

Minnesota Poll Favors Aid To Parochial Schools

St. Paul, Minn. (RNS)—A majority of Minnesotans queried by the Minnesota Poll feel that children attending parochial schools should share in any Federal aid provided for auxiliary educational services.

The Minnesota Poll, a service of the Minnesota Sunday Tribune, asked a cross-section of voting age men and women the following question:

"Some people feel that children who attend parochial schools—that is, schools operated by church or religious groups—should share in any Federal money provided for things like health care, school lunches, and bus transportation, along with children in public schools. How do you feel about that—do you agree with them, or disagree?"

Fifty-two percent of those queried said they agreed. Another 38 percent disagreed. Six percent had no opinion, while three percent gave qualified answers.

The percentage of those agreeing was higher in towns (56%) and on farms (57%) than in cities (48%).

Older people are inclined to oppose participation of parochial schools in Federal funds for auxiliary services, but younger men and women approve, a breakdown by ages shows.

Episcopal Jubilee
 New York, N.Y. (NC)—The vestments worn by Bishop Richard C. Good of Natchez when he served a solemn Pontifical Mass in observance of his 25th episcopal anniversary were the ones he wore at his consecration. The episcopal cross and chain that he has worn since his consecration were presented to him by members of the Jewish faith.

'SOUL OF THE COUNTRY'



St. Isidore, patron of the farmers, is depicted in this colorful poster issued to publicize the 27th national convention of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, November 6-8. The patron saint is shown (center) standing between representatives of agriculture and industry. The poster is the work of an artist, Sister Mary Carmen Penarick, S.N.D. Bishop Michael J. Ready will be host to the delegates. (NC Photos)

New Minimum Wage Scale Called Proof of Foresight of U. S. Bishops' Statements

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Since there is no State in the Union with a minimum wage law for the protection of men (there are laws which apply to women workers) all those not engaged in interstate commerce, and even some of those engaged in providing goods for interstate commerce, are still unaided by minimum wage laws.

IT IS INTERESTING, in this connection, that the Bishops' Program of Social Reconstruction advocated only State living wage laws. It did so because at the time the Constitution was so interpreted as to forbid Federal laws on general wages. In stead of this limitation of the Bishops Program being an argument against Federal laws to cover most of the persons who are now under Federal jurisdiction, it is a further argument for State laws to cover those whom the Federal Government cannot or will not protect.

There were 11 main points in the Bishops' Program of Social Reconstruction, and on its 20th anniversary in 1939, it was possible to say that 10 of these had been either wholly or partially translated into fact.

THE PRINCIPAL recommendations, as set forth in the foreword to a 20th anniversary reprinting of the Bishops' Program, were:

- (1) Minimum wage legislation;
- (2) insurance against unemployment, sickness, invalidity and old age; (3) a 16-year minimum age limit for working children;
- (4) the legal enforcement of the right of labor to organize;
- (5) continuation of the National War Labor Board, for this and other purposes affecting the relations of employers and employees;
- (6) a national employment service;
- (7) public housing for the working classes;
- (8) no general reduction of war-time wages and a long-distance program of

increasing them, not only for the benefits of labor but in order to bring about that general prosperity which cannot be maintained without a wide distribution of purchasing power among the masses. (9) prevention of excessive profits and incomes through a regulation of rates which allows the owners of public utilities only a fair rate of return on their actual investment, and through progressive taxes on inheritance and income, and excess profits; (10) participation of labor in management and a wider distribution of ownership through cooperative enterprises and worker ownership in the stock of corporations; (11) effective control of monopolies. Even by the method of government competition if that should prove necessary.

Number 10 was the only recommendation on which, in 1939, no appreciable progress had been made.

Newman Club Opens At McGill

Montreal (NC)—The 1500 Catholic students attending McGill University now have a well equipped Newman House for their activities—a three-story, 11 room building.

McGill is one of Canada's largest non-sectarian universities. The Newman House building was donated by Archbishop Charbonneau in 1948. Last year and during the summer, students redecorated it and equipped it with a chapel and altar, a library and lounge rooms. Each morning Mass is said there by the chaplain, the Rev. Emmett Carter.

