

Judge Issues Formal Order Barring Nuns In N. M. Schools

Santa Fe, N. M., (RNS) — A formal judgment barring 130 members of Roman Catholic orders from teaching in the public schools of New Mexico was issued in district court here by Judge E. Turner Hensley. The long-awaited judgment in the so-called "Dixon case" forbids state, county or district school officials to hire the barred teachers or pay them with public funds.

The 11-page judgment grants a permanent injunction confirming all the major points in a decision which Judge Hensley rendered last March. At that time he ruled in favor of a group of Protestants seeking to oust Catholic teachers and to outlaw alleged sectarian practices from public schools of the state.

M. J. GUTTMANN, a counsel for the defendants, said it is not yet known whether the judgment will be appealed to the State Supreme Court. However, it is generally believed here that an appeal is probable.

Under the formal judgment, the state school board is enjoined from adopting a list of textbooks for any particular school, from issuing texts to non-tax-supported schools, from furnishing free transportation to non-tax-supported schools, and from issuing "indoctrinated" texts to Catholic schools.

A MONTGOMERY defense motion to modify or throw out \$1 of \$3 damages in Judge Hensley's ruling was denied in an order accompanying the judgment. The

Judge Kills Free Textbooks For 10,000 Parochial Pupils

Santa Fe, N. M., (RNS) — Some 10,000 children in 60 private and parochial schools will be stricken from the list of free textbook recipients in this state according to Paul Masters, director of the state's free textbook division.

The action will follow the judgment filed by District Judge E. Turner Hensley in the so-called "Dixon case."

Masters said that by dropping the lengthy list of students, centered over a large part of the state, a saving of about \$25,000 will be made this year. Last year, the affected students received \$20,000 worth of books at an average to the state of \$2.50 each. The action will become effective July 1.

Concerning books already in the possession of private and parochial schools, Masters said: "I have no order to collect them."

Attorney General Joe L. Martinez in a recent opinion suggested a possible loophole in Judge Hensley's decision. He said that the decision referred to schools, not children, and that it might be possible to make the distribution of textbooks directly to students instead of to the schools without going contrary to the judgment.

defense had declared in the motion that banning defendants teachers from public schools was unconstitutional.

All state defendants other than the named teachers are prohibited in the judgment from paying tax money to schools "conducted or operated under circumstances resulting in a failure to separate Church and State."

The judgment holds that public funds have been illegally used for the dissemination of Roman Catholic religious doctrines in schools listed in the suit.

ALSO IN THE judgment are provisions which bar officials from using buildings for public school purposes "when said buildings or space in buildings does not remain under the absolute control of the State or one of its subdivisions, or when such building is of a nature to exert a sectarian influence."

The judgment holds further that conducting public school classes in rooms where religious emblems are displayed, and housing public schools in buildings where parochial or private classes are also held are violations of either the state or national Constitutions.

Irish Children Hear Appeal On Abstinence

By LEILA CARROLL

Dublin.—Ten thousand school children gathered for a solemn Mass in Dalymount Park here to begin the observance of the golden jubilee of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart.

Bishop Patrick O'Neill of Limerick presided at the Mass and preached. He reminded his young audience, all members of the juvenile Total Abstinence Association, that they had all taken the pledge of total abstinence for God's honor and to make amends for sins of intemperance.

IN THESE times the word sacrifice has become hateful, he said, even to those who call themselves Christians and do not want to hear about mortification, self-denial and self-restraint. He deplored the fact that some parents, writers and educators today believe that children can be trained without that self-discipline which has the backing of centuries of experience.

Bishop O'Neill read a telegram from Magr. Giovanni B. Montini, Substitute Vatican Secretary of State, in which he transmitted His Holiness Pope Pius XII's "cordial congratulations to the Pioneer Association on its heartening achievements in the cause of Christian temperance during the past 50 years" and said the Pontiff imparted to all of them and members the paternal Apostolic Blessing.

Founded by the Rev. James A. Cullen, S.J., with an original membership of only four women, the Pioneer Abstinence Association today totals 400,000 adherents and has 1,400 branches.

The Rev. D. Dargan, S.J., assistant central director of the association, declared that the group's work is rendered more important today because of the increase in intemperance since the end of the war, even in countries formerly noted for being temperate.

"We are not prohibitionists," he said defining the association's ideals. "We regard drink as being, like firearms, dangerous. Members are urged to realize that they are not total abstainers only. By prayers, sacrifices, and example to others, they build up public opinion, and thus help to give grace and strength for the conversion of those who are slaves to drink."

Tenth Sainthood Ceremony



His Holiness Pope Pius XII in the tenth canonization ceremony of his pontificate, raises to the dignity of the altar, Blessed Maria Guleppa Rosello, foundress of Our Lady of Mercy. Twelve Cardinals and 15,000 persons participated in colorful ceremonies in St. Peter's Basilica. New Saint's order has 236 institutions, 10 of them in the United States.

U.S. Catholics Near 27 Million According To Directory Report

New York (NC) — There are 26,718,343 Catholics in the United States, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands, an increase of 642,646 over last year, according to the 1949 Official Catholic Directory just issued here by P. J. Kennedy & Son.

Seventeen dioceses reported no changes in Catholic population and 15 reflected slight decreases, but substantial gains were noted in the 83 other sees. Archdioceses with more than 1,000,000 Catholic population are Chicago, 1,637,669; Boston, 1,283,232; New York, 1,256,269; and Philadelphia, 1,031,866. Brooklyn with a Catholic population of 1,703,915 continued as the largest diocese, and Pittsburgh is second with a population of 787,479.

