

Rockefeller's Japan Mission

Diplomat Fails To Consult Catholic Leaders

BY REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR
(Rochester, N.Y. News Service)

They—Here for four weeks to plan a United States-Japanese cultural interchange as a member of the Dulles diplomatic mission, John D. Rockefeller 3d conferred with "religious leaders," but they did not include any Catholic.

Mr. Rockefeller, one of the official group of Ambassador John Foster Dulles, had the aid of members of long-range planning and thinking for post-treaty, cultural interchange between the United States and Japan.

After Mr. Dulles departed for the Philippines and Australia, Mr. Rockefeller remained, continuing his discussions. Closing his stay with a press conference, he explained that he had spent most of his time chiefly seeing people, talking with college professors and students, businessmen and representatives of labor, government officials and members of the press, religious leaders and professional people.

Mr. Rockefeller emphasized his role here as a member of the Dulles mission, not as a trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation. He held his press conference in the office of the General Headquarters diplomatic section of the Occupation. He explained that his assignment is finished, when he receives his report to Ambassador Dulles.

He said that the following suggestions received in Japan, especially in his particularly, more emphasis of persons, especially young ones, establishment of a cultural center in Japan as a clearing house and coordinating agency for cultural interchange; a research center for Japanese studies; exchange of art exhibits, and exchange of literature with

an effort to solve copyright and translation problems. Catholics in Japan now number approximately 145,000 are the largest and oldest body of Christians in the country. Their cultural institutions include two universities, two university colleges, five junior colleges and six seminaries. For the past several

years Catholic universities and colleges in the United States have been giving scholarships to Japanese students. Translations of American Catholic books have been appearing here. The most successful religious periodical in postwar Japan is the Japanese edition of the American Catholic Digest.

18-Year-Olds Seen Unfit For Austria Occupation

Last week the Courier-Journal published a story by the Rev. Patrick O'Connor, N.C.W.C. correspondent in the War East, which dealt with the assignment of 18-year-olds to overseas occupation duty.

The writer of the following article, Foreign Editor of the N.C.W.C. News Service, is in Austria at the present time. He was asked to sound out reactions there to the possibility of 18-year-old American boys being assigned for occupation duty.

By G. M. BRUNDT
(N. C. W. C. Foreign Editor)

Vienna—(NC)—To send 18-year-olds for occupation duty in Austria would not only harm their own best interests but also those of the country whose uniform they wear. This view has been strongly expressed by persons here who, through experience and positions, are qualified to form a judgment of this problem. Their opinions, I learned through several interviews, can be summarized as follows:

WITH THE best will in the world, the army cannot provide those moral safeguards which lack that age need to protect them against manifold temptations (as by strange, glamorous surroundings, ignorance, and an exaggerated sense of power). With the present rate of Austrian exchange, even a private's pay is sufficient for indulgence in luxuries and amusements far beyond the means of the average American citizen.

Thrown into an alien environment where his checks are not subject to such checks as it

WILL AID BLIND WORK



New York's Mayor Vincent E. Impellitteri accepts the No. 1 ticket to the annual Card Party to raise funds for the Catholic Guild for the Blind of Brooklyn. Miss Louise A. Hamrah, blind social service director of the Guild, makes the presentation as Gov. Harold J. Martin, diocesan director, looks on. The Guild offers innumerable services to blind residents of Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island, regardless of race or creed.

Holy Year Prayer Revised For Permanent Use In Answer To Numerous Requests

Vatican City—(NC)—In answer to numerous petitions from various places, His Holiness Pope Pius XII has consented that his personally composed prayer for the Holy Year continue in use, and has attached attractive indulgences to it. He has personally revised the text to make it suitable for times beyond the Holy Year.

Mgr. Alfredo Ottaviani, assessor of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office and president of the commission for spiritual assistance for the Holy Year, made known to His Holiness the widespread desire to make it a permanent prayer.

THE REVISED prayer has been published in Osmatore Romano, Vatican City daily here. The revised prayer is particularly proper for use in Rome this year, according to Monsignor Ottaviani. Elsewhere in the world the original prayer for the Holy Year can still properly be recited by the faithful who are now gaining the Holy Year indulgence, he said.

The Pontiff has granted a partial indulgence of seven years for each recitation of the revised prayer and a plenary indulgence under conditions for its recitation daily for a month. This is the same indulgence which was granted to the original Holy Year prayer.

