

Clarifies Ruling On Baccalaureate Rite

Albany, N. Y. — (RNS) — The State Education Department has clarified its position on a recent ruling by Commissioner Lewis A. Wilson banning baccalaureate services in New York public school buildings.

Dr. Charles A. Breda, the department's chief counsel, said the clarification was necessary to remove any doubt as to the nature of the baccalaureate service which had been held in several schools in connection with summer commencement programs.

The fact that a baccalaureate is a religious rite, and that the baccalaureate service is a religious rite, does not mean that the baccalaureate service is a religious rite.

Dr. Breda said the recent ruling by the education commissioner was meant to restrain the board of education at Saratoga Springs from conducting a service that had been described as a religious rite in both content and form.

Dr. Breda said the service was held in the form of a "straight Protestant service."

Objection to the service was raised by Mrs. Edward V. Dargin, pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, Clifton Falls, who charged it was "contrary to the religious teachings and tenets of the Catholic hierarchy."

The responsibility for making certain that proposed baccalaureate services do not fall under the commissioner's ban is on the hands of local boards of education, Dr. Breda said.

Baccalaureate are a "good thing," he added, so long as they do not adhere to the line of religious teaching.

SENTENCED TO DEATH



One of the defendants in the recent Dixon case, Vincent Miller, and his wife and two children (above) who have arrived in the United States from an International Refugee Organization camp in Germany. The family, brought to America by War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, will live in Gratton, N. D., where Mr. Miller will work for the Rev. Vasily Kaban, who was lucky to escape with his life from Czechoslovakia where he was sentenced to death "in absentia" after a dramatic underground escape.

State Court Studies Ruling In Dixon Case

Santa Fe, N. M. — (RNS) — The New Mexico Supreme Court reserved decision in the Dixon school case after listening to five hours of argument by attorneys.

The suit, brought by a group of Protestant residents of Dixon and other New Mexico communities, seeks to prevent members of Roman Catholic religious orders from teaching in public schools.

MARREY L. MORSE, attorney for the Protestants, asked the court to prohibit members of Catholic orders from wearing religious garb in the schools if it refuses his plea for a complete ban on such teachers.

Assistant Attorney General James B. Cooney, representing the state board of education, asked dismissal of the case on the grounds that no Catholic nuns, brothers or priests are now teaching in the public schools.

"There is no longer any controversy," he said. "There is no longer any dispute. All points raised in this case have been settled."

MR. COONEY referred to a recent state education board resolution that all members of religious orders would be removed as teachers as soon as possible.

He also referred to an announcement by Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne of Santa Fe that no such teachers would renew their contracts for the next year.

The Dixon suit was instituted on March 10, 1948. On March 12, 1949, District Judge E. T. Hensley enjoined about 140 Catholic religious from teaching in the public schools.

The Protestant group appealed this decision to the state supreme court in an attempt to extend the ban to all priests, brothers and nuns.

With the record filling 2,000 pages, an early decision by the supreme court is not expected.

Killed By Reds



The body of Rev. Patrick Kelly (above), Irish St. Columbanus Father, shot last August by the Reds near Kiangung, Korea, has been found and identified. He is the second priest of the Society of St. Columbanus whose death at the hands of the Reds has been established. Seven others still are missing. (NCO Photos)

Catholic School Named For Rose Hawthorne

Concord, Mass. — (RNS) — Rose Hawthorne, daughter of novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne and founder of a Roman Catholic religious order to care for the cancer-stricken poor, will be memorialized here during her centennial when a new Catholic school is named in her honor.

A combination high and elementary school, to be operated on a co-educational basis, will be erected on a Main Street site at a cost of \$300,000.

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston acquired the five-acre tract of land close by the old Concord Mill Dam.

Rose Hawthorne, widow of George Parsons Lathrop, was a native of Lenox, Mass., and died in 1928 at the age of 75 years after 25 years of service to the sick poor as a Dominican nun of the Sisters of Rose of Lima.

She spent most of her girlhood years in Concord.

China Regime Bans Catholic Bureau

Taipei — (NC) — The Catholic Central Bureau, central organization of the Catholic Church in China, was ordered to suspend its activities on June 8 and submit all its publications to an official investigation.

Suspension of the Catholic organization, which has headquarters in Shanghai and is modeled after the National Catholic Welfare Conference in the United States, was announced by the official communist press and learned here. The Red announcement denounced the Central Bureau as "a tool of the imperialist exploiters."

This was a reference to Archbishop Anthony Riberi, Papal Internuncio to China with headquarters in Nanking.

THE COMMUNIST press further charged the Central Bureau with "sabotaging" the government's "independent church movement" and declared that an "investigation" would be made into the Bureau's "political background."

Archbishop Riberi has been under ceaseless newspaper attack since the Red authorities published his circular letter to all Bishops in China on May 15. In this communication the Internuncio warned all prelates that a "manifesto" said to have been signed by "the Catholics of Nanking" was issued without his knowledge or approval.

It is believed here that the Red authorities will make a show case of the Catholic Central Bureau since they have ordered members of the Bureau to hold themselves in readiness for a "complete examination."

AMONG THOSE HELD is Bishop James E. Walsh, Cumberland-born Maryknoller, who has served as executive secretary of the Bureau. The former Superior General of Maryknoll is accused by the Reds of turning the organization into "a prominent, anti-communist stronghold against the people."

Pope Receives Secretary Tobin

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII received in a special audience, June 22, U. S. Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, his family, and members of a party that accompanied him.

Marquette ROTC Milwaukee, Wis. — (NC) — An Army engineers unit of the ROTC will be established this fall at Marquette University and an estimated two-thirds of those accepted for basic training will be selected for draft deferment.

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Protestants Ring Bells In Honor of Famed Priest

London — (NC) — The bells of a Protestant village church rang out in celebration and a non-Catholic landowner threw open his castle for afternoon Mass to honor Dr. John Lingard, great priest-historian of the nineteenth century.

Over 10,000 people gathered from many parts of Britain for the occasion in the sun-drenched grounds of Bir Henry Parkinson's ancient, fairy-tale castle at Hornby, near Lancaster.

THE LOCAL Anglican vicar had allowed the bellringers of Lancaster Cathedral to use the belfry of his church to honor the "old doctor," as the villagers called Dr. Lingard during his 40 years there as Catholic pastor.

"FIRST, THAT WE, with our Roman friends, give public warning to the dangers to harmonious home life in mixed marriages."

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"FOURTH, that we further urge our young people to refuse to enter upon such agreements and decisions to maintain their own religious freedom and guarantee the religious freedom of their children."

Marine Chaplain Wounded In Korea

Washington — (NC) — The Rev. John M. Quick, 35-year-old chaplain with the Marine Corps, was severely wounded by a land mine in Korea and moved to a naval hospital in Japan for treatment, it was announced by the Navy Department here.

Father Quick is a priest of the Boston archdiocese and entered the naval chaplain corps in 1944. He was assigned to Korea on December 15, 1950. The priest was with the Fifth Marine Regiment of the First Marine Division wounded in central Korea.

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