

Paul Blanshard, Church Foe, Talks At Catholic School

Mt. Angel Abbey, Ore.—(RNS)—Catholic educators at Mt. Angel Seminary here permitted Paul Blanshard, author of two controversial books on the Catholic Church, to visit the college and state his views before the entire student body and faculty.

This novel situation sprang from Mr. Blanshard's statement, made at First Christian church in Eugene, Ore., several days earlier, that he had never been allowed inside a Catholic school.

THE REV. Matthias Burger, O.S.B., a teacher at Mt. Angel college, heard Mr. Blanshard's talk in Eugene, and invited him to visit the college. Father Damian Jeniges, Abbot of Mt. Angel, approved the invitation.

Mr. Blanshard was not placed under restriction of any kind as to the nature of his remarks, which were about as argumentative, from the Catholic point of view, as might be imagined.

Since Mr. Blanshard said that his time was limited, it was agreed that the audience would be permitted to interrupt his talk at any time to question a statement. In this way, the audience had a chance to challenge Mr. Blanshard, even though there was not time for an extensive question period at the close of his talk.

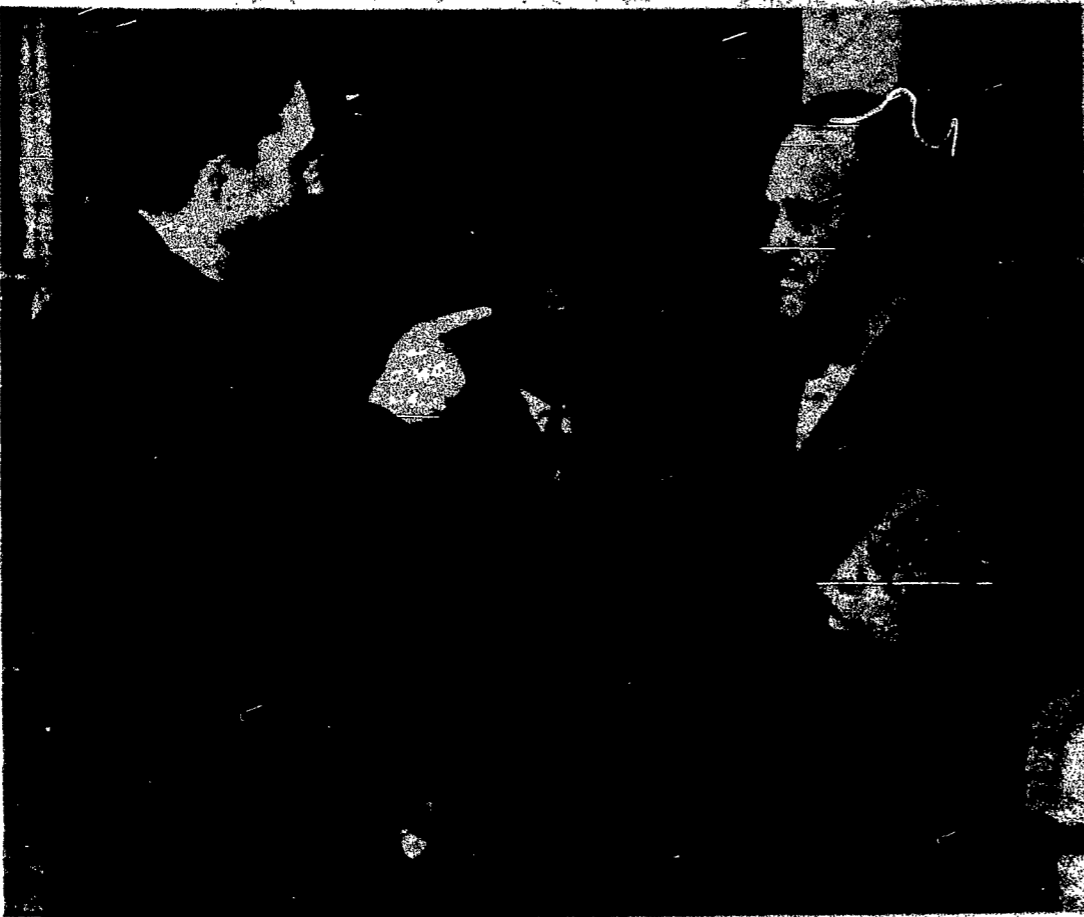
FOR ABOUT 12 minutes Mr. Blanshard spoke without interruption; then the audience began to bombard him with questions. From that time on, practically every statement he made was challenged, mostly by the college's students.

