

Statue Of Mother Cabrini, New Orleans Benefactress Opposed By Ministers

New Orleans — (RNS) — Five Protestant ministers said in court here that city officials had improperly permitted the erection of a statue of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini on a public parkway, and that the statue should be removed.

The citymen said that the statue of Mother Cabrini was 20 feet high and to many of them an eyesore because of the American heritage which separates the church from the state.

They also said that the statue was erected in 1929, and that it was erected in violation of the city charter which prohibits the erection of statues on public property.

The city, in defending its right to permit the statue on public property, stressed that Mother Cabrini was a noted New Orleans benefactress. Photographs were submitted showing 17 statues and plaques in New Orleans public places.

In memory of individuals, religious and lay, outstanding in civic life.

One of the monuments was in honor of the Rev. Dr. H. M. Palmer, a Presbyterian minister, whose name also was given to a city park and a school building. City attorneys brought out that the original name of the park was changed to Palmer Park by a city ordinance.

Presiding at the trial was Judge Louis E. Yarrut. At the outset he remarked: "This is an extraordinary case. Protestants and Catholics are appearing before a judge of the Jewish faith."

All but two of the defense witnesses had been students in a school for indigent children which Mother Cabrini organized in the French quarter (Vieux Carre) of New Orleans.

A number of the witnesses knew the saint personally, and told stories of how she visited the sick and distributed food to the needy, regardless of race, color or creed. They particularly praised Mother Cabrini's work during a yellow fever epidemic here.

The Protestant clergyman said the inscription beneath the statue made no mention of public good done by the nun as the reason why the figure was erected. Without such explanation, they contended, the statue is simply a religious figure which should be on church property.

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Yugoslavia Gets Mild Note On Religious Persecution

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The State Department has quietly delivered to the government of Yugoslavia a mild note protesting the persecution of religion in that country, it was learned here.

Congress, in approving a \$5-million-dollar emergency aid program for Yugoslavia last December, insisted that Marshall Tito be informed that this government strongly disapproved of Yugoslavia's policy of suppressing religious and political liberty.

The State Department, however, is said to have toned down the protest to considerably less than what had been expected.

The note was delivered "about February 1," State Department officials said, when the first American assistance under the relief program arrived in Yugoslavia.

The State Department declined to make public the text of the note, but it probably will be included in a report to Congress which the Department will make April 1, pursuant to a requirement written into the aid bill.

Originally, the Yugoslav desk of the State Department had drafted a vigorously worded note to the Yugoslav government. This note was to have dropped a broad hint that the United States would appreciate some act of religious amnesty by the Tito government as evidence of its good faith.

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What Ohio Would Spend To Educate Catholic Pupils

Diocese	Pupil Enrollment	Total Savings
Cincinnati	53,286	\$10,119,011.40
Cleveland	50,524	15,291,507.60
Columbus	16,948	5,214,425.20
Steubenville	5,483	1,641,221.70
Toledo	28,775	5,654,272.50
Youngstown	16,151	3,987,074.90

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NEW MEXICO:

Bans Nuns In Garb From Public School

Santa Fe, N.M. — (RNS) — The state board of education announced here that it had adopted a new policy of banning all Roman Catholic nuns, brothers and priests wearing religious garb from teaching in the public schools.

The board also declared it to be a policy not to rent any building owned by a religious group for public school purposes except under "exceptional circumstances."

THESE ACTIONS were taken after Assistant Attorney General Phil Durleavy asked a statement of the board's attitude in connection with the so-called Dixon case, in which a group of Protestants seek to bar religious influence from the public schools.

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The state board, in a resolution, said that its new policy was adopted on the advice of the attorney general's office.

"It is hereby resolved and adopted as the policy of this board," the resolution stated, "that all nuns, brothers, or priests of the Catholic Church, or members of any other sectarian religious group, wearing clothing of religious significance, should be removed from the public schools throughout the state as expeditiously as circumstances in each locality allow; and, it is further adopted as the policy of this board that insofar as possible no property owned by religious groups shall be leased or rented by the state from such religious or sectarian organizations unless exceptional circumstances require such action."

The Dixon case was instituted by Protestant residents of Dixon and other New Mexico communities. Named as defendants were numerous members of Catholic religious orders, the state board of education and other state officials.

WHILE DISTRICT Judge E. Turner Hensley had decided generally in favor of the plaintiffs they appealed his ruling to the supreme court.

The group sought, among other things, to have the court's injunction against nuns, priests and brothers teaching in the public schools extended to all members of religious orders. Judge Hensley made the order applicable only to the 145 religious named as defendants in the case.

In view of the state board of education's new policy it was expected that the attorney general's office would ask for dismissal of the appeal.

N. M. Governor Signs Bus Bill

Santa Fe, N.M., — (RNS) — Gov. Edwin L. Mechem has signed a bill, passed by the state Senate and House, permitting parochial school pupils to ride on public school buses.

Under a 1949 district court decision in the Dixon case, parochial and private school pupils were prohibited from using public school buses.

Governor Mechem said he had an opinion from Attorney General Joe L. Martinez that the bill was valid under the state constitution.

Norway Catholics Gain In Numbers

Oslo — (RNS) — Membership in religious groups outside the Norwegian State Lutheran Church jumped from 90,000 to 120,000 in the past two decades, according to the 1950 public census returns released here.

Roman Catholics increased 75 per cent in the past 15 years, with especially large gains made among intellectuals. Norway has about 5,000 Catholics today, served by some 50 priests. There is a priest for every 100 members, as compared with a minister for every 3,500 members of the State Church.

The Roman Catholic Church in Norway also has 20 hospitals and about 400 monks and nuns.

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