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Barden Bill 'Brewer Of Bigotry', Says Cardinal Spellman

(Address of His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, on the occasion of the Nocturnal Adoration Society observance at Fordham University on Sunday, June 19, 1949.)

I come before you today—you who spend so many hours of your lives in prayer and acts of reparation for sins of others committed against God and man.

PERSECUTION OF Catholics is no new thing. It has continued unabated through twenty centuries.

And now in America new apostles of bigotry brazenly come forward from out the halls of our own Congress and, either through ignorance or malice, father the Barden Bill, a Bill that urges and tries to justify unjust discrimination against our parochial school children.

Advocates of the Barden Bill, pitting class against class, seeking votes to enforce and sustain it are today conducting a craven crusade of religious prejudice against Catholic children and their inalienable rights.

Therefore do I beg your prayers for Congressman Barden and all who lend their names and their efforts to provoke and promote prejudice against children of any one religious faith.

For every man to vent his venom upon children is a sin shocking as it is incomprehensible. Yet Congressman Barden and his associates shamefully fostering discrimination against parochial school children are urging Congress to vote for a Bill that explicitly declares that all expenditures of Federal money for educational purposes shall be restricted to benefit only those children who attend public schools.

While the bill includes Catholic children for the purpose of receiving funds from the Federal Government it excludes these same children from the distribution and benefit of the funds allocated. The bill would direct that under no circumstances would non-public school pupils receive the health benefits and transportation services provided for their companions attending public schools.

I believe in Federal aid for needy States and needy children, but, unlike Congressman Barden, I believe in help for ALL needy children, including Catholic children whose parents prefer to give their children religious education. Catholics do not question the rightful place of the public tax-supported school in the American Democracy itself!

May God forbid that we in America follow the footsteps of the masters of blood bigotry and hate, now holding within the iron-clasp of their merciless, grasping hands, the regiments of education and the fate of civilization!

Discrimination is a species of slavery; the spawn of totalitarian mentality. Will the mothers and fathers whose sons have paid the price of their precious life-blood to safeguard us from perfidious tolerance intolerance towards some of America's children until they too may be called to crucifixion upon bloodstained battlefields born of bigotry, greed and hates?

Justice to all, and not malice to some is the general American formula and practice and no true American will nurture, promote or incite anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, anti-Catholic, anti-any group of law abiding American citizens; and America will endure as a free nation only as long as she continues to be a government of, by and for ALL the people.

America is a religious nation. I witnessed evidence of this truth in a thousand ways on every battlefield of the last war when I went to visit, comfort and pray with our boys of all religious beliefs—boys who were glorious proof of the greatness of America's youth and their deep-rooted, active faith in God.

President Truman himself recently declared: "This is a Christian nation... As a Christian nation our earnest desire is to work with men of good-will everywhere to banish war and the causes of war from the world whose Creator desired that men of every race and in every clime should live together in peace, good-will and mutual trust."

Freedom of conscience, ordained by the Fathers of our Constitution to all who live under the flag of the United States, has been a bulwark of national strength, a source of happiness, from the establishment of our nation to this day.

Yet Congressman Barden and his disciples of discrimination dare dissipate the heritage of the Founding Fathers of our free democratic America and generate the sacrifices of millions of boys who down through the years of our nation's life have fought, bled, anguished and died to guarantee these rights for Protestants, Jews and Catholics alike, Americans all!

It was upon another Sunday just two years ago that sorrow-burdened American mothers, fathers and close kin reverently received back from Europe the precious bodies of their martyred dead of the Second World War. In silence and prayer the souls of all those present were united as one of the six thousand coffins on the transport Joseph Y. Connolly was selected for a service that reflected the charity and

glory of America, the hope of the whole world. Destroyers laden with social tributes blanketed the Cemetery. A priest began to pray. Protestant and Jewish chorales behind those gathered with his. The pipes splashed into the sea. A bugle sounded taps, and the ship that had become a shrine moved slowly into port.

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World War II photo showing Marines receiving Holy Communion by the battlefield of Iwo Jima. Cardinal Spellman's charge that Congressman Barden, author of an anti-Catholic school aid bill, and his disciples of discrimination desecrate the sacrifices of millions of boys who fought, bled, anguished and died to guarantee democratic rights to all Americans, Protestants, Jews and Catholics alike.

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