

Educators' Report Fails To Admit 'Personal God'

(Continued from Page 1) God would make it inconsistent to teach in public schools that moral and spiritual values find their source and sanction in a personal God.

"The report has made its decision and it is not for God in public education." The educators differ in this respect from our Founding Fathers, says Monsignor Middleton, because the "Framers of the Declaration of Independence made their decision and it was 'For God.'" He also cites Thomas Jefferson who made the same decision in his "Act for Establishing Religious Freedom in Virginia" in 1786. After quoting several passages from both documents, the reviewer queries:

"Would the authors of a volume on moral and spiritual values for public schools dare use such terms in 1952? If not, why not? What happened in and to our democratic culture?"

"The report speaks often and reverently of religion," the reviewer comments. "It regards 'teaching against religion' as 'equally intolerant and intolerable' (p. 75, 76). It wants the public schools to be 'hospitable to all religious opinions and partial to none of them' (p. 4). It maintains that public schools 'create a climate friendly to religion' (p. 5). It emphasizes: 'Although study about religion contributes to both the general and the moral education of youth, it should not be regarded by home or by church as a substitute for religious instruction' (p. 79)."

However, the report is too obsequious to agnostics and atheists, in the opinion of Msgr. Middleton. "Has it become," he asks, "so sectarian as to be un-American to teach in that great American institution, the public school, that

(1) A personal God exists, (2) The moral law should be obeyed as God's law, (3) The individual is personally responsible to his God?"

If these truths are so sectarian as to be un-American in public education, dare we repeat the words of the High Court of the land: "This is a religious nation" (1812). Are our public schools really "under God"? If our public schools are not "under God" is it not obsolete to refer to "This Nation Under God"?

Must the teaching of moral and spiritual values to all American children in public schools be determined by the willfulness of the unbeliever?

"In PUBLIC education committed to an anti-metaphysical, anti-intellectual, naturalistic ethical culture without real roots in any absolute?"

"In conclusion," Msgr. Middleton writes, "let me repeat my admiration for the authors of the report, and of mine in the report itself—carefully planned, well written, finely edited and honestly advanced. It belongs to the virtue of friendliness not to flatter, but sincerely to suggest helps to improvement. This we have tried to do."

Australia Slates Eucharist Congress

Arrangements have been made in The Eminence Newman Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney, for a National Eucharist Congress here in 1953. It will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the official proclamation permitting the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be freely offered in Australia.

Mass was first celebrated in Australia in 1803 by the Rev. James Dixon, a priest deported from Ireland.

'At Home Away From Home'



Square-dancing seems to be in order in this center for service folk, conducted by Sacred Heart parish Wichita Falls, Texas. It is typical of what can and should be done by Catholic Parishes where military bases are located.

Communist Leader Dies Reciting Name Of Jesus

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God when I have been teaching others the communist doctrine for years," he asked.

"Finally, after much praying by all of us he said he did believe in God and was baptized. From then on he suffered remorse. He kept saying he did not have 'peace' since he had led so many others into error. But God's grace won and a wonderful calm finally came over the man.

"He kept muttering the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary for five hours before his soul went off to Heaven. And this happened during Mass, which Father Chang was offering for him and three feet away. Only a partition separated the man from the altar. How good God is. This one soul was worth our coming to Pusan."

But many other conversions are the result of the charity shown at Maryknoll Sisters' Clinic. Reports show 133 Baptisms took place in October and 37 persons were enrolled

to study the Catholic doctrine.

The Maryknoll Sisters were among the "first civilians to enter Korea after the fighting broke out. They were flown there from Japan in March, 1951. The medical team consists of two doctors, three nurses, a medical technician, a pharmacist and several others, all Sisters.

One of the Maryknoll Sisters' Medical team is Sister Magdalena, the former Catholic teacher of Rochester.

Texas Bishops Urge All Pay Poll Tax

Austin, Tex. (AP)—The Catholic Bishops of Texas have called on all Catholics in the State to pay their poll tax so that they may vote in coming elections.

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Business Women Support School Prayer Proposal

Albany, N. Y. (AP)—The movement of Catholic schools to have prayer in the classroom has gained support from the Albany Business and Professional Women's Club. The club's record as supporting the New York State Board of Regents' proposal that each school day be opened with a prayer. In an adopted resolution the club stated: "We believe that the com-

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