

Dixon Protestants End School Fight

Santa Fe, N. M. — (RNS) — Protestant parents at Dixon who carried on a three-year suit aimed at barring alleged Roman Catholic influence from New Mexico public schools have ended their fight.

Harry Bigbee, Santa Fe attorney representing the Dixon group, said he had been instructed not to file motion for a rehearing in the State Supreme Court and not to appeal the case to the United States Supreme Court.

IN SEPTEMBER, the New Mexico Supreme Court banned the wearing of religious garb in the public schools of the state but did not however bar members of religious orders from serving as public school teachers.

Mr. Bigbee said the Dixon parents feel that their objectives have been accomplished and further court action would serve no useful purpose.

No word was forthcoming from attorneys on the other side in the suit. However, the deadline for the defendants to file a motion for rehearing has passed.

Future Mission Field Sighted In Near East

JOHN C. WATSON, Santa Fe attorney for the defendants said the decision as to whether they would seek a U. S. Supreme Court ruling in the case would be made by attorneys in Washington. However, this development appeared unlikely since cases are rarely appealed to the U. S. Supreme court without the defendants first seeking a rehearing in the State Supreme Court.

The original ruling in the case was made in March 1924 by District Judge E. T. Hensley of Portales. He barred 139 religious from teaching in the state's tax supported schools. In its recent decision, the State Supreme Court employed 121 specified brothers and nuns from serving as instructors in public schools on the grounds that they taught religion. It dismissed the injunction against 13 nuns, declaring there was no evidence to support a finding that they taught religion.

THE STATE Supreme Court affirmed most of the other points in Judge Hensley's ruling. These included barring public school classes from church owned buildings, prohibiting the distribution of free textbooks to parochial schools, and prohibiting the transportation of the parochial

Christ Teachings For The Deaf



Marion Quinn, of the staff of Chicago's Catholic Charities, demonstrates the techniques of teaching the deaf to a group of nuns at the Ninth National Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, in Chicago, November 7-11. Little Denise Downey, 11-year-old pupil of Parker Oral-Deaf Center, is being taught to understand the Ascension of Christ. (NG Photos)

Ousted China Missioner Reveals Red Terror Tactics

New Orleans — (NC) — "The Catholic Church will be closed down in China by New Year's day," a priest stated here.

He is the Rev. Thomas J. Smith, a M. S. S. S. general of the Yuxiang diocese, who is now visiting friends and relatives in his native city. Father Smith was expelled with Bishop William Quinn, O. M. of Kwangsi and the Rev. Robert Kraft, a Dominican from St. Joseph, Mo.

"IF COMMUNISTS keep on their present course for long it will be very hard for the Church to regain its strength here," Father Smith said. Numerous restrictions were placed on the bishop and priests in Yuxiang, but never in the name of religion, the priest stated. "When we were restricted to our compound it was to protect us from bandits," he said.

There was no formal attempt to suppress Mass but the priests had to take a census of the people and were taking down the name of every person who attended to go to Mass on

Bp. McGovern Dies

Cheyenne, Wyo. — (NC) — A Solemn Requiem Mass was held in St. Mary's Cathedral here on Nov. 12 for Bishop Patrick A. McGovern of Cheyenne, who died here (Nov. 7) at the age of 79. He was a priest 56 years and a Bishop 39 of them.

Seminary Professor Says Knockout Boxing Morally Wrong

Woodstock, Md. — (NC) — Boxing that has "the knockout and technical knockout as goals, gives credit for punching power and caters to the brutishness of the spectators" is morally wrong, the Rev. Eugene Hillman, S.S.P., of St. Mary's Seminary, Norwalk, Conn., contends.

Father Hillman's views are expressed in an article, "The Morality of Boxing," which appears in Theological Studies, a periodical of the American Jesuit Theological Faculty, edited at Woodstock College here. The article deals only with the moral aspects of boxing.

U. S. Catholic Spirit Hailed For Sacrifice

Frankfurt — (NC) — "The spirit of sacrifice of American Catholics," said Mgr. Oskar Jandl, director of Catholic charities of the Munich-Freising archdiocese upon his return from a three-month trip to the United States.

"It is tremendous and almost beyond the comprehension of Europeans," Monsignor Jandl explained that American Catholics contribute freely to ward their church, parochial schools and Catholic charities considerably over ten per cent of their income.

THE GERMAN visitor also was deeply impressed by the large number of Catholic men in America who attend church frequently and regularly.

"The American Catholic Church," he said, "is distinctly a men's church, for men attend divine services and receive the Sacraments in a number equal to that of the women and distinguish themselves by their exemplary behavior and their active cooperation in all the activities of the church."

"Alan, in no other country of the world is there such an intimate relationship between the clergy and the laity, and Europeans are happily surprised to find American Catholics always ready to profess their faith in public," Monsignor Jandl stated.

True Aim Of Sports Told Sport Writers

Vatican City — (NC) — Sports must never become an end in themselves but serve as a means toward furthering man's spiritual and moral perfection. This was one of four messages laid down by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a French language address to sports writers from St. Peter's Basilica.



Pope Pius XII

The journalists, members of the International Association of Sports Writers, were received in special audience at Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer residence, following a meeting held in Rome in connection with the Olympic Games, scheduled to be held in Helsinki, Finland, in summer, 1932. Prior to that event, the Olympic Winter Games will take place in various countries of the Continent.

"As with all other things which help the race of the body," the Pontiff told the sports writers, "sports must not be an end in themselves. They must not degenerate into a cult of the material. Sports are in the service of the whole man and, far from imposing his moral and spiritual perfection, they must promote and assist it."

As a second norm, the Pontiff declared it to be the purpose of sports to achieve recreation and relaxation, the means used to do his work in a better manner. "It would be foolish, and in the long run, the common good would suffer — were sports to take first place in men's occupation to such a degree that the profession of the job would appear to be merely an annoying interruption of the principal thing in life," he said.

SEVERAL THE POPE declared that sports should not partake of intimacy between the partners in a marriage, for the holy joy of family life. Sports should not make excessive demands upon a person's life, since today's need for existence constitutes already enough strain on family ties.

Fourth, the Holy Father mentioned that sports must never overshadow the fact that "on Sunday the first place belongs to God." "The Church does not prohibit Sunday sports," the Pope said, "the books upon it kindly provided care to make that Sunday remains the Lord's Day, a day of corporal and spiritual repose."

Like the rest of the family, religious duties, always must have first consideration, the Pontiff counseled.

"A boxer dies," Father Hillman contends, "when he attempts to land severe blows on the head of his opponent. The matter is grave because of the importance and delicacy of the organ which is attacked."

Father Hillman says that for spectators at a boxing match there is grave danger of concussion and taking pleasure in inflicting pain on another person. He says that if cruelty is combined with its demoralizing influence on the spectators, how much more demoralizing is the spectacle of deliberate injury to fellowman."

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