Church

London — (NC) — Five Latin American ambassadors attended the wedding at London's famous Brompton Oratory of Rob-Adrian Hood to Senorita Miriam Theresa Blanco-Fornbina, descendant of Simon Bolivar, liberator of Venezuela.

The bride, who holds a Master of Arts degree from Edinburgh University, has been a special attaché to the Venezuelan Embassy in London and recently had her first novel published, "The Lost Ant."

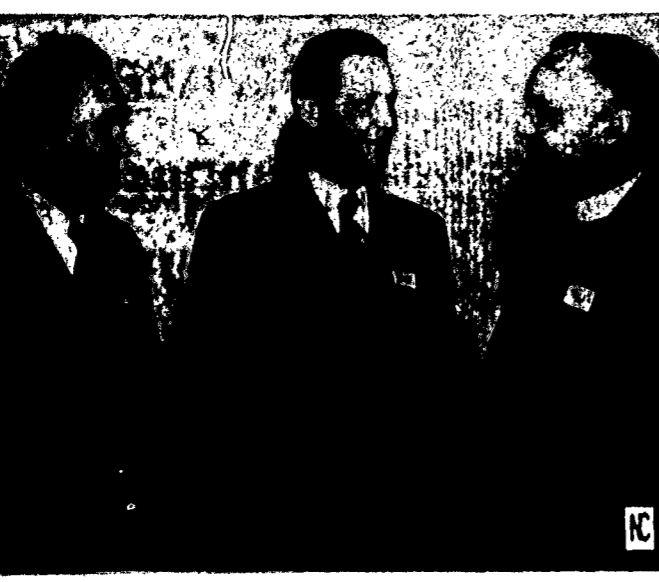
The groom is the younger son of the late Sir Joseph Hood, former member of Parliament, and brother of Sir Harold Hood, for some time a staff member of The Universe, weekly Catholic newspaper.

Mindzenty Case
New York — (NC) — Cardinal Mindszenty, Victim or Victor, a 32-page pamphlet reviewing various aspects of the recent trial of the Hungarian Primate, has been published here by the Paulist Press. The author is the Rev. Daniel G. Babis, of Brooklyn.

Church Returned to Italy by Israelis

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FOR BETTER RACE RELATIONS



The Catholic Committee of the South, at its annual convention in Lexington, Ky., urged that Catholic schools lead in eliminating segregation, and admit Negro students to colleges. Among the prominent participants in the sessions were, left to right: Paul D. Williams, of Richmond, Va., President of the Southern Regional Council; Maurice J. Tobin, U. S. Secretary of Labor, who spoke on "Economic Democracy"; and Rev. Frederick G. Bamberger, Lexington, convention chairman. (NC Photos).

Papers of St. Albert Found Over 700 Years

Freiburg, Germany — (NC) — Dr. Friedrich Stegmüller, of Freiburg University, has discovered what appears to be the oldest original manuscript of medieval theology so far known among old papers of the University of Upsala in Sweden. The 700-year old manuscript is a pa-

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