THE DIRECTORY lists 181 members of the Hierarchy — four Cardinals, 20 Archbishops and 157 Bishops — largest number in the history of the Catholic Church in the United States. The Directory records an increase of 587 in the clergy bringing the total in the nation to 42,334 an all-time high. Professed Religious listed in the Directory include 7,302 Brothers and 141,506 Sisters, an increase of 490 Religious in the year. The Directory notes that 61,122 Religious are engaged in duties other than teaching.

FULL-TIME TEACHING staffs of all educational institutions under Catholic auspices has reached a record total of 104,962, an increase of 3,018. The Directory records among the teachers are 7,376 priests, 3,540 Brothers, 432 scholastics, 80,484 Sisters and 13,130 lay teachers—1,284 more Religious and 1,734 more lay teachers than a year ago in Catholic schools.

The Directory lists 11,332 separate educational institutions, an increase of 93 despite post-war conditions, which include 64 diocesan seminaries; 337 religious community seminaries, novitiates and scholastics; 228 universities and colleges for men and women; 1,596 diocesan and parochial high schools; 7,777 elementary parochial schools and 541 private elementary schools.

The Directory notes an aggregate of 4,401,524 American youth in all grades under Catholic instruction, an increase of 262,829 over a year ago. Catholic universities and colleges enrollments reached an all-time high of 240,048, an increase of 45,106.

Alert Doctor and Nun Save Dying Infants in Epidemic

St. Paul, Minn., (NC) — A staff doctor at St. Joseph's Hospital here, and a quick-witted nun helped to save the lives of dozens of infants who were dying from a throat epidemic, laryngo-tracheobronchitis. And today the idea they brought out, a humidified or wet room, has become a part of the hospital, as well as a refuge for children suffering from pneumonia.

When the epidemic broke out a year ago, alarming hospital authorities and doctors throughout the Midwest, a St. Joseph's staff doctor recommended a top-down oxygen tent where oxygen would be piped in, from above, and a humidifier at the top of the tent to spray the tiny virus with penicillin. As a matter of fact, the tents had already been ordered, but they wouldn't be available for two weeks.

At the time the epidemic raged on, Sister Marie Loyola, head of pediatrics, acted at the doctor's suggestion, and her own ingenuity went to work. She got a parment bag, the ordinary electro-closet type. She cut off the top, used hooks to support the oxygen tubes and cut a hole in the side of the bag for penicillin.

Not a child at St. Joseph's Hospital had been lost since from the throat threat.

From that original experiment, the idea was spread to other hospitals. "It was a simple thing, but it worked," says Sister Marie Loyola, who says windows are washed each day.

Bishop's Brother Named To Cabinet

Madras, India (NC) — J. P. Roche, brother of Bishop Francis T. Roche of Tutuorin, has been appointed Minister of Food in the Madras provincial government to become the first Catholic cabinet member in the province.

A devout adherent of the Church and member of the Congress party, Mr. Roche is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the Constituent Assembly, a general secretary of the South Indian Adult Education Association, and has served as Mayor of Tutuorin for 20 years.

Near East Missions

They Cannot Go Home — Archbishop Hakim of Gallias writes "The question of Catholic Refugees remains very trying. Their situation is still critical—many hundreds have expressed their wish and desire to return home—but they are refused admission and are detained at the frontier. Here is proof that cannot be questioned or denied. . . . So you will understand why we continue to beg aid for our Refugees. . . . Your help—no matter how humble—would be a palace to these wanderers, who cannot go home! Won't you share the bounty God has given you? . . . One dollar, ten, a hundred—anything will be a Godsend."

PLAGUED WITH SCORPIONS — ST. CATHERINE LABOURE — Cardinal Tisserant has asked us to plead with You—our Benefactors—for aid to Mother Macsoud—Superior of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Lebanon. These Sisters—founded only a few years ago through the zeal of the Jesuit Fathers—have accomplished almost-miraculous things for God and souls. Their houses at Zahle and Marjayat are imperiled by heavy debt. Mother herself writes "Tell those who can aid us—that every day, all our children—hundreds of them—will join with us in prayer for them. What offering will you make? Will it be five dollars or fifty?"

A NEW LITANY — Archbishop Kandathil of Ernakulam, South India, writes a New Litany. He pleads for help to establish a House of Refuge to be the Gate of Hope—the Comfort of the Suffering—the Protector of Orphans—the Shelter for Convicts—the Hospital for Motherhood—the Dispensary of the Poor. He borrowed money to build the first part, but needs help to pay for it—and to finish it. His diocesan sisters will stand it and daily inundate it with prayer. Fifty dollars—twenty five—will go far in making this Litany a reality. Will you join and pray for these saddest souls of this New Litany?

COME VISIT OUR LADY — Tomorrow July 2nd, the Feast of the Visitation, you need make a visit with Our Lady! . . . How? . . . A deposit in MARY'S BANK, our dollar-a-month club for Sisters and Nuns will bring you an untold table meals and blessings from the Holy Mother of God.

WE STILL BEG CLOTHES — The last letter from Monsignor McMahon renewed his appeal for Clothes for Refugees. . . . Please, please, please send those garments you will wear and those of your own, children's—to our CNEWA Warehouse, Flushing Avenue, Masspet, Long Island. . . . And if you can—send even a small donation to our office for freight and shipping charges.

Send all communications to: Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 400 Lexington Ave. at 46th St., New York 17, N. Y.

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