

Mayor Dicker Tribute On Return Of Bishop Kearney

Mayor Samuel J. Dicker's address, delivered at the Welcome Home Banquet for Bishop Kearney on Tuesday at the Sheraton Hotel, reads:

Your Excellency, Right Reverend Monsignor, Reverend Fathers, Gentlemen:

It is with a deep sense of joy and gratitude that we gather here this evening to hail the safe return from Vatican City of a beloved prelate, a great scholar, and an eminent citizen of our community.

First of all, we are grateful that Bishop Kearney is home and in the good faith with which he has been singularly blessed through the years. We know that his journey has been fruitful not only to the Catholics of this area but to those of other faiths.

The reason for our gratitude is not hard to find. As he knelt at the tomb of Peter, I am sure that the prayers which were prayed for all of us, we know the foundation charity of the monastery. It transcends the ordinary barriers of race, creed and color and reaches to engulf us all.

His Holiness, Pius XII, could not have failed to marvel at the account of the stewardship rendered by the Bishop of

Rochester through the difficult years we have passed. This account—most certainly must have warmed the heart of the Supreme Pontiff and encouraged him in his magnificent world leadership of the forces of Catholicism.

To us at home, Bishop Kearney's stewardship is a matter of common knowledge. It is eternally written in the singular accomplishments which have marked his reign of nearly twelve years as spiritual shepherd of a flock of nearly a quarter million souls.

It is engraved in the stone of great institutions of learning and mercy which have flourished under his leadership. It is inscribed in the records of community achievements of every nature. But most of all it is enshrined in the hearts of all with whom he has come in contact and those of us who have shared his friendship are the better for it.

Bishop Kearney, your absence from our midst left a void which was difficult, yet impossible to fill. Now that you are home we feel at ease again. For in the knowledge that your wisdom, your counsel and, above all, your prayers are at the service of the community, The great stewardship you

Church Fight On Nazism Revealed Bishop Kearney Tells Pope's Warning Against Communism

The Hague — (CIP)—The part played by the Catholic Church and the Protestant Churches in opposing Nazism even before the start of World War II is described in a new study published by the Netherlands Government entitled "Religious Resistance in Holland," by G. H. Boas.

The book also demonstrates the Catholic Church was a champion of the Jews in the Netherlands. The author lists and summarizes all pastoral letters of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy during the rise of Nazism. The study states that the resistance to fascism by Dutch religious groups was based on two main principles: the moral notion that the Christian love for one's neighbor was incompatible with the racial policies of the Third Reich; and the moral and social principle which holds that the education of youth should be left to parents and to the persons and organizations selected for this purpose by parents.

have shown in the past will be needed more than ever in the difficult days which lie ahead. The horizons of the future are clouded with enormous problems and meet these challenges, we need your kind of leadership. May God grant you many years of health and happiness in our midst.

(Continued from Page 1) Now system in America and revealed intimate knowledge of the dispute ever released time in public schools for religious education. The Bishop quoted the Pontiff as urging that the Catholic school system be maintained, stressing that the hope of the future is in the young people now being educated.

His Holiness expressed gratitude to the people of America for contributions to war-ridden peoples of Europe, and for their interest in the plight of the displaced persons.

Only once did the Pontiff's face cloud during the half-hour interview, the Bishop related. That was when he urged an awakening to the danger of Communism, describing them as well organized and efficient, seeking to victimize every person who falls within their way and ready to seize on every mistake of the friends of democracy and turn it to their own ends.

It was at this point, the Bishop noted, that the Holy Father urged him to request his people for continued prayers, especially for our Blessed Lady.

His Excellency also told of his visit to the Redemptorist Church in Rome where the original Lady of Perpetual Help picture is displayed, and of how close he felt to the thousands of persons in this diocese who have special devotion to her.

AT THE CONCLUSION of his address the Bishop, at the request of the Pope, gave the assembled audience the Papal blessing. A warm welcome home was given the Bishop by the dinner speakers. He heard himself described as "a beloved prelate and a great citizen" by Mayor Dicker. The Bishop's record is inscribed in community achievements," the Mayor declared, adding:

"Your wisdom and leadership is available to the community to help us solve our problems. We need your kind of leadership. May God grant you many years in our community."

As Bishop Kearney knelt before the tomb of St. Peter the Mayor continued: "I am sure that the prayers that welled from his soul were prayers for all of us."

MONSIGNOR McANIFF, speaking of the succession of the bishops from Christ's Apostles, as noted:

"Certain so-called liberal clergymen who adhere to the party line are attempting to separate us from our Bishops. They say we are all right, but they attack the American hierarchy.

"We never fall for that sort of line. They have not been able to sell that kind of goods even in the Red Utopia, where with a controlled press and an uncontrolled secret police, every man must need be a stranger to his brother."

Mr. Macken expressing the welcome of the laity, lauded Bishop Kearney for "always pressing upon us that we have not only a duty to God but to our country."

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"By being a great citizen," the Holy Name president told the Bishop, "you have taught us to be good citizens. You have taught us that our full duty to God requires complete support of the community, and unswerving loyalty to our country."

MONSIGNOR HART scored the suggestion that the Church seeks to interfere with civil powers. "When you see a good Catholic you see a good citizen," he emphasized.

"With deepest respect for civil power, knowing it comes from God as does all power," the Monsignor continued, "we know there is a power above that. No priest wants to interfere with it. We want to grow and to bring life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our purpose as priests primarily is to bring men to God."

