

Prelate Wants Mixed Grade Parties Ended

St. Paul, Minn. — (RNS) — The Most Rev. James J. Byrne, auxiliary bishop of the St. Paul Archdiocese, has advised parents he wants them to stop allowing mixed parties for grade school children.

It is natural and wholesome for boys and girls of grade school age to meet and play and develop with companions of their own sex, not together, the bishop said.

HE ALSO admonished parents to discourage company-keeping by teenagers.

When old enough to attend mixed parties, young people should have a frequent change of partners, not steady dates, he said.

Boys and girls at the age of 12 are in no position to marry, and should not be constantly together, the bishop declared, adding that courtship should be followed by marriage within a year or so.

BISHOP BYRNE condemned local high school graduation parties which end up in all-night celebrations and said that dances in downtown hotels and clubs for eighth grade students are "wholly undesirable."

The bishop made his comments in sermons at the Church of the Nativity here and in an address to the annual convention of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women in Minneapolis.

He deplored the "silly romanticism" prompted by motion pictures, magazine notions and "misguided parents."

Parents, he said, must give guidance and sympathetic understanding to their children so as to further their spiritual and psychological welfare.

Archbishop Gives Jewish Fund \$1,000

Chicago, Ill. — (RNS) — A donation of \$1,000 was given to the Jewish Welfare Fund here by Archbishop John T. McNicholas of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The contribution was accompanied by a letter which said: "This is only a token of my great concern and devotion to the Jewish people. The aid they receive during their persecution and ruthless destruction during the war years can never be told."

Announcement of the gift was made by Frederick Hahn, chairman of the fund-raising campaign.

Named Nuncio



Magr. Francesco Lardone, Director of Studies for the Ecclesiastical Schools of the Catholic University of America, who has been named Titular Archbishop of Hierusalem and Apostolic Nuncio to Haiti and Santo Domingo. The Archbishop-elect was a World War I chaplain and a former assistant editor of Osservatore Romano.

Holy Father Defines Small Nation's Role

By REV. JOSE J. SULLIVAN
Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII today told the new Bolivian Ambassador to the Holy See that even small nations have the duty of exercising their natural energies in the economic, social, cultural and religious field so as to contribute to the world-wide endeavor to achieve progress and health for the whole human family.

The Ambassador, Javier Paz-Campero, presented his credentials in solemn audience in the Sala Clementina.

"IT HAPPENS," said His Holiness, "that in the present moment — every nation even if small in population and geographically far from centers which control great human destinies — comes to find itself, whether it likes or not, in the midst of difficulties and dangers of a terrible era such as is ours, full of duties and problems on the solution of which depends common happiness or common misery."

"All these, then, have the duty of fanning the flame of their natural energies, sometimes unduly effaced, thus to make them efficient in the economic, social, cultural and religious field so that they not only achieve their own health, but partake in the most eager, possible way in the world-wide endeavor to achieve progress and health for the whole family."

POPE PIUS declared that the Catholic religion, recognized by the Bolivian constitution, can contribute to these endeavors.

"On such a main road to a better future," he said, "the Catholic religion, which the Bolivian constitution, in the third article, recognizes in a place of honor, can offer secure, expert and maternal guidance."

His Holiness had words of praise and promise for states giving such recognition to religion. He said:

"THE STATE which recognizes religion thereby guarantees freedom of action to religious energies which the Christian Faith contains within itself as an antidote offered by God to error and moral relaxation."

"At the same time such a state shows practical understanding of what is the Church's mission in the religious education of youth, the conservation of the ideal of the Christian family and the formation of a clergy equal to the heights of its mission. Such a state performs for itself the greatest, most important of all services and lays the best foundation for its own future."

Lawmakers OK State Aid For All Hospitals

Frankfort, Ky. — (RNS) — State financial aid for religious and nonsectarian hospitals was approved here by the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

The opinion was handed down in a test case involving a Roman Catholic and an Episcopal institution in Louisville and a nonsectarian hospital in Mayville.

