

Court Upholds Radio Station Ban On Universalist Sermon

ROCHESTER — (RNS) — Federal Judge Francis J. W. Ford has upheld a ban on a radio station from broadcasting a sermon by a Universalist minister. The station, WYAT, of Lawrence, Mass., had received a license to broadcast a sermon by the Rev. Kenneth L. Fallow, of Boston, on Sunday, Dec. 27. Station officials said Mr. Fallow's sermon was "not in the public interest" because it questioned the belief in Christ's resurrection.

THE UNIVERSALIST Convention charged in its suit that the station had been guilty of a breach of contract, and had violated the right of freedom of speech and freedom of religion guaranteed by the first amendment to the Constitution.

The church group asked damages for injury suffered by the ban and sought a court ruling which would require the station to provide facilities for next Sunday.

Upholding the station's motion that the case be dismissed, Judge Ford ruled that "the complaint set forth no claim under the Federal Constitution or laws upon which relief can be granted."

JUDGE FORD noted previous court decisions which, in substance, held that the licensed carrier of a radio station has the duty of determining which programs shall be broadcast.

He said it was decided, in other cases, that the licensee is subject to reverts to himself the station's facilities in which programs were the public interest.

The Universalists had also asked the court for a definition of the term "public interest."

DURING COURT testimony, it was brought out that the sermon in question "expressed what is, presumably, the Universalist doctrine which does not accept the resurrection of Christ as a physical and historical fact, but goes to the very of the resurrection purely metaphorical or spiritual significance."

Catholic Pupils To Ride When Buses Available

ROCHESTER — (RNS) — A controversy recently started by two local groups of a Catholic school has resulted in a decision by the Syracuse Board of Education that Catholic school children may ride on public school buses when space is available.

The two groups, the St. Vincent de Paul School and the St. Joseph School, both of which are in the city, had been told that their children could not ride on public school buses because of space limitations.

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Sloan Simpson's Freedom To Wed Mayor Explained

NEW YORK — (RNS) — Elizabeth Sloan Simpson, who became the wife of Mayor William O'Dwyer in Florida in 1946, is now free to marry because her first union was not witnessed by a priest, the New York Archdiocese's Canon Law Department has announced.

Commenting on a report published in the New York daily that Miss Simpson "obtained an annulment on the grounds that Mr. O'Dwyer was not a Catholic," the archdiocese said: "Mr. O'Dwyer's religion had nothing to do with the case. It is Miss Simpson's religion which leaves her free to marry."

Questioned about the O'Dwyer-Simpson marriage, which was performed in St. Joseph's Church, Miami, Fla., the archdiocese issued this statement:

"New York State requires that her citizens receive marriage in the presence of a duly authorized official and two other witnesses."

"Miss Simpson is a woman as well as a citizen, and the Catholic Church similarly requires that her members be married in the presence of a duly authorized priest and two witnesses."

"Any Catholic, therefore, who has been married in the presence of a priest and two witnesses, and who has received from the Church a declaration of free state, that is, a declaration that he is at present free to contract a marriage, such a 'declaration of free state' was given Miss Simpson, a citizen of New York State."

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'Lost Battalion' Missioner Seriously Ill in Red Prison

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ROCHESTER — (RNS) — Finishing his second year in a communist prison in North Manchuria, the 57-year-old Rev. Patrick O'Connor, a member of the Swiss Mission Society of Bethlehem, is believed to be seriously ill. He is serving an 11-year sentence on a charge of collaborating with the Japanese and espionage.

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'Godless' Red Rule Perils Mission Lands

NEW YORK — (RNS) — Prayers for missions in areas endangered by atheistic communism to the very extinction for January of this Holy Year Pope Pius XII, Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell, Auxiliary of New York and National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, has announced.

"Although communism is not the only form of atheism, communism has taken advantage of the disturbances of the postwar period to present a most dangerous threat to missions," Bishop McDonnell said.

"WHERE WANTS and disease have been rampant, they have deceived many who were only too ready to accept any kind of hope. They have been successful in establishing their regime in regions where the Church had for centuries flourished. The danger in the mission countries, where the light of the Gospel is only beginning to shine, is all the greater."

"It is with regret that any interested observer of the mission lands and their history for the past 50 years will have to admit that the Western world has not brought to these countries high ideals so much as technical skill. The Oriental has been taught to desire the comforts and advantages of the Western world on a grand scale. The missioner from that same Western world was not given the opportunity to develop as were the commercial and industrial interests. Communism preys on the poverty of these people."

"IN CHINA, at the present time of writing, there is no open persecution of the Church, but every effort is being made by the communists to hinder the exercise of religion. Schools are not confiscated but the teaching of Marxism has become obligatory."

"Korea has been divided into two parts. Ever since the withdrawal of American troops from the southern part in July of 1949, the threat of communism is becoming all the more present."

"IN JAPAN, the extreme poverty of many favors the subversive activity of communists. Indo-China has been placed in the anomalous position wherein the communists have been claiming that they alone are the true patriots and under the guise of patriotism are gaining followers."

"In Siam, where previously Catholics had been persecuted and Buddhism favored, the government is now more recognizing the Catholic religion as its powerful ally for fighting atheistic communism."

"The misery of India is being exploited by the communists to the extent that they can make friends with the help of foreign subsidies. The communists are seeking to gain a strong foothold in those places of Africa which are being developed by foreign capital."

No Visitors

CARDINAL MINDZENTY

Munich — (RNS) — His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindzenty of Hungary has been denied the privilege of seeing a representative of the Hungarian hierarchy, says a Vienna report of Christlicher Nachrichten, religious news service here.

The political police turned down the request even though it was made on repeated occasions, the news service said. The Cardinal is permitted to receive the visit of his mother once a week, but no one else is allowed to call on him at the Budapest jail.

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"This is apparently half-time in my sermon," he said, "and it is also the end of the Nice-Paris football match. I am glad to say that we have won by a goal to zero."

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Just previous to this Dr. Naofiro Murakami, president of Tokyo Catholic University since 1946, was baptized in the University chapel.

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For You—Our Prayer

For you — our friends and benefactors — we gratefully and fervently pray — A Happy Holy New Year... For our disappointed, disillusioned, heartless Refugees we hardly dare to whisper the New Year's hope of better days to come... They have waited so long! Only God knows when their waiting will end... Help us ease their hopeless hours, their dark days of hunger — for food and home. A Food Package costs ten dollars. We need hundreds every month.

ADOPT A "PIOUS MOTHER"

Only naive saints and sisters are permitted by law in Ethiopia. Thank God for the "Pious Mothers" of Amara who conduct hospitals, schools and orphanages in this fertile mission field... The Rev. Mother General has just written begging aid for her Aspirants who will become "Pious Mothers" of the poor — if we can find sponsors for them... Can you adopt a "Pious Mother"? We need three hundred dollars for her two year course of training, study and prayer. Installments if you wish.

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Monignor McMahon — beggar for God's poor — still pleads for blankets for the Refugees — not for each Refugee, but One Per Family... For five dollars he can purchase — a blanket, rice, sugar and soap for a Refugee Family. How many will you give?

NAG HAMADI

Here in Upper Egypt the Bessan Sisters of Charity have a Dispensary that cares for forty villages. They need a Station Wagon, or a small truck — a hospital on wheels — to bring medicine and care for body and soul to the lowly Fellahin — the poorest of Egypt's poor... If you can't give the \$1,000 we must raise dollars, we need five dollars — or ten or twenty? It will bring God — and God's love and God's blessing — into homes and lives that have never known Him.

MAKE THIS YOUR CHAPEL

For ten years there has been no religious service for the schismatic archbishops in the Kasr Ahsa region of Lebanon. Now these Christians have asked Archbishop Nabas of Beirut to send a priest to nearby Mar Simaan — so that they with their children may be reunited to the Catholic Church... A Chapel School is the only solution — there is a priest who can go... Is there some good soul who will build this new House of God? For generations to come — it will bring souls to God — and God's blessing to its builder. Can you spare the one thousand dollars we need for it?

HOUSE OF BREAD

That is the exact translation of the word "Bethlehem" — and why ORPHAN'S BREAD is ever in our mind at Christmas... Your contribution for ORPHAN'S BREAD buys food for the homeless, hungry children who cram our orphanages of the Near East... One dollar a month enrolls you as an Orphan's Friend... We need many, many Friends for these unwanted Walls of God.

THEY WERE WISE

The three child figures who came from the east to Bethlehem brought precious gifts. They laid their offerings at the Holy Infant's feet without any directions as to how Mary must use their gifts. That is just what you do — when you send a STRINGLESS GIFT — to be used where and how God wants it... One dollar or one hundred — a STRINGLESS GIFT is doubly blessed.

END IT WELL

No matter what the record of the past year has been — you can end it well — if you let Our Lady write the last word for you! How? By making a donation for her new National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal which we hope to build in Trivandrum, India... We need hundreds of donors — and hundreds of dollars. To each we promise the smile, the benediction and the "Thank" of Mary.

HAVE YOU?

Have you made any provision for God's needs in your last will and testament? A Will without genuine charity — and the means to extend God's Kingdom will mean — won't help you much when you stand "Waiting for Judgment." Remember the needs and the name of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

OUR LAST APPEAL

Our last appeal of this year — and one of our widest — is for God's Beloved Lepers... Shunned by their own families, with only one ray of light falling across their darkened lives — the loving care of our priests and sisters — they wait for their only welcome visitor — Death... Please make a contribution to our DAMIEN LEPER FUND.

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