

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 1951? 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' (1892). Are our public schools really 'under God'? If our public schools are not 'under God' is it now 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 nihilism of the unbeliever?"

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

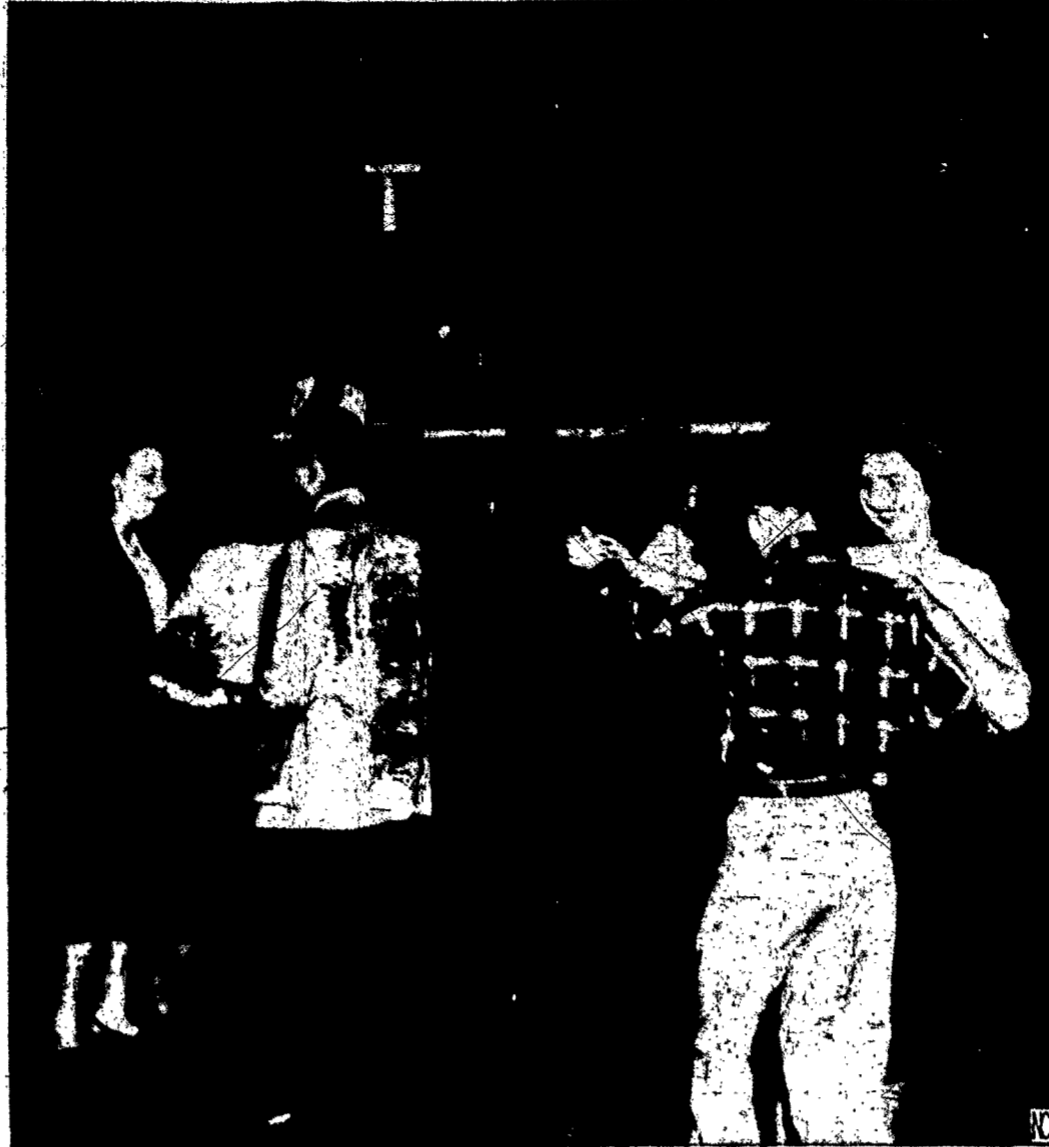
"In conclusion," Msgr. Middleton writes, "let me repeat my admiration for the authors of the report, and of much in the report itself — carefully planned, well written, finely edited and honestly advanced. It belongs to the virtue of friendliness not to flatter, but sincerely to suggest helps to improvement.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

Australia Slates Eucharist Congress

Sidney, Australia — (NC) — Arrangements have been made by His Eminence Norman 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. Throughout the United States similar Centers for service men and women have been set up in Catholic parishes with the approval and guidance of the National Catholic Community Service. (NC Photos)

Communist Leader Dies Reciting Name Of Jesus

(Continued from Page 1) 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 not 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 153 Baptisms took place in October and 31 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 Catherine Urlicacher of Rochester.)

Texas Bishops Urge All Pay Poll Tax

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

"As loyal Texans, it is our duty to procure our poll tax to vote and be in a position to do our part in preserving and guarding our precious inheritance," they declared.

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Business Women Support School Prayer Proposal

Albany, N. Y. — (RNS) — The Business and Professional Women's Club of Albany has gone on 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 commencement of each school day the act of allegiance to the Flag might well be joined with this suggestion of the Board of Regents: 'Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country!'"

The club urged the Albany Board of Education to adopt this suggestion of the Board of Regents.

Opposition to the prayer proposal was expressed, however, by the official boards of two churches in nearby Schenectady, First Methodist Church and First Unitarian Society.

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