IT WAS BROUGHT out in testimony that the institutions admit patients of other faiths and also those without church affiliations. The Episcopal hospital's records showed its patients include more Baptists, Catholics, Methodists and Presbyterians than Episcopalians.

Written by Chief Justice Rufus Sims, the high state tribunal's decision declared that the institutions perform a necessary public service, and that grants of state money to them would not violate Kentucky's constitutional ban on aiding religious sects.

"RELIGION is not taught in these hospitals," the opinion noted, "nor is any one sect given preference over another."

"Certainly it was never the intention of the framers of Section 5 of our constitution to prevent the state from aiding with money raised by taxes an institution rendering a public service merely because the governing body of the institution is composed of one denomination."

Kentucky's Legislature last year appropriated \$1,000,000 to help hospitals match federal funds for construction.

THE STATE COURT of Appeals previously had approved state aid to publicly-owned hospitals. The new ruling in the privately-operated hospitals case reversed a Franklin Circuit Court decision.

The test suit was instituted by Julius Effron, a Frankfort taxpayer, after the State Property and Buildings Commission approved three grants: Our Lady of Peace Hospital, Roman Catholic, \$132,000; J. N. Norton Memorial Infirmary, Episcopal, \$32,200.

Press Censoring Grows Severe In Red Poland

Warsaw — (CIP) — Polish censorship regulations covering news reports that are intended for publication abroad now make the sending of news on conditions or events in Poland to newspapers in the West without authorization one of the most serious crimes.

A Polish journalist, Adam Czekański, was recently sentenced to life imprisonment for contributing articles to a non-Communist Polish language daily published in France.

CENSORSHIP HAS also become much stricter for what has remained of the Catholic press. For the first time since the Communists took power in the Warsaw Government, the two remaining Catholic newspapers were not permitted to print the pastoral letter of the Polish Hierarchy dated March 25 and read in churches throughout Poland April 24.

The pastoral was the official reply to Minister of Public Administration Wladyslaw Wolski's "8 complaints" against the Church. It reiterated the hierarchy's stand on the right of parents to choose the education of their children and spoke of its "concern" for the imprisonment of members of the Polish clergy.

THE TWO Catholic newspapers had previously been warned not to report any testimony or evidence presented in defense of priests being tried in various courts in Poland. Inasmuch as regulations allowed quotation of only the speeches of prosecuting attorneys, Catholic newspapers have not been reporting either side of the trials. They are also forbidden to comment on public statements by Communist Government officials, some of which they are required to print.

BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT IN U. S.



President Getulio Vargas of Brazil with his military staff and Chief of Staff, Captain Paulo de Góes, in the sanctuary of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, during a Pontifical Mass at which His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman presided. In the lower photo, President Vargas is shown in Washington greeted by Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, at a luncheon given by Ambassador Acoly (center), Brazilian Delegate to the Organization of American States. (NC Photos.)

Bishop Establishes Indian Sisterhood

Sioux Falls, S. D. — (NC) — Chippewa from North Dakota and Potawatomi from Kansas Bishop William O. Brady of Sioux Falls announced that an Uxiate Sisterhood for Indian women has been officially established at St. Paul's Indian Mission, Marty, S. D.

There are eight native nuns in the community, Sioux from South Dakota Reservations, Chippewa from North Dakota and Potawatomi from Kansas. They were trained by Blessed Sacrament Nuns.

The project was started in 1936 by the late Rev. Sylvester Tisemann and carried to realization by the Rev. Guiseppe Brunhan, now superior at Marty.

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Baptists Scored For Stand On Scholarships

Burlington, Vt. — (RNS) — Opposition by the Vermont Baptist Convention to the use of state funds to provide scholarships to a Roman Catholic college at Winooski was deplored here by Bishop Edward F. Ryan of Burlington.

THE CATHOLIC prelate said that if public funds were to be denied St. Michael's College, they must also be denied to the University of Vermont and Middlebury College because both sponsor chapel services.

