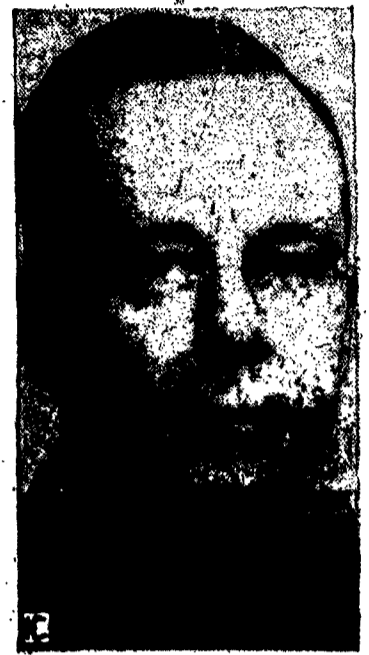


NAM PROGRAM

Business Men Map Help For Schools

Louisville, Ky. — (NC) — Catholic educators should "take any action they can" to benefit from a drive by the National Association of Manufacturers to get businessmen to assist financially America's private and public schools.

This statement was made here by Msgr. F. N. Pitt, secretary of the Louisville archdiocese.



MONSIGNOR PITT

school board, who is a member of the NAM's Educational Advisory Council. Also serving on the 24-member council is the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame.

Father's Day Mass Held In Burma

Rangoon, Burma—Minister of Education U Than Aung attended an open-air Father's Day Mass sponsored by the Catholic community here in honor of the fathers of Burma. The Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. Frederick J. Provost, Vicar Apostolic of Burma and Bishop of Rangoon.

The fathers present at the Mass were entertained to breakfast and later received small gifts and other tokens of appreciation. It was announced that a Father's Day celebration would be held annually in the future.

EACH OF the NAM's 17,000 businessmen has been asked to take the lead in a drive to aid both public and private universities, colleges and schools in his own community, and also "to arouse other businessmen to do their part." Aid could be offered in the form of endowments, grants-in-aid, buildings, payments for research, contributions to organizations which raise and distribute funds for specialized education, or scholarships to qualified individuals, the NAM pointed out.

Catholic schools stand to gain as much as anyone else under the plan, Monsignor Pitt said, but he stressed that they must take action — especially on the local level — in order to realize benefits. He emphasized the necessity of contacting nearby businesses and industries.

AS AN EXAMPLE of what can be done, the Monsignor cited

the case of 14 colleges in Minnesota, eight of them Catholic, which have formed an association for the joint solicitation of funds. They have launched fund drives to meet current operating expenses. Several schools in Michigan and Minnesota have similar programs under way.

Nineteen colleges in Ohio, including Notre Dame College of Cleveland, have formed the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges to raise funds. Their presidents organized a luncheon with 300 industrialists invited to learn of the colleges' needs.

Adult education projects and work-study plans whereby a worker divides his time between factory and school, appeal to practical-minded industrialists, Monsignor Pitt noted. Colleges must be ready with graphic displays or other presentations to put their case for assistance across, he said.

New Rector — Rome (NC) — The Rev. Peter Abellan, Spanish Jesuit, has been named rector of the Gregorian University here. Father Abellan, moral theology professor at the university since 1948, succeeds the Rev. Paul Dezza, S.J., who was rector since 1941.

Go Underground For New Light



Some 30 soldiers of the Tank Company, 8th Infantry Regiment and of Company C, 759th Military Police Battalion, took time off to go into action with picks and shovels in the American Catholic Community's project to install lights at the convent of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Marienfelde, Berlin, where the American children have been taught catechism the past five years. (NC Photos)

Move To Free Prelate Revealed

Rome (NC) — Archbishop Joseph Beran of Prague was transferred from a monastery at Nova Rise in Moravia to a castle in the woods of Brady, near Rozmital, Unter Treznitz, because the Czech communist regime feared a strong underground movement to free him. It is reported by Veritas, information bulletin published here by the Christian Academy of Czechoslovakia.

The government did, in fact, discover and arrest leaders of a strong movement in the district of Moravsko Budejovice, hailing them before a "people's court," and sent added police to the district, the bulletin said.

The place where Archbishop Beran is now being held is said to be Tolec in Moravia.

K. of C. Rebukes Paper Publishing Blanshard Talk

Dubuque, Ia. (RNS) — The Anamosa (Iowa) Council of the Knights of Columbus protested the action of the Cedar Rapids Gazette in publishing a one and one-fourth column report of a speech delivered in Cedar Rapids by Paul Blanshard.