Monsignor Hart was honorary chairman of the dinner tribute. Frank E. Wolfe, past president of the Holy Name Union and general chairman of the committee, introduced the speakers. The 18-voice Liturgical Choir of Aquinas Institute, under direction of Raymond J. Hazenauer, M. Mus., sang several numbers.

HIGHLIGHTING THE multi-colored muralled walls of the ballroom, in use for its first major function, was a large four-colored floral design of the Bishop's coat-of-arms fashioned by Donald Blanchard of Sacred Heart parish American and Papal flags dotted the tables. The Bishop's coat-of-arms and pictures of His Holiness and His Excellency featured the eight-page printed program.

Among guests presented by Chairman Wolfe was the Very Rev. Msgr. Richard K. Burns, priest of the Rochester Diocese and vice-rector of the North American College in Rome, who returned by air Saturday for a three-month stay here. Besides those mentioned, guests at the speakers' tables included:

RT. REV. MONSIGNOR: George V. Burns, Joseph S. Cameron, Charles F. Shay, Thomas F. Connor, William Stauffer, John B. Sullivan, George W. Eckel, William J. Brian, Filbert T. Craugh, Joseph J. Baret, Edward J. Byrne, William E. Cowan, John A. Conway, Joseph A. Balcerak, Lawrence B. Casey, orn M. Duffy and Francis J. Lane, and the Very Rev. Monsignor John S. Randall and Gerald C. Lambert.

Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, spiritual director of the Holy Name Union and the Rev. Arthur F. Florack, assistant spiritual director, James P. Duffy, Knight of St. Gregory and Knight of Malta; Jeremiah C. Hickey, Knight of Malta; Dr. Leo F. Simpson, Knight of St. Sylvester; Augustine J. Cunningham, Fr. A. X. Tittelbach, Frank H. Biel and Frank J. Lesch, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre; B. Edward Slesinger, Norman A. O'Brien, John W. Mattie and Lewis A. Schur, past presidents of the Holy Name Union, and Martin Q. Moill, chairman of the dinner arrangements committee.

On Guard

(Continued from Page 1) no inconsistency in opposing the free right of those Americans who seek education in schools other than public schools.

If the American public, for the most part, is unaware of this socialistic threat to its educational liberties, it may be because most of the propagandists of the single, state-controlled school system are vague. They hide their real intent behind alleged fears of union of church and state or in unhistorical declarations that the public school is the cradle of American democracy. (This latter claim would be very surprising to our Founding Fathers.)

IN ANY controversy it is always refreshing to find an honest man among the opposition. And in this regard the defenders of the parochial school owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. John L. Childs, professor of education at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Make no mistake about it, Dr. Childs is an avowed opponent of the Catholic parochial school and he is honest about his position. He does not attack parochial schools by indirection or in a veiled manner. He is blunt and forthright in telling us what is the real aim of parochial school opponents.

Speaking this week at the convention of the American Association for Jewish Education in Atlantic City, Dr. Childs called for a law requiring all children to spend one-half the required compulsory school time in a public school.

Such a law, Dr. Childs explained, would halt the "tendencies toward fragmentation and segregation" which he alleges have arisen with the growth of the parochial schools.

Dr. Childs' secularist and socialistic proposal openly reveals the aim of parochial school opposition—not only the destruction of parochial schools but the establishment of a single, state-controlled school system. This is totalitarianism in education.

THE PROPOSAL to force compulsory attendance in public schools on all American children is unconstitutional. The United States Supreme Court in 1925 outlawed as unconstitutional a compulsory public school law in the State of Oregon.

In its historic decision, the Supreme Court stated: "The fundamental theory of liberty upon which all governments in this Union repose excludes any general power of the State to standardize its children by forcing them to accept instruction from public school teachers only. The child is not the mere creature

Private Schools Merit Aid, Says Congressman

(Continued from Page 1) interests of those children who are not in public schools.

"To even attempt to equalize opportunity we must admit that it is in our interest to guarantee that opportunity to all children, and it is a denial of that principle to limit it to a chosen group of children," he declared. How can we explain the limitation when the validity of the entire bill is based on the general principle of equal opportunity?"

Mr. McCarthy prefaced his testimony on inclusion of help for nonpublic pupils with the remark that "we recognize that parents have certain rights and responsibilities in relation to their children. One of these rights and responsibilities relates to the religious training and education of children. This point has been clearly defined in the Supreme Court decision in the Oregon school case . . . that parents have a right to send their children to a religious rather than to a public school, if that school meets the secular educational requirements which the State had the power to impose."

If this school meets the legitimate demands of the State if its secular educational program is the equivalent of that given in public schools the obligation of government to support this minimum accredited program is clear," he stated.



The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal has designed this unique arrangement of the famed medal impressed on a replica of the well-known blue bell of the Bell Telephone Company. The medal and suitable card of Our Lady of the Bell were presented to the Catholic Telephone Girls of Philadelphia at their recent, first annual Communion breakfast. (NC Photos.)

Radio Priest Gets Engaged Couples Homes

The Hague — (CIP)—1,124 young Dutch men and women whose weddings were delayed because of the housing shortage have been able to marry through the efforts of Father Piet Wesseling, a young Redemptorist missionary known in the Netherlands for his radio talks.

Father Wesseling started a campaign six months ago to procure living quarters for the engaged couples. Among the landlords and tenants who responded were several former Communists who had resigned membership in the Party. Of the 812 couples who are now married because of Father Wesseling's aid, 200 are non-Catholic.

Newspaper for Blind Boston — (RNS) First issue of a newspaper for the blind, which will be distributed to the sightless of all denominations, has been published here by the Roman Catholic Guild for the Blind.

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