

Bp. Cunningham Consecrated In Ceremonies at Syracuse

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Text of Sermon Preached by Bishop Kearney At Consecration of Bishop David Cunningham

The complete text of His Excellency Bishop Kearney's sermon at the consecration of the Most Rev. David F. Cunningham, as Auxiliary Bishop of Syracuse, in Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Syracuse, on Thursday, June 8, follows:

We have come here this morning to assist at that solemn rite by which the Church renews her life in her episcopate. A new bishop is to receive the power and to accept the charge of the old bishops who have laid down their burdens and now sleep with Christ...

In other words, it outrages as a document of history all others, for no other human society possesses such ancient and sacramental formulae, at once public and official, that bind together and continually the past with the present...

INDEED, THE outstanding fact of the dim, undimmed early ages of Christianity is the universal prevalence of an organized hierarchy under the presidency of a monarchical bishop. The speedy spread of the Church throughout the Roman Empire and far beyond its borders has always been considered one of the most splendid of the miracles that followed and confirmed the authentic Pentecost.

The roads that imperial Rome had laid down in every direction for the passage of her legions facilitated the progress of the messengers of the Prince of Peace, the bearers of the glad tidings of salvation to man. Facing a populous city which rejected Him, Christ died upon His shameful cross...

Christendom thus became an organized hierarchy under the leadership of the Pope. Nations were grouped about an episcopate which carried on the traditions of the ages, and in regulating the works of education and charity, developed customs and formed the habits of the Christian life of whole peoples.

The Church of this country began in the old colonial days as a mission from England in which bishops were neither welcomed nor desired. It endured for one hundred and seventy years without vigor, without growth, reduced, intimidated, isolated, ministered to its few chapels without consciousness of the increase of the Catholic population...

THE DAY of the consecration of John Carroll as first Bishop of Baltimore, however, marked the beginning of a new era for the Church of America. Its horizon was enlarged, its courage renewed, its scope made as ample as its needs. A new spirit possessed it and it was hitherto to enlarge its tents, to be a part of a nation whose language, thought, life, it shared and sympathized with.

It has been a period of constant and prodigious change. We usually call it a period of growth, and in a sense we are right. Yesterday there was nothing today we are everything. Yesterday we were worshippers in log cabins and in poverty; today, though still poor in comparison with our multiplied needs, we have acquired much, built much, and planned more, and are quivering with the glow that rude labor brings as their reward.

Had they not faced conditions in a new way, had they, as a body, persisted in regarding their tasks with the outlook of an Old World bishop, no matter how saintly, no matter how learned, they would have proved themselves recreant to their charge and would have served the Church but poorly. They heard, thank God, and heeded the Apostles' word to rule the Church in which the Spirit of God had placed them.

With everything to do, they set themselves to the task—ungrateful and fatiguing though it was—of building up the material fabric of the Church, of acquiring buildings for worship, for Christian education for all the works of Christian charity.

Traitors Or Dupes? Skeptical Public Tired of Fellow-Travellers' Line

Washington — Whatever the eventual outcome of the hubbub over communism and Red-sympathies in this city and the continued unrest abroad, there are indications that it is giving the world a clearer understanding of how the Kremlin uses fellow-travellers, communist sympathizers and just plain dupes.

The answer to this question is coming to public attention now. It explains why a communist dominated magazine, American, of roughly 2,000 circulation could be of such importance. Included in this small circulation were educators, newspaper, radio and magazine writers and people in more or less responsible places in the Government.

IN THE CASE of writers, some of them apparently were able to write along the communist party line in publications of large and influential circulations without the publishers suspecting anything. Some of those in Government who got the magazine according to the belief of many, were people who "analyzed" the moral law, particularly in its requirements touching the budgeting and consoling of human life and the respecting of human dignity.

There are indications too that Americans are beginning to look more critically at the books which journalists, radio correspondents, politicians and others are writing on world affairs. Some reviewers are beginning to see some of them as preachments of Lettist doctrines, and not mere informational works. One of the things that long it

A clear explanation of this enormous inconsistency is had in an address which Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus, Ohio, gave a few days ago to the Catholic Press Association of the United States at its annual convention in Rochester, N. Y.

BISHOP READY urged the Catholic editors and publishers to appreciate and to fight against the source of communism—secularism. "The breeding-spot of communism is secularism," he said.

"Secularism is the essential," Bishop Ready continued, "is a compound or combination of two things. These are, first, indifference to God and religion; and second, disregard for the moral law, particularly in its requirements touching the budgeting and consoling of human life and the respecting of human dignity.

In the breeding-ground of secularism, the carriers of communism—party members, fellow-travelers, parlor pinkies and louts for totalitarianism— increase and multiply and threaten to fill the earth and subdue it.

Communists Riot At Church Rites

Paris — (RNS) — Seven Communists, including three women, were arrested after a number of persons attempted to break up a Mass service in a Catholic church here.

Police were called, but it was several minutes before order was restored because a free-for-all developed at the church door when Communist sympathizers attempted to aid those arrested by the police.

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