

Dixon Protestants End School Fight

Santa Fe, N. M. — RNS — school pupils in public school buses. 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 motions 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 handed 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 decision for the defendants to file a motion for rehearing has passed.

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 1948 by District Judge E. T. Hennessy of Portales. He barred 138 religious from teaching in the state's tax-supported schools. In its recent decision the State Supreme Court employed 124 specific holdings and reasons from its own as well as those from the federal courts on the grounds that the teaching of religion is a violation of the constitution against 15 points, declaring there was no evidence to support a finding that the teaching of religion.

THE STATE Supreme Court affirmed most of the other points in Judge Hennessy'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. (NO Photos)

U. S. Catholic Spirit Hailed For Sacrifice

Frankfurt—(NC)—The spirit of sacrifice of American Catholics," said Msgr. Oskar Jandl, director of Catholic charities of the Munich-Freising archdiocese upon his return from a three-month trip to the United States. "is tremendous and almost beyond the comprehension of Europeans." Monsignor Jandl explained that American Catholics contribute freely toward 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 man'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."

"Also, 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, said Pope Pius XII in a French-language address to sports writers from 13 countries.

The journalists, members of the International Association of Sports Writers, were received in special audience at Castelgandolfo, 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, 1952. 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 care of the body," the Pontiff told the sports writers, "sports must not be an end in themselves. They must not degenerate into a sort of idolatry, or become a means to the end of the person's life, since today's man, in his moral and spiritual perfection, they must promote and assist it."

As a second theme, the Pontiff declared it to be the purpose of sports to render recreation and relaxation, thus enabling man to do his work in a better manner. "It would be foolish," said the long-ran the summer past to sell would matter—were sports to take first place in man's education to seek a career that the profession of the job would appear to be merely an annoying interruption of the pleasant thing in life," he said.

THIRD, THE POPE declared that sports should not separate intimacy between the partners in a marriage, nor the holy look of family life. "Sports should not make excessive demands upon a person's life, since today's man, for instance, constitutes already enough strain on family life."

Fourth, the Holy Father reminded 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, "she looks upon it kindly—provided care is taken that Sunday remains the Lord's Day, a day of corporal and spiritual repose."

Line the needs of the family, religious duties, too, always must have first consideration, the Pontiff concluded.

Future Mission Field Sighted In Near East

New York—(NC)—With millions of dissident Orthodox believers in the Near and Middle East and the shadow of Islam over all the region, Catholic missionaries in those areas are the mission of the future.

This is the forecast of the booklet "Silver Threads" issued by the Catholic Near East Welfare Association on the occasion of its silver jubilee.

THE BOOKLET notes the variety of rites and languages in which the Catholic Church is "decked out as a queen" in these areas.

She protects not only millions who follow Mass in Latin, but other millions of the Armenian, the Byzantine, the Coptic, the Antiochian and the Chaldean Rites, whose adherents use at least 13 other languages in their liturgies, the booklet says.

"NOR IS THE Church our Holy Mother unmindful that there are 16,000,000 more dissidents who for the most part have the real Mass, true Bishops and valid Sacraments, but whose ancestors turned from the See of Peter in the amenable schism of the fifth to the eleventh century," says the booklet.

Ousted China Missioner Reveals Red Terror Tactics

New Orleans—(NC)—The Catholic Church will be closed down in China by New Year, a priest ousted by the Reds predicted on his arrival here.

He is the Rev. Thomas J. Smith, C.M., vicar general of the Yukiang diocese, who is now visiting friends and relatives in his native city. Father Smith was expelled with Bishop William Quinn, C.M., of Kuangsi and the Rev. Robert Kraft, a Vincentian from St. Joseph, Mo.

"IF COMMUNISTS keep control of China 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 Yukiang, but never in the name of religion, the priest related. "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 make a house-to-house canvass each week taking down the name of each person who intended to go to Mass on Sunday. This list was turned over to the security police. Then, on Sunday, the police checked in each one listed. If one failed to show up for Mass or if anyone not listed appeared at the church door the priest was guilty of breaking the law."

"WHEN SUNDAY Mass was finally suppressed it was because all Sunday events were forbidden. They interfered with the agrarian reform. It was all done very politely. No priest was ever arrested for performing his priestly functions, but always on a false charge of spying, giving credit for punching power and caldera to the brutishness of the Red. Eugene Hillman, S.S.S., of St. Mary's Seminary, Norwalk, Conn., contends.

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Bp. McGovern Dies

Cheyenne, Wyo. — (NC) — A Solerian 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 30 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 caldera to the brutishness of the Red. Eugene Hillman, S.S.S., of St. Mary's Seminary, Norwalk, Conn., contends.

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depriving a man of his consciousness, Father Hillman asserts, it can be allowed only for very grave reasons, but certainly not for any amount of money. He invites opponents of his views to consider how much a fighter on the verge of a knockout is like a drunken man to compare the morality of the two situations.

The real danger of physical injury, especially to the brain, is cited by Father Hillman as another reason for outlawing boxing. Father Hillman says that injury to the body without a proportionately grave reason is a

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violation of the Fifth Commandment—Thou shalt not kill.

FATHER HILLMAN says that years ago the danger was not so great because skill predominated over punching power. He said that a punch to the head by a 140-pound fighter, according to tests, may have the impact of 800 pounds and that headgear have been proven to have little effect in preventing certain types of brain injury. Father Hillman cites the observation of a doctor to the effect that it is "probable that no head blow is taken with impunity and that each knockout causes definite and irreparable damage."

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"A boxer who," Father Hillman contends, "when he attempts to land severe blows on the head of his opponent? The matter is grave because of the seriousness 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 possession in injuries done to another person. He says that if cruelty to animals is condemned, "largely because of its demoralizing influence on the spectators, how much more demoralizing is the spectacle of deliberate injury to fellowman?"

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