Exiled Clergy Index On Church Liberty

New York (NC)—A telltale index of the measure of religious freedom in communist-dominated European lands is the number of displaced priests now in exile in Germany, Austria and Italy, Magr. Emil N. Komora, executive director of the Catholic Committee for Refugees, stated here on his return from a survey of camps in Europe.

Monsignor Komora found 584 priests of the Latin Rite and 249 of the Eastern Rites in the displaced persons camps. These figures, he said, do not include the expelled priests now laboring among the 6,000,000 German Catholics dispersed into the western zones of their country. They came from Albania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Rumania, Russia, Trieste, the Ukraine and Yugoslavia.

Buddhists Ask Priests To Lecture

Hiroshima, Japan (NC)—Even non-Catholics here are said to realize now that the Catholic Church is a saving element in their resistance to communism, and that their own old sects are incapable of stemming the Red tide.

Several groups of Buddhists here have asked the Catholic mission to send priests to their temples to lecture on social questions. Similar incidents have been reported in other sections of Japan recently, emphasizing attempts of the hierarchy to provide more priests for the social apostolate.

290 Join Maryknoll Ranks In One Year

Maryknoll, N. Y. (NC)—A total of 291 young men who desire to become Maryknoll priests or Brothers entered the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America this year. Bishop Raymond A. Lane, M.M., Superior General, announced. Among the candidates, who come from 26 different States, are 53 veterans of the armed forces. Students in all Maryknoll colleges and seminaries now number 846.

Slave Labor Inside Russia Revealed

Philadelphia (NC)—The Rev. Gerhard A. Fittkau of Paderborn, Germany, secretary-general of the St. Boniface Society, who spent six months in a slave labor camp in Siberia declared here that "Russia is saturated with unrest among the workers, who are held in line by brute force."

"Russia cannot keep pace with other nations without slave labor," Father Fittkau declared. He told of how he and several hundred other persons were shipped to Siberia in cattle cars early in 1945, after the Russians marched into his section of Germany and "began a long nightmare of murder, theft and rav-

Nun Presides



Sister Mary Janet, S.C., of the Sisters of Charity, Mount St. Joseph-on-the-Ohio, presided at a session of the national conference in Washington, sponsored by the Committee on Life Adjustment Education for Youth, U. S. Office of Education. Several hundred educators from all parts of the United States attended. Sister Janet is one of nine members of the committee. (NC Photo)

Layman Rebukes Minister's Attack On Catholics

Fall River (RNS)—A Protestant clergyman who criticized the Roman Catholic Church was rebuked at a meeting of the Greater Fall River Council of Churches here by a layman who heads a Council committee.

Lloyd H. Dixon, chairman of the united services committee, declared that a "controversial" speech such as that delivered earlier by the Rev. Frank E. Dunn of Springfield, Mass., might disrupt the "harmonious" relations between Protestants and Catholics in Fall River.

M. R. DUNN HAD asserted: "There is increasing indication along the whole Protestant front, and this includes the great mass of people who are not in the church of rising resentment, anger and a cold calculating opposition, a fighting determination to resist the efforts of the hierarchy to make America Roman Catholic."

In delivering his rebuke to Mr. Dunn, Dixon said that Protestant laymen into any Protestant-Catholic controversy and thus damage the relationship between the two groups, especially in Fall River.

Fire Hits Church

Winnboro, La. (NC)—Minutes after the weekly novena service in honor of St. Joseph was completed, fire swept through St. Mary's Church and destroyed it.

The Rev. Richard J. Swift, S.S.J. pastor, was unable to reach the Blessed Sacrament as flames blocked off the altar. In his attempt, his clothing was burned, but he was not injured.

Dubliners Welcome New Papal Nuncio

Dublin (RNS)—Archbishop Ettore Felici, formerly Papal Nuncio to Yugoslavia, arrived here to take up his new post as Nuncio to Ireland. He succeeds the late Archbishop Pascal Robinson, Irish born prelate who occupied the Dublin post from 1929 until his death last year.

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