In a resolution of nearly 1,000 words, the Roman Catholic laymen's group declared that Mr. Blanshard's speech "was violently sectarian propaganda and its publication was a gross violation of journalistic canons."

"The article was not published for the sake of giving the public any real news," the resolution stated, "as it omitted several of the fundamental and most revealing elements regarding the speech, i. e. (1)

the place it was given—the First Christian Church, (2) the name of the sponsoring organization, (3) the fact that it was supposedly a political speech given in a Protestant church, and (4) that the Cedar Rapids Ministerial Association refused to sponsor Blanshard's appearance in Cedar Rapids—but was published to give free advertising and vent to the aged, moth-eaten canards against the Catholic religion."

"Publication of such anti-Catholic statements in a newspaper of general circulation cloaked with a quasi-public responsibility is distasteful, uncharitable and inflammatory," the Knights declared.

Soviet Zone Of Germany Balks Reds

Frankfurt — (NC) — Churchgoers in the Soviet zone of occupation of Germany administered a smashing defeat to communist propagandists during the recent holidays.

AS THOUGH by joint understanding they quietly boycotted the gatherings staged by the Red rulers to distract attention from church services on Christmas Eve and throughout Christmas week and flocked to their temples of worship so as to crowd them far beyond capacity.

Reports from all over the Soviet zone indicate that the Christian churches of all denominations were unable to accommodate the unprecedented crowds. In many instances doors had to be kept open so as to enable thousands of worshippers, who could not gain admittance, to at least watch the services and hear the sermons from a distance.

IN THE URANIUM mine districts of Silesia and Thuringia, too, the miners came to church in large numbers. Communist attempts to disturb the services by broadcasting Soviet programs from mobile transmitters patrolling the streets met with utter failure.

In various towns "Christmas" trees adorned with hammer and sickle and pictures of Stalin, Lenin and other Red leaders were torn down by late citizens under the cover of darkness. Nevertheless, all through the Soviet realm efforts continue to replace the traditional Christmas trees with "New Year trees" trimmed with communist symbols.

Social Training Urged In Seminaries

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — A plea for more emphasis on social questions in training candidates for the Catholic priesthood was made to the 13th annual convention here of the American Catholic Sociological Society. It came from the Rev. Joseph Kerins, C.S.S.I., professor of sociology at the Redemptorist Seminary, Esopus, N. Y.

Father Kerins said the attitudes of the future clergy should be sharpened on social questions in their freshmen year as a balance to "the first year of seminarians into the speculative sciences."

U. S. BISHOPS URGE

Uniform Rules For Fasting, Abstinence

(N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)

Evidences of a trend toward uniformity in regulations for fast and abstinence in the United States are seen in the adoption by a number of Archdioceses and Dioceses of recommendations made by a special committee of the Bishops of the U.S. and approved at their annual meeting last November. It is expected that similar regulations will be adopted by many more of the dioceses of the country.

The special committee of Bishops, after studying regulations in effect in dioceses throughout the country, offered a set of regulations in the nature of suggestions for the Archbishops and Bishops of the Nation, leaving the decision as to whether they would be adopted in a particular See to the discretion of the respective Ordinary.

THESE SUGGESTIONS already have been put into effect in a number of Sees.

The regulations as adopted in these jurisdictions remind the faithful that laws of fast and abstinence are imposed by the Church to "foster the spirit of penance and reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial and mortification, and to guide her children in the footsteps of Our Divine Saviour."

Regarding abstinence, they provide as follows:

"EVERYONE OVER seven years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Complete abstinence is to be observed on Fridays, Ash Wednesday, the Vigils of the Assumption and Christmas, and on Holy Saturday morning. On days of complete abstinence meat and soup or gravy made from meat may not be used at all.

"Partial abstinence is to be observed on Ember Wednesdays and Saturdays and on the Vigils of Pentecost and All Saints. On days of partial abstinence meat and soup or gravy made from meat may be taken only once a day at the principal meal."

ON FAST DAYS, the rules proposed are as follows: "Everyone over 21 and under 59 years of age is also bound to observe the law of fast.