Religious Groups Exempted From Wage Freeze

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Religious, educational and charitable institutions which are exempt under federal law will be exempted from the present nationwide "wage freeze," the Wage Stabilization Board ruled here.

The exemption means that religious groups can raise the salaries of their ministers, parish workers and other employees, without consulting the Wage Stabilization Board for approval. In addition to affecting churches the exemption applies to hospitals, schools, colleges and other religious-affiliated organizations.

Protestant Weekly Studies Converts To Catholic Faith

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Apparently it was more available by way of rosary beads or at the foot of a crucifix.

"One of the most damning of the essays is written by the Negro author, Elizabeth Laura Adams," the Christian Century writer reported. "Her experience in a church where she was asked by the pastor not to return because white parishioners objected to kneeling at the altar with a colored person hastened her steps to Rome."

"Others were offended by the class distinctions they witnessed, and by unfriendly attitudes toward laborers in evangelical churches."

Catholics Sponsor Italian War Orphans

Rome—(RNS)—Plans for sending 5,000 Italian war orphans to the United States have been approved by Vatican and Italian authorities. It was announced here.

The children, all under nine, will be under the care of War Relief Services of the National

Near East Missions

Francis Cardinal Spellman, President
Mgr. Thomas J. McMahon, Nat'l Sec'y
Mgr. Joseph F. Connolly

WHILE THE IRON IS HOT!!

Cardinal Spellman's enthusiastic welcome in Egypt last month and the desire of that country to have a cultural exchange of the Vatican are the only signs of Catholic progress in the Near East. Cairo, Cairo suburb, furnishes its own proof. Until recently a single room served for Mass. So great has been the number of converts that Cairo now has a regular chapel.

ADDIS ABABA AND FORESIGHT

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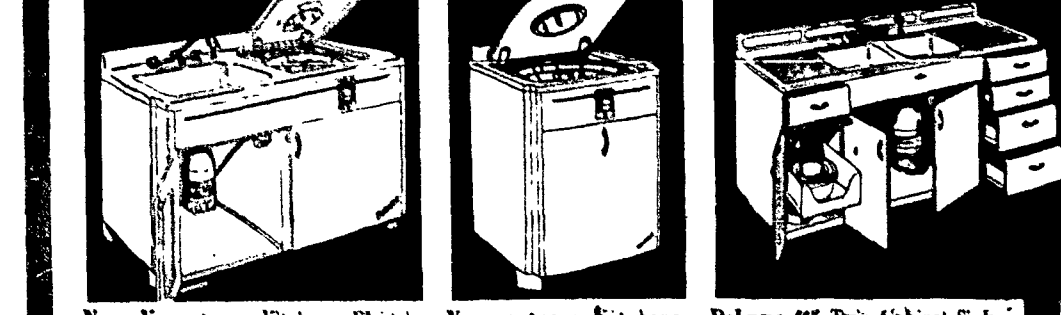
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Atheist Fights Religion Work At University

Minneapolis, Minn.—(RNS)—A self-styled "militant atheist" has begun a legal fight against the University of Minnesota here on the grounds that it is too friendly to organized religion.

Frank C. Hughes, the atheist, and a 1903 alumnus of the university, says he will go to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary, to halt what he claims is "wholesale violation" of the Constitution by the university.

MR. HUGHES HAS filed written complaint against the university with C. U. Landrum, United States District Attorney in St. Paul. A wealthy 63-year-old utility engineer, Mr. Hughes is now studying law to pursue the case.

As precedent for his action, Mr. Hughes cited the U. S. Supreme Court decision in the McCollum case on what he defines as "separation of Church and State." He hopes to obtain a similar decision affecting higher education.

It is illegal, Mr. Hughes contends, for the university to permit religious organizations to use university property for their meetings.

Plan First Catholic Youth Retreat Site

New York—(RNS)—Plans were announced here for America's first Roman Catholic retreat house for youth, which is expected to be opened at Monroe, N. Y., next September. Known as Gonzaga, the 48-room retreat center will aim primarily at providing youthful inductees with moral and spiritual training preparatory to beginning military life.

Working on plans for the retreat house is Father John W. Magan, S.J., who said it will occupy reconvered premises of the old Seven Springs Mountain House at Monroe made famous by the late George M. Cohan in his play, "Seven Keys to Baldpate."