At the close of his talk, Mr. Blanshard thanked the faculty and students of Mt. Angel for having invited him.

"Our students came away with the conviction," Father Damian said, "that Mr. Blanshard starts from false premises and therefore reaches false conclusions."

"WE CERTAINLY feel that we did the right thing in inviting him," Father Damian added. "Our purpose was to prove to Mr. Blanshard, and to the public, that our doors are not closed to anyone. We were not seeking publicity in this matter, but we felt that the statements Mr. Blanshard has been making should not go unchallenged."

Mr. Blanshard is the author of "American Freedom and Catholic Power" and "Communism, Democracy and Catholic Power." His address in Eugene was sponsored by Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.



Mt. Angel Abbey, Ore.—On the invitation of Father Matthias Burger, O.S.B., of Mt. Angel Abbey (left), Paul Blanshard, author of two books attacking the Catholic Church (right), visited the Seminary to state his views before the entire student body and faculty. Mr. Blanshard is shown talking to Father Burger after his visit. The invitation to speak came as a result of a statement Mr. Blanshard made in

Eugene, Ore., that he had never been allowed inside a Catholic school. Father Burger heard Mr. Blanshard's talk and invited him to visit the Seminary. Father Jeniges, abbot of Mt. Angel, approved the invitation. Mr. Blanshard was not placed under restrictions of any kind as to the nature of his remarks at the Seminary. Father Damian Jeniges, abbot, lent his statements. Religious News Service

Japanese Bishop Confirms Yanks

Beppu, Japan — (NC)—Six American soldiers received the Sacrament of Confirmation with 164 Japanese Catholics from Bishop Dominic Fukahori of Fukuoka in St. Francis Xavier Church at Oita.

The class of Americans including Capt. John P. Pine, Cpl. Leonard J. Acevedo, Pfc. Frank A. Acquaro and Edward J. Slaga and Pvt. Stanley W. Jensen and Robert J. Rameau, was prepared by the Rev. (Lt.) Joseph C. Rowan, Catholic chaplain of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

Oita, known as Bungo in past centuries, is the south-Japan coastal town where St. Francis Xavier did his last missionary work before embarking for China.

SPEAKER CHARGES

Wife Who Runs Home To Mama 'Immature'

New Orleans — (NC)—The young lady who runs home to Mama after the first quarrel with her husband, is emotionally immature, said Msgr. Charles J. Flauche, chancellor of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, at a recent clergy-physicians seminar held at De Paul Sanitarium here. The sanitarium for nervous and mental cases is conducted by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

"But," Msgr. Flauche continued, "she would not have run home and Mama would not have opened the door to her so readily if we had been successful in teaching both to accept the basic Christian teachings on marriage instead

of the code taught so effectively by Hollywood and Reno. Emotionally immature persons have not been taught the immutable law of God or, if they have been taught it, they have somehow ceased to believe that it matters."

Msgr. Flauche defined the emotionally mature person as a balanced one who is master of his emotions, but is not ashamed of them. A mature person, he said, "looks before he leaps, but once he has looked he loses no time in leaping, for prudence is not a synonym for inaction or delay."

Research Grant Assists Nuns' Cancer Study

Columbus, O. — (NC)—National recognition has come to the cancer research program at the College of St. Mary of the Springs here through a \$1,500 grant from the Damon Runyon Memorial Fund. The college was one of two Catholic institutions among 10 recipients of more than \$100,000 distributed by the fund in its latest allocation of grants. The other is St. Margaret's Hospital, Kansas City, Kans.

THE GRANT spotlights the efforts of two Dominican Sisters who have been working together for seven years in their search for a cure of cancer. They are Sister Margaret Ann, chairman of the biology department, and Sister Thomas Aquin, a member of the department.

Much of their work is carried on in a constant-temperature laboratory donated to the college by the late Mrs. Anna Bunt of Wilmington, Ohio.