"Whether they are teaching religion more or less," he said, "the quantity doesn't change the species. If they are teaching any religion at all, no matter how little, they still come under the ban of the Supreme Court."

THE CONTROVERSY was touched off recently when the Vermont legislature killed a scholarship bill that would have helped St. Michael's. After charges of "religious discrimination" had been made by various Catholic clergymen and laymen, the legislature boosted scholarships to the school from 15 to 30.

"I'm glad that the University of Vermont and Middlebury College get whatever they do get," Bishop Ryan said at a state-wide rally of Holy Name Societies. "I only hope the religion they are teaching today will be augmented for our youth get all too little of it."

Vatican Newspaper Buys Linotypes

Haitin, Ky. — (NC) — Osservatore Romano, semi-official Vatican City daily, has purchased two linotype machines from the Harlan Daily Enterprise, the local paper says in a front-page story. They have been crated and shipped.

Enterprise employees recalled that Albert Krippenstein, a devout Catholic and linotype operator, mothered them as any mechanically minded man does fine machinery from 1924 until his death in 1943, and they feel he would be pleased "if he could know of the destination of his old favorites."

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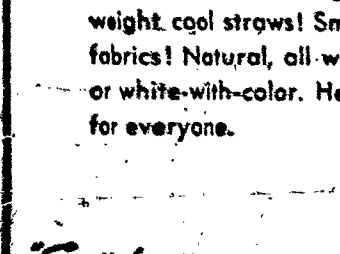
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Labor Award



Brother Justin, F.S.C., head of the labor-management school of Manhattan College's School of Business and director of the Yonkers Labor School, who has been awarded the Quadragesimo Anno Medal. The medal is presented annually by the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists to the person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Christian solution of industrial problems.

Ordination Set For First Nisei

Maryknoll, N. Y. — (RNS) — James S. Tokuhisa of Los Angeles will become the first American born Japanese to be ordained a Roman Catholic priest in the United States in a ceremony here on June 11.

A convert to Catholicism, the 34-year-old Nisei will be one of 27 young men to be ordained members of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America (Maryknoll Fathers) by Bishop Raymond A. Lane, M.M., superior general of Maryknoll. The new priest will be assigned as a missionary in the land of his ancestors.

The priest-to-be, who will serve in the prefecture of Kyoto, Japan, was born in 1915 at Port Blakely, Wash. He is the son of the late Eizo and Kinuko Tokuhisa, who were natives of Yamaguchi, Japan. They returned to their homeland shortly after their son was born. The latter lived in Yamaguchi for 15 years.

New Boom In Church Building Seen

(RNS NEWS SERVICE) — A big boom in church building is now under way in the United States.

Roman Catholic authorities have announced that ten billion dollars will be spent on Catholic building programs in the United States during the next ten years. However most of the projects pending are for new hospitals and schools. Allocations for churches, convents and rectories will include remodeling of existing structures, as well as new construction.

ACCORDING to Dr. Eibert M. Conover director of the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture, more than a billion dollars worth of new Protestant church buildings and improvements are now being planned by architects throughout the country.

Roman Catholic authorities appear to be stressing the need for small mission churches. One indication is that the National Catholic Building Convention Exposition, to be held in Chicago from June 14 to 16 will award prizes for designs of this type submitted during a recent nationwide contest which brought 171 entries from architects and architectural students.

THE CURRENT boom in church building is reflected in the record volume of supplies, from chaises to stained glass windows, being turned out by firms specializing in ecclesiastical equipment.

A leading firm in Milwaukee, Wis., reported its gross sales volume had risen from \$288,000 in 1941 to an estimated \$733,000 for 1949. It has a 90-day backlog of orders for statues, altars, vestments, iron work, kneeling benches and lamps.

Another Milwaukee firm reported that more orders are coming for stained glass windows than in the past 15 years. A third announced that while it did virtually no new business in 1941, orders for church furniture and equipment will gross well over \$100,000 this year.

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