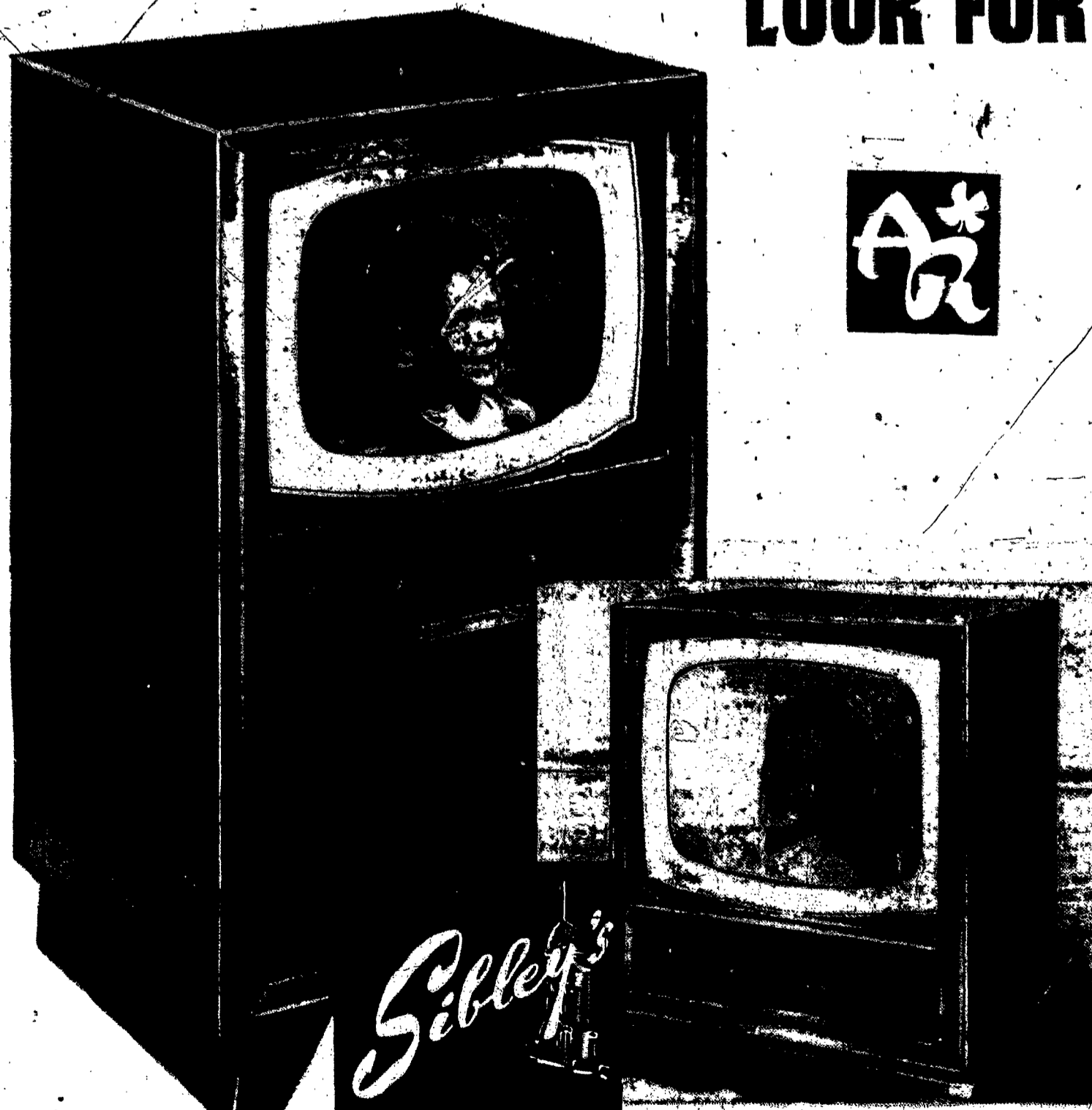
"The days of fast are the weekdays of Lent, Ember Days, the Vigils of Pentecost, the Assumption, All Saints and Christmas. "On days of fast only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain

Formosans Welcome Cardinal Spellman

Taipei, Formosa — (NC) — Thousands of Formosan Catholics welcomed His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, when he arrived here, January 6, by plane from Tokyo for a brief visit to this capital of Nationalist China.

The Cardinal offered Mass Sunday morning in the Taipei city hall and later was the luncheon guest of the U. S. Minister, Karl L. Reinken. In the evening he was the dinner guest of President and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. The Cardinal also called on the Nationalist Premier Chen Cheng and attended a reception given by K.C. Wu, Governor of Formosa.

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