

NEA Stand On School Aid

(Continued from Page 1) In which they are named.

The association believes that nonpublic schools should be supported by state and federal aid.

The association therefore supports the use of public money for nonpublic schools. It was the only resolution of 16 in its entire history to be passed.

AT LEAST 20 delegates were on their feet making recognition before the hour-long debate was over—most of them in favor of taking the stand at all on the issue of aid to nonpublic schools.

Mrs. Emma La Bond of West Seneca, speaking for the whole Connecticut delegation, proposed an amendment that would prohibit federal aid to public schools which no reference to

legislative commission not be "tied to a position of Federal aid that twice has been defeated in Congress"—once each in the Senate and House.

CLEAR WARNING of a dangerous split in the ranks of teachers came from another member of the Connecticut delegation, Clifford D. Mignerey of Hartford. If the resolution stood, he said, it would alienate many in the teaching profession who believe firmly in nonpublic school pupils' right to auxiliary services.

Mrs. John J. Ryan, high school history instructor in San Francisco, drew applause when she put the issue squarely up to the teachers as teachers.

"The confused state of mind indicated in the resolution gives welcome ammunition to the critics of the public schools," she remarked. "Our reputation as educators is at stake."

"I wonder," she continued, "if there is really any American educator who believes that our national tradition of separation of church and state is made of such flimsy stuff that it would be imperiled by the calling of a warm lunch at public expense by a parochial school child?"

Historical precedent for state support of nonpublic education was brought into the discussion by an Ohio speaker who noted that the Ordinance of 1787 specifically emphasized the value of religious schools. He deplored the intrusion of "too much emotionalism" at the expense of logic.

A VETERAN of every NEA convention since 1931, Johanna Lindoff of New York City applied her long experience to the issue with this pertinent query: "How long will the association continue to defeat its goal of Federal aid by insisting on the exclusion of parochial school pupils?"

The plea changed no minds, however, and the convention quashed her proposed amendment, which would simply have deleted the final sentence of the resolution.

Bible for Hospital Alexandria, La. — (NC) — A Bible will be placed in each room of the new St. Francis Cabrini Hospital by the Bishop Van de Ven Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Wide Response in Radio Plea For Prayers for Servicemen

Washington — (NC) — Father William J. Clabby, who's a Colonel and an Air Force chaplain stationed in Alaska, started it and now the staff at the National Council of Catholic Men headquarters is buried under an avalanche of mail—each piece a contribution to an enormous spiritual bouquet being compiled for men and women serving with the country's forces in Korea.

Father Clabby, a priest of the San Francisco archdiocese, delivered an address "Our Son in the Air Force" on the Catholic Hour radio program, produced by the NCCM and carried by the National Broadcasting Company, on May 27. The address concluded a series of talks by chaplains from all branches of the U.S. armed forces.

He suggested that the listeners compile "the biggest spiritual bouquet this country has ever seen" as a gift for the men and women serving in Korea.

THAT WAS the start—and then the mail began pouring into NCCM headquarters here. There were penny postal cards and elaborate colored cards; pencilled letters with misspellings and carefully written letters in ink.

They came from individuals, from parish groups, from religious communities and similar organizations. Each piece of mail detailed the number of prayers, Masses and other good works that the donor to the spiritual bouquet would offer.

Martin H. Work, NCCM executive secretary, said the mail still is coming into headquarters and Father Clabby has informed him that he also is receiving spiritual bouquet mail at his headquarters in Anchorage, Alaska.

Father Clabby wrote that some of the mail is addressed to him "in care of the North Pole," some to "Father Clabby's Igloo."

Named Public Relations Head Cincinnati — (NC) — Edward P. VanderHart, director of public relations at Xavier University here, was named president-elect of the American College Public Relations Association at the association's annual convention at Miami Beach, Fla.

Centenary



Dr. John Lingard, famed English priest-historian of the 19th century, the centenary of whose death has just been celebrated in England. He wrote the monumental 5-volume history of England to 1886 and received a triple doctorate from Pope Leo XII created him a "Cardinal in petto." Dr. Lingard is buried in Ushaw College, first centenary in England after the Reformation.

Unnecessary Surgery Held Morally Wrong

Milwaukee, Wis.—(NC)—The problem of unnecessary surgery and the question of the rights of an individual over his own body, are subjects discussed in an article by the Rev. Gerald Kelly, S.J., in the June issue of Hospital Progress, official journal of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada.

In his column on "Medico-Moral Problems," the author weighs the moral aspects of a problem which has been presented even by members of the medical profession, "who seem to think that a person may do what he wants with his body; hence, if he wants an operation, that is his own business."

SPECIFICALLY, Father Kelly answers the hypothetical query whether it is morally wrong for a doctor to remove a healthy appendix, healthy tonsils, or a healthy gall bladder because a person asks for one of these operations, and, whether it is permissible to do a caesarean section merely because the mother does not want to go through the inconvenience of normal labor.

