

War Orphans Ready For U. S.

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The first group of Italian War Orphans have arrived in New York under the auspices of War Relief Services - National Catholic Welfare Conference. They were accompanied by Fr. Robert J. Morris, European Director, WRS and Mrs. Gabriella Facelli whose husband is nephew of Pope Pius XII and Monsignor Andrew P. Landi, of Brooklyn. They are shown with His Holiness prior to their departure for the United States.

NEA Rejects Move To Soften Nonpublic School Aid Stand

EPISCOPALIAN BISHOP NITS GODLESS SCHOOLS San Francisco - (NC) - An Episcopalian Bishop charged that public school education is falling in its purpose of training American youth for full citizenship. At a vespers service in Grace Episcopal Cathedral for NEA convention delegates, Bishop Henry H. Shires, Episcopalian Suffragan of California, asserted: "Education must face the fact that it is falling in its fundamental and declared purpose in training for citizenship if it sidesteps its obligations to give a proper place to God and the spiritual and moral values in its program."

"The secularism of American education means not just the omission of a consideration of religious and spiritual values from the curriculum, but amounts to a repudiation of religion in the eyes of those who are being educated," the Episcopalian Bishop declared. He said that "this is eminently unfair, just as it is unfair in the first place in any educational system to refuse to face up to a consideration of all the facts of life because so many of them are in the realm of the intangible." The Episcopalian Bishop recalled a quotation from Henry Luce, widely known publisher, who expressed doubt "whether freedom can long endure unless it is nourished by Christian roots and pruned by Christian judgment."

Reducing Grammar School Years Proposal Debated

Baltimore - (NC) - Reduction of the elementary school course from eight to six years was opposed in a statement issued here by the president of the Elementary School Department of the National Catholic Educational Association. The number of years a child spends in the grade school, said the Rev. Dr. Leo J. McCormick, should not be shortened for the purpose of getting more young men into the freshman and sophomore years of college before they begin military service. Dr. McCormick is superintendent of schools of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. WITHIN RECENT days the Very Rev. James T. Huser, S.J., president of Loyola University, spent in grade school "could not with profit be reduced to six." Chicago, said present world conditions had brought to notice an inherent weakness in the modern educational system; namely the waste of two years of a grammar school child's life, and that he saw no reason why the years "While it is conceded that a small percentage of elementary school pupils would profit by an acceleration of one year in school," Dr. McCormick said, "the larger percentage of such pupils would not be able to understand the general and specialized subject matter and use the tools of the elementary curriculum in six years in such a way as would approach mastery."

State Court Okays 'Released-Time'

Albany - New York State's "released-time" system for religious education was held constitutional Wednesday in a 6 to 1 decision by the New York Court of Appeals. "The constitution does not demand that every liberty gesture between church and state shall be discontinued." Thus wrote Judge Charles W. Frossard in the majority opinion on the released-time system, whereby pupils may leave public school classes for an hour each week to attend outside religious classes. THE JUDGES voted 6-1 in favor of released time. Two New York City parents, Thomas Seach and Mrs. Edna Giesek, had challenged the system on the ground it constituted aid to religion and violated the constitutional requirement for separation of church and state.

Peace Doubted With Millions In Red Slavery

New York, June 17 - (NC) - So long as millions of human beings are deprived of their God-given rights and held in abject slavery by the rulers of Soviet Russia, we may not attain that peaceful world toward which we now direct our whole-hearted efforts, Edward M. O'Connor, Commissioner of Disabled Veterans, Washington, said recently in Carnegie Hall. Speaking at the Baltic States Day Rally to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the brutal mass deportation of 200,000 Lithuanians, Estonians and Latvians, O'Connor warned that the tragic fate which befalls the people of the three nations should be a "warning to freedom-loving people everywhere that unless free nations and people unite and remain united their liberties and opportunities will be torn away from them and they too will be reduced to slavery." There are now from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 human beings in slave labor camps in the Soviet Union, the speaker pointed out, and it is upon this labor force that the entire structure of the Soviet economic system is built. IF THE FREE world is to survive, he added, it has to learn a few lessons from these historic facts: "That all free nations and people must unite and intensify the present efforts toward attainment of a common security to turn back the encroaching Red shadow of world conquest; that the day is long past when a few strong men can sit around a conference table and settle the future and fate of smaller nations."

Euthanasia Hit By Bishop Haas

Maastee, Mich. - (NC) - Bishop Francis J. Haas of Grand Rapids denounced euthanasia in an address at the dedication of a \$750,000 addition to Mercy Community Hospital here. Pointing out that the hospital stands "as a kind and tender mother to protect the life" that is in the human body, Bishop Haas said it "will not tolerate any of those things in the field of surgery or of drugs that enlighten and decent medical practice will not tolerate. In plain language it will not permit you, whoever you are or whatever your age, to be ruthlessly done away with. You are indeed protected."

KC To Convene in Pittsburgh Aug. 21

Pittsburgh - (NC) - The 69th annual international convention of the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus, will be held in this city from Aug. 21 to 23. Headquarters for the business sessions will be the Hotel William Penn and more than 480 delegates representing 700,000 members.

London Catholics Demand Parley on Housing

London - (RNS) - A demand for an all-party conference on housing which would take the question out of the field of party politics was made here by the Westminster diocesan council of the Catholic Parents Association. The council's demand was supported by Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster. The new addition will provide 65 more hospital beds. The hospital is operated by the Sisters of Mercy. Diamond direct from Amsterdam - Fine Quality - Low Prices. William S. Thomas, Jeweler, 318 East Main Street - Adv.

Communist Peace Interest Held Suspect In View Of Red Persecutions Elsewhere

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Pope Pius XII Calls Genuine Rural Life Strong Defense Against Economic Trends

Vatican City - (Radio, NC) - Pope Pius XII called for a strong defense against economic trends that threaten rural life. "The preservation of genuine rural life furnishes a powerful defense against economic trends that threaten rural life. The preservation of genuine rural life furnishes a powerful defense against economic trends that threaten rural life."

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Woman of Achievement

Selected from 25 candidates in the State City Women's contest, Mary Ellen Kelly of Moscow, Pa., an author, artist, and pianist, has been named the Woman of Achievement for 1951. Mrs. Kelly, who has spent the last 12 years on a bed of pain, is founder and president of the League of Good-Will Mothers and Friends of the Holy Family, with members in 41 states and nine foreign countries. She is married to her widowed mother, Mrs. John Kelly, whose mother was Queen of All Hearts Magazine, Columbus, Ohio. (NC Photos)

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