

# Negro Leader Hails Church As World's 'Only Safeguard'

New York — (NC) — The Rev. A. A. Allen, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said he came to this conclusion as the result of making a Holy Year journey to Rome. He told the crowd...

out of arrival, my wife and I were deeply impressed by the (freedom) and courtesy of the people," Mr. Allen said.

## EDUCATORS MEET



Among the leading speakers at the 46th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association, to be held at Cleveland, March 27-30, are (shown above) Clara Boothe Luce, of Connecticut, former congresswoman, author and convert; and J. Howard McGrath, Attorney General of the United States. It is expected that 12,000 delegates and friends of Catholic education in the United States will attend the sessions. (NC Photos)

## 30,000 British Throng Fr. Peyton's Rosary Rally

London — (NC) — More than 30,000 people crowded Preston's covered market for the largest religious gathering in the Lancashire diocese to hear the Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.M.C., producer of America's famed radio broadcast, the Family Theater.

Announcing this campaign, Bishop Flynn stated that modern life tended to separate individual members of families and make the home merely a place for eating and sleeping.

## Soviet Zone Bishop Dead

Frankfurt — (NC) — Bishop Peter Legge of Meissen, only Catholic Ordinary in the Soviet zone of Germany, has died at his residence at Bautzen, Saxony, at the age of 68, it is announced here.

## Real Skeleton In His Closet

Missionary Tells About Mr. Yamashita

Tokyo — (NC) — "I have a skeleton in my closet, a real honest to goodness, 100 per cent genuine skeleton," reports the Rev. George Bellas, of Perth Amboy, N.J., a Columbian missionary in Japan.

## Catholic General Eisenhower Aide

London — (NC) — Maj. Gen. Frank Festing, a Catholic, is one of three Britons appointed to key staff positions at General Dwight D. Eisenhower's supreme headquarters in Europe.

General Festing, now Assistant Chief of Staff for Organization and Training in the Atlantic Army, was formerly British commander-in-chief in Hong Kong and served in Burma during World War II.

## Old Auto Plates To Aid Charity

Providence, R. I. — (NC) — With proceeds to be given to the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal in May, Bishop Russell J. McVinney has designated The Providence Visitor, diocesan Catholic weekly, as the official agency for the collection of automobile registration plates now being discarded by motorists for new plates.

The plates are being collected to be sold for their metal value. Plans call for the installation of a receptacle near each parish church and a canvas of each parish by boy and girl scouts.



## Bp. McDonnell Appointed To Coadjutor Post

Washington — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has named the Most Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell, Titular Bishop of Sela, to be Coadjutor, with right of succession, to Bishop John J. Swint of Wheeling, West Virginia.

Born in New York City, August 18, 1894, Bishop McDonnell studied at Xavier High School Cathedral College, St. Joseph's Seminary (Dunwoode) and the Fordham University Graduate School.

He was ordained to the priesthood on September 19, 1919. He was New York archdiocese director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1923 to 1936, and national director of the Society from 1936 to 1950.

Bishop McDonnell was consecrated Titular Bishop of Sela on September 15, 1947, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. Cardinal Spellman was the consecrating prelate.

## Catholic Press Spokesmen Oppose Postage Increase

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Spokesmen for the nation's Catholic press warned the House post office and civil service committee here that proposed increases in second-class mailing rates might result in the suspension of many Catholic publications.

The warning was sounded by F. A. Fink, managing editor of Our Sunday Visitor and president of the Catholic Press Association; the Rev. Thomas A. Meehan, editor of The New World, Chicago, and vice president of the association; and the Rev. Paul Bussard, editor of the Catholic Digest.

They appeared as witnesses at a hearing on legislation which would increase second-class mailing rates by 50 per cent immediately, and by an additional 25 per cent in each of the next two years.

Mr. Fink said that several diocesan editions of Our Sunday Visitor would "without a doubt" be forced to suspend publication if the postal rate bill is passed by Congress as it stands.

Declaring that subscription rates have been increased to a point where circulation is diminishing, he said that any new increase would result in further diminution.

FATHER MEEHAN told the committee that "for many of our smaller Catholic publications an increase in second-class rates would be almost confiscatory."

Placing before the committee the budget of the New World, official organ of the Chicago archdiocese, the priest said that during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1950, when the paper's deficit was \$1,937, the postage bill was \$14,531.16.

A doubling of the mailing charges, he said, would present a serious threat to the paper, which, with a present circulation of 142,873 and an annual subscription rate of \$3.50, is one of the strongest regional Catholic newspapers in the country.

FATHER BUSSARD reminded the committee that low rates were provided for second class matter 72 years ago with the aim of encouraging the dissemination of information to the public.

He said that to increase the rates at the expense of the religious press would be to reverse this policy and also the growth of religious publications which had occurred as a result of the cheap mailing rates.

## Postage Rate Raises Issue On Constitution

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Whether the setting up of a special postage rate for religious publications would violate the First Amendment to the Constitution is being debated by members of the House post office and civil service committee.

Witnesses who testified on behalf of the Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish press at hearings on legislation to increase postage rates scored strongly with the committee.

AN INFORMAL poll by Religious News Service disclosed that a majority of the committee will vote to keep second class rates the same for church publications as they are now.

The question disturbing several members is whether a special concession to the religious press would constitute giving direct aid to church groups.

AT LEAST one member has suggested that in view of the constitutional problem, it will be necessary to extend to all non-profit publications the same concession given the religious press.

If non-profit publications are given a special rate careful definitions and standards will have to be incorporated in the law so that commercial publications and newspapers could not change themselves and secure this rate.

Rep. M. G. Burnside (D-W.Va.) raised another question at the hearings when he asked representatives of church-owned periodicals whether there are any publications calling themselves religious which, in point of fact, might not be.

The witnesses agreed that there are some publications which might be hard to classify. "How will we define what is a religious publication?" Rep. Burnside asked.



FATHER BUSSARD

## Aged Doctor To Be Priest

Cologne, Germany — (NC) — The forthcoming ordination here of Dr. Josef Engländer, former chief surgeon of the hospital at St. Wendel in the Sarre territory, will break an age record in Germany so far believed to be held by the Rev. Bruno Borowski, a former high school teacher, who is 70 years old and will be ordained shortly in the Paderborn diocese.

## Nuns Open Australia Maternity Hospital

Sydney, Australia — (NC) — The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, an Australian foundation of nuns, have opened the largest and most modern maternity hospital ever erected in this country.

## Near East Missions

Francis Cardinal Spellman, President of the Near East Missions, is shown in a photograph with other officials.

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