

Allentown Ministers Seek Services in Public Schools

Allentown, Pa. — (RNS) — A interdenominational community committee to study the legality of using public school buildings after school hours for religious purposes has been appointed by the Allentown school board.

The board decided to appoint the committee when the Ministers League of Allentown asked for use of the high school auditorium for evangelistic services from May 21 to June 4.

Board members also pointed out that the annual Easter Dawn

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An extraordinary size scale, 10 inches in diameter, and 37 pounds, is held by the Rev. Bernard C. Zimmerman, N.J., of El Cayo, British Honduras, now visiting his brother in Cleveland. Mineralogists claim it is the largest "agate" discovered. Father Zimmerman is having trouble to stave experts to grind it into a sphere and polish it. He plans to present it to Pope Pius XII as a Holy Year gift. (NC Photos)

Jesuit Editor Challenges Blanshard At Yale Forum

(Continued from Page 1) hand knowledge of Catholics." Father Hartnett continued. "Reviewers have praised his book for its 'documentation.' Why does he document it so much? Because all he knows about the Catholic Church is drawn from printed sources."

MR. BLANSHARD has no way whatsoever to evaluate these sources, the priest went on. All Catholic students, he said, know that many of the "typical" Catholic authors cited by Mr. Blanshard are more rigorous than others, that some quoted as authoritative have no more authority than the rest, and that all others, like William Telling, have no standing at all.

"It's like trying to describe a beautiful stained-glass window in a cathedral by looking at it from the outside, when those inside for whom it was made alone can see the image clearly with the sun streaming through," he said.

FATHER HARTNETT said that on the question of whether God gave the hierarchy the power to apply moral judgment to social questions, Mr. Blanshard never argues this matter but simply assumes that God did not. "His whole case is based on the assumption that he is 100 per cent right and Catholic scholars are 100 per cent wrong on this question," he commented.

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Naples Communists Renounce Party

Rome — (UPI) — Many Communists in the city of Naples tore up their membership cards and publicly renounced Communism as a result of the sermons of Father Riccardo Lombardi, S.J. Father Lombardi, who was born in Naples, just completed an 18-day preaching program in his native city. He preached his "Crusade of Love" in many large Italian cities, including Rome, as well as in several European countries and in North and South America.

Jerusalem Patriarch Visits Abdullah

Amman, Jordan — (NC) — King Abdullah of Jordan has received the Most Rev. Albert Luff, newly created Patriarch of Jerusalem at his Mukalla Palace in the Jordan Valley. The Patriarch was accompanied by Bishop Vincent Geist, Auxiliary Bishop of Jerusalem and Mgr. Almann, Vicar General for the Italian patriarchate in Jerusalem.

A cordial conversation ensued between the two His Majesty said. "The friendship between us began when you were a Superior with the Friars and I was a Prince. Now I have become King and you a Patriarch, and therefore our friendship should continue and increase." He added that religious relationship unites all nations believing in God, to that they are called in Arabic, "Eiyal Allah, family of God."

Papal Delegate To Canada Corrects U. S. Magazine

New York — (NC) — Time magazine has received a letter from His Excellency Archbishop Ildebrando Antonutti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada. Sent by his secretary, the Rev. W. A. Carey, the letter said: "I have been instructed by His Excellency Mgr. Antonutti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, to categorically deny, relative to the February 10 issue of the magazine Time, that he has at any time asked Mgr. Charbonneau to modify his pronouncement, since on the contrary he has always approved and encouraged the very charitable attitude of Mgr. Charbonneau towards all victims of the war strikes and social injustices."

The statement has reference to Time magazine's article following the resignation of Archbishop Joseph Charbonneau of Montreal. Archbishop Charbonneau resigned for reasons of health. Time magazine repeated rumors published in the secular press intimating that the resignation of Archbishop Charbonneau had been due to a conflict between the religious and civil authorities on certain questions, including the lengthy strike of Catholic union members at Asbestos, Que., last year.

Labor Leader Found Red After Budenz Testimony

Washington — (NC) — Harold Christoffel, a Milwaukee labor leader, has been convicted on charges that he lied under oath while he testified before a Congressional committee and said that he had never been a communist.

One of the witnesses for the government in the Federal District Court here was Louis F. Budenz, a former communist who has returned to the Catholic Church. Mr. Budenz told the jury that a strike was called at the Milwaukee All-Chalmers plant after Mr. Christoffel promised in 1940 to do his "utmost as a communist" to halt war production.

Mr. Budenz now an assistant professor of economics at Fordham University, offered his testimony at the second Christoffel perjury trial. Also this is the second time the former president of Local 248 I. A. W. U. has been convicted on the same charge. He won a 5 to 4 reversal in the United States Supreme Court on the first conviction. His attorney, O. John Rogge, said he would carry the case to the Supreme Court again if necessary.

Indonesia Opens Vatican Legation

Rome — (RNS) — The United States of Indonesia has created a legation in Vatican City and named Sukardjo Wirjodarmas, former Governor of West Java as its first Minister to the Holy See. Vatican officials announced that the Holy See has decided to elevate the present apostolic delegation in Indonesia to the rank of a papal nunciature.

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