

# Queen Elizabeth Thanks Pope For Message On Death Of King

Vatican City—(NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has received a reply from Queen Elizabeth II of Britain to the message of sympathy he sent on the death of her father, King George VI.

At the same time the Pope has sent a message of felicitations for a happy and prosperous reign on the occasion of the Queen's accession to the British throne.

The Queen's message to the Pope said: "I am deeply touched by Your Holiness' kind message. Please be assured that I truly value your sympathy."



Queen Elizabeth

THE POPE felicitated the Queen as follows: "We are pleased to communicate to Your Majesty on the occasion of your accession Our prayers and personal good wishes for the discharge of the lofty responsibilities of sovereignty, for length of years and for prