

### Rhode Island Released-Time Report Issued

Providence, R. I. (RNS)—No state law permitting released-time religious education is necessary in Rhode Island, according to a report submitted to Gov. John O. Pastore by a special committee.

The committee told Gov. Pastore that cities and towns in this state have sufficient authority now to release children from school so they may attend religious instruction.

APPOINTED BY the governor last year, the seven-man committee said it was "not in agreement as to the desirability of the feasibility of releasing time programs in general, or as to the desirability of enacting a permissive state statute specifically authorizing such programs."

The committee is in agreement, however, that the enactment of such legislation is unnecessary. It was stated in Rhode Island released-time plans are now in effect in Bristol, Central Falls, East Greenwich, West Warwick and Woonsocket.

THE COMMITTEE said that most of the state's superintendents of public schools had appeared before it and reported that no superintendent voiced any desire for a change in the procedure under which he is now operating with respect to released time.

The committee pointed out that the General Assembly has conferred board powers on school committees as independent bodies elected by the people and entrusted with wide discretion in their power to make rules and regulations governing attendance. It said these school committees have ample authority to rule locally on the question of released time for their communities.

ASSERTING THAT it "did not presume" to decide on the constitutionality of released time, the governor's committee said the "whole issue is so controversial that it appears certain that cases will be brought before" the U. S. Supreme Court in the near future.

The practical success of released-time programs now in operation, the committee found, seems to depend on the sure layout, as well as the religious complexion of the community, on the location of churches with respect to the schools, on the availability of religious teachers and church facilities and in a very large measure upon the cooperation of the parents.

### Monsignor Carroll, Vatican Official, Dies Suddenly During Visit To U.S.

Solemn funeral services were held in St. Paul's Cathedral in Pittsburgh Wednesday morning for Monsignor Walter S. Carroll, American priest attached to the Papal Secretariate of State in Vatican City. He was in Pittsburgh on his native city.

The 41-year-old churchman, who was on a short visit to the United States, died suddenly last Friday, Feb. 24, in Washington at the Georgetown University Hospital, where he had entered



MSGR. WALTER S. CARROLL

### Pontiff Expresses Condolence To Kin

Vatican City — Pope Pius XII and all the Vatican have been deeply moved by the word received here of the death of Msgr. Walter S. Carroll in Washington, D. C. Monsignor Romano reports Monsignor Carroll, a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, had been an attaché in the Papal Secretariate of State here since 1940 and had only recently gone home on a visit.

The Holy Father, hearing the news this morning, immediately ordered his personal condolence forwarded to Monsignor Carroll's family, the Vatican City daily stated.

for a checkup according to N.Y.C. News Service.

THE CAREER of Monsignor Walter Carroll is one of the most distinguished and extraordinary in the annals of the American priesthood. He served at the Vatican in the Papal Secretariate of State during perhaps the most critical period in world history. He studied in a half dozen countries and traveled extensively in more than a score of countries. He did active parish work in four different dioceses in three different countries, and he served the Church on three continents.

Monsignor Carroll was born in Pittsburgh on June 18, 1908, the son of W. J. and B. Margaret Hogan Carroll. His father is deceased. His mother survives him. He was one of three sons, all of whom became priests—the brother is Msgr. Howard J. Carroll, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The other brother is the Rev. Dr. Coleman F. Carroll, pastor of St. Maurice parish, Pittsburgh.

MONSIGNOR CARROLL was ordained to the priesthood in Rome by His Eminence Francesco Cardinal Tardini, secretary of state, nearly a decade of study abroad and was assigned to St.

elevated him to the rank of Domestic Prelate in 1944. In 1943 he toured northern Italy, Germany and Austria on behalf of the Holy Father to inspect the humanitarian works of the Pontifical Mission among the countless refugees then in those areas. He represented the Holy See at the meeting of the International Refugee Organization held at Geneva, Switzerland, early in 1947, and flew to the United States immediately afterwards for conferences with various officials.

HUNDREDS of newspaper correspondents from a dozen different parts of the world who poured into Rome when the American forces liberated the Eternal City early in June, 1944, will well remember Monsignor Carroll. He greatly facilitated their assignments in Rome by helping them to get accurate information regarding the Vatican. Part of this aid consisted in the arrangement of press conferences at which the correspon-

### Vatican Aide Well-Known In Rochester

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter S. Carroll, an attaché of the Papal Secretariate of State who died in Washington, Feb. 24, 1954, was closely linked by ties of blood and friendship with Rochester.

He was the son of Mrs. Margaret Hogan Carroll of Pittsburgh, Pa., and the late James Carroll, former Rochesterian. His two uncles, the late John and Thomas E. Carroll were widely known in Rochester. Surviving are several cousins.

At the Vatican, Monsignor Carroll was a close friend of the Very Rev. Msgr. Richard K. Burns, vice rector of the North American College, a priest of the Rochester diocese.

He was able to observe and learn first-hand the activities of the Holy See.

Monsignor Carroll is known to thousands of American soldiers who served in Italy. He met and talked personally with uncounted numbers of them and will be known to many more who were privileged to attend the historic audiences Pope Pius XII granted to G.I.s in the Vatican and in the Hall of the Benedictions above the entrance to St. Peter's Basilica.

### Reds Transform Church Into Movie House

Vienna — (CIP) — The Catholic Church of Our Lady of Zion in Bucharest has been confiscated by the Communist authorities and is now being transformed into a motion picture theatre, according to human rights refugees who have just arrived in Austria. The same refugees reported that Catholic life is continuing in the capital in spite of all persecutions and that there have been a number of conversions to the Church. Most converts come from intellectual circles, the refugees said.

### Seized Convent Will Be Theater

Trieste — (CIP) — The Holy Trinity Convent at Lussinpiccola in the Yugoslav-administered zone of the Free Territory of Trieste, has been closed by the Yugoslav Communist authorities. These have announced that they will convert it into a public meeting hall and a motion picture theatre. The convent was a boarding school for girls and had been in existence for 75 years without interruption. There were about 20 students at the convent. The nuns have found temporary accommodations in private homes.

### Says God Ignored By World Planners

Brussels — (RNS) — Communists are not the only ones who refuse to take God into account when planning social, economic and moral reconstruction, Joseph Cardinal Van Roey, Primate of Belgium, declared in a Lenten pastoral letter.

"The ignorance of Communism in refusing to take the Creator into account is not the fault of Communism or of Marxism alone," the cardinal said.

"A large number of men of renown — statesmen, economists and scientists—are working desperately for the salvation of the world, but take only political, economic, scientific or purely technical factors into consideration."

"For them, the spiritual factor does not count. They do not believe in the existence of God, or at least refuse to admit His profound intervention in earthly matters."

### Holy Year Prayer

Text of prayer suggested by Pope Pius XII for recitation by the faithful during Holy Year.

Almighty and eternal God, with all our soul we thank Thee for the great gift of the Holy Year.

O heavenly Father, Who sees all, Who reads and rules the hearts of men, render them docile to the voice of Thy Son in this time of grace and salvation.

May that Holy Year be for all a year of purification and of sanctification, interior life and reparation, a year of great return and great forgiveness.

Grant to those who suffer persecution for the Faith Thy spirit of fortitude to bind them indissolubly to Christ and to His Church.

Protect, O Lord, Thy Son's Vicar on earth, the Bishop, priests, Religious, and faithful.

Grant that all, priests and lay, young adults and old, may form, through a firm union of intention and affection, a solid rock against which the fury of Thy enemies will destroy itself.

May Thy grace enkindle in all men love toward the great numbers of unfortunate people whom poverty and misery has reduced to a condition of life unworthy of human beings.

Awaken in the souls of those who call Thee Father a hunger and thirst for social justice and fraternal charity, in deed and in truth.

Grant, O Lord, peace to our days, peace to the fatherland, peace between the nations.

May the rainbow of peace and reconciliation again enfold under its bow of serene light the land which was sanctified by the life and passion of Thy Divine Son.

God of all consolation! Profound is our misery, grave are our faults, numberless our needs, but greater than all is our faith in Thee.

Aware of our unworthiness, we finally place our lot in Thy hands, uniting our poor prayers to the intercession and merits of the most glorious Virgin Mary and all the saints.

Grant to the sick resignation and health, to young men strength of faith, to young women purity, to fathers property and sanctity of the family, to mothers efficacy in their teaching mission, to orphans affectionate protection, to refugees and prisoners a homeland, and to all Thy grace, in preparation for, and in pledge of, eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Seven Years Indulgence each day prayer is said, except Sundays, under usual conditions. If prayer is said each day for month, 15000 indulgences. Conditions: Holy Communion, visit to a church, prayer for Holy Father's intention (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to Thee, O God).

### Belgian Primate Denies Charges on King's Return

Brussels — (RNS) — Joseph Cardinal Van Roey, Primate of Belgium, publicly denied charges here that he had tried to dissuade exiled King Leopold from returning to Belgium.

Socialist and Liberal leaders had asserted in a statement that the cardinal, acting on "Vatican orders," had asked the King to remain in exile even if a forthcoming popular referendum approved his return.

THE STATEMENT claimed that the Vatican had reversed its previous stand and now prefers the King to continue in exile.

In a letter to the press, Cardinal Van Roey said "these rum-

### Vincenians Send Priests To Panama

Philadelphia, Pa. (AP) — The Vincentian Fathers of the United States have taken over two new missions in the province of Panama, at the urgent request of Archbishop Francis Beckmann of Panama. These American priests, who have headquarters here, already serve missions in the Canal Zone.

THE COLUMBIA region, between Costa Rica and Panama, is about 200 miles west of the Canal Zone. Around the city of Puerto Armuelles, 25,000 Catholics live, but without a priest. For 20 years until the Rev. Vincent Van Nicholas, C.M., went there from the Canal Zone in 1934.

In January of this year a second mission was opened in this territory. At Comarca, to serve 20,000 Catholics, mostly native Panamanians and Indians. There are churches in six villages near Comarca, but they are empty. For more than 20 years there has been only one Spanish regular priest in this entire territory.

FRY EDWARD GOSSET, C.M., of Brooklyn, an experienced missionary who speaks Spanish fluently, has been placed in charge of this new mission. His young assistants, Vincentian priests have been in Costa Rica for the past six months, studying the language and customs of the people and preparing themselves by actual parish work to assist Fathers Beckmann and Gosset in the new mission.

Commenting on the new step, the Rev. William J. McCann, C.M., vicar general of the Vincentian province, said: "Every year four priests are sent to Panama to maintain the work in the Canal Zone. Now more will be required. This will mean quite a drain on the resources of the Province but it is felt that God will provide more vocations where the need is so great."

### Religion via TV: Children's Church

Hollywood — (RNS) — A new weekly program called "Children's Church" has been started here by television station KTTV. Each non-dramatized half-hour program features a short dramatization of a scene from the Bible and features a 15-minute choir of youngsters ranging in age from eight to 14.

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