IN AN ATTEMPT to fight fire with fire, the Sisters have been cultivating disease-producing germs and testing various extracts of the germs. One bacterial extract from the organism that causes boils and ulcers, they found, inhibits the growth of some cancerous cells.

Sister Margaret Ann warned against too-hopeful reports of their work. She said: "All you can say at the present time is that we have some promising results with one particular kind of cancer in mice."

Convert Bishop Thanks Benefactor

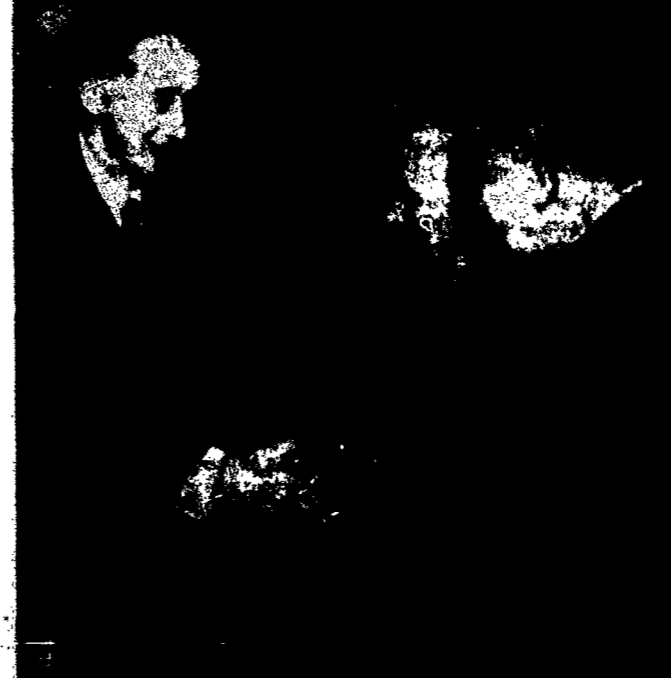
Sydney — (NC)—Bishop Laurence Goody, who has just been consecrated as Auxiliary to Archbishop Redmond Prendiville of Perth, Western Australia, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Thirty-five years ago he was received into the Catholic Church along with his father, mother and sister.

At a dinner accorded him by the prelates and clergy present at his consecration, he expressed thanks to the priest who received his family into the Church, the Rev. Raphael Pace, now a chaplain at the St. John of God Hospital, Subiaco, W. A.

Christ Taught Democracy Before Thomas Jefferson, U.S. Envoy Tells Chileans

By CARLOS DEAZ VIAL
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Santiago, Chile.—(NC)—Christ taught the fundamentals of democratic philosophy at the Lake of Galilee centuries



Dr. Claude G. Bowers, United States Ambassador to Chile (left), shakes hands with the Rev. Carlos Combarros, Rector of the Catholic University of Chile (right) after receiving an honorary doctor's degree from the university's Faculty of Philosophy and Letters. Watching (center) is Jose Maria Caro, Archbishop of Santiago. (NC Photos)

before Thomas Jefferson gathered them in the Preamble of the American Declaration of Independence.

So said Claude G. Bowers, U. S. Ambassador to Chile for the last 11 years and noted historian, in accepting an honorary degree from the faculty of Literature and Philosophy of the Catholic University of Santiago.

"DURING THE course of the centuries, the altar candles remained the only light that illumined the dense darkness," he said. "The Church in the Middle Ages became the solemn guardian of classical culture and defender of human rights."

Speaking later before the American Association of Chile, where he was tendered a reception, Ambassador Bowers said: "Again it is the spiritual forces of humanity that stand as an unsurmountable barrier to the somber attack of tyranny and atheism. We wish to live where mankind may be born to its conscience in obedience to God."

The reception, which was attended by prelates, educators and diplomats, was presided over by

Protest On Radio Faith Attacks

Washington, D.C.—(RNS)—The National Council on Christian Television has today issued a protest against an alleged attack on the Catholic Church by a radio program.

The protest was issued by Chairman Warren Coy of the commission at a press conference and television news.

The protest said the agency had received a total of 400 complaints regarding the radio program broadcast in Chicago, which he described as a typical example.

A great majority of the complaints were in regard to the program's attack on the Catholic Church and its teachings.

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