The right over one's body, Father Kelly asserts, has been described by the theologians "as one of reasonable administration, but not of absolute ownership," which, translated into terms of surgical operations, means that such operations are permissible for "proportionate reasons that concern the preservation or for instance permit the removal of a healthy appendix when the abdomen is open for some other operation and when appendectomy can be performed without adding undue risk for the patient, but would not be justified for the specific purpose of removing the appendix in the absence of medical indications for the operation.

There are exceptions even to this general rule, he said, as for instance the case of a young missionary who asked for removal of his healthy appendix because he was going to a place where expert surgery and would not be available and where, as a consequence, an attack of acute appendicitis, might mean a fatality.

Neither of the reasons, however, would justify the removal of a healthy gall bladder or tonsils, Father Kelly points out, nor a caesarean section to comply with a mother's desire to avoid the inconvenience of normal delivery.

Caesarean section, the author points out, entails greater risk than normal delivery for both mother and child and is accompanied and followed by other unfavorable factors, among them a scar on the uterus which decreases the normal physiological power of the uterus to safely carry future pregnancies to term, the probability that future caesareans will be necessary, troublesome adhesions and moral problems concerning sterilization.

1,000 Attend College Graduation in Jordan Amman, Jordan — (Radio, NC) — More than 1,000 persons crowded the local movie houses here to attend the graduation exercises of Terra Sancta College, which has been operated since 1943 by the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land.

Brother Anthony Bruya, O.F.M. principal, pointed out that while Terra Sancta College has been in Amman only three years, the Franciscans have been in the Holy Land for seven centuries and education has always formed a major part of their activities.

The Jordan Minister of Education, Ahmed Bey Tugan, presented diplomas. Among those present were members of the Jordan cabinet, other government officials and foreign diplomats, including Gerald A. Drew, United States Minister to Jordan.

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Rural Life Defense Against Economic Trend, Pope Says

(Continued from Page 1) mental principles of economic liberation equally lead, as soon as the search for profit by industrial capitalism process on economic life with all its weight, as soon as the interlocking links of the national economy are considered only in view of the market, as a simple price mechanism.

"And behold the similar consequences for rural populations seduced by industrial capitalism: either they become a mere reserve of manpower or they fall into lethargy in a miserable existence exposed to the most dangerous tensions."

SPEAKING ABOUT the "rural exodus," the flight from the land which is being deplored to some extent everywhere today, the Pope said that "the dominant part given to the interests of industrial capitalism in the production and distribution of goods," while not the only cause of this exodus, "has its influence" upon it.

The Pope said it would minimize the problem were one to speak only about an "abandonment" of the rural areas. The phenomenon, he said, must be plainly labeled an "exodus" in order to make everyone understand that the unilateral development of the economy ends with the shattering of the human and social structure of an entire people, while the soil, through lack of an energetic working population or through misdirected and forced cultivation, loses its productivity and the social economy falls into the gravest crisis.

THE HOLY FATHER lauded various measures taken in our times to counteract the unilateral orientation of economy and to lead toward the "ultimate goal" of a harmonious social economy. Referring to land reform measures, emigration and immigration resources of a national territory, the Pontiff said that all these measures "must aim besides other things, at assuring everywhere to rural people their proper character, prestige and value in economy and society.

It is precisely this character of the rural population which must be borne in mind when regrets are voiced over the fact

Boxing Clinic Set For Overseas Troops

Washington — (NC) — Edmund R. Lafond, athletic director of the Catholic University of America, has been selected by the Defense Department as one of six boxing coaches to visit the Far Eastern Command and give a series of boxing clinics for the troops.

He will fly from the West Coast Aug. 19 and return Sept. 20. Boxing instructions will be given at Hawaii, Guam, Wake Island, the Philippines and Tokyo. Whether Lafond and the other boxing coaches will visit the Korean command has not yet been determined. Lafond visited Germany for the Army last year and conducted boxing clinics among the American troops there.

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Reds' Peace Intentions Held Suspect

(Continued from Page 1) Communist control, this time with the color of legality, of a substantial part of Korea. They would probably see a good chance of taking South Korea later. The control of North Korea, with U. N. sanction, would give Communism another invaluable base for action directed towards the coveted prize—Japan.

A CRASH-FIRE followed by long discussions, drawn out by the Russians drew out the U. S. Soviet Commission meetings here in 1946 and 1947, would give them great advantages. The U. N. Forces would certainly deteriorate meanwhile. Red propagandists might hope to arouse popular feeling against all U. N. troops. Winter would be approaching. Every week's delay would increase internal difficulties of the U. N. forces and make resumption of hostilities more difficult.

Six years ago at Yalta, and again at Potsdam, the principal countries that will begin debating Korea's fate solemnly promised that "in due course Korea shall become free and independent." Russia proclaimed adherence to the Potsdam Declaration on entering the Pacific war. That pledge, still unfulfilled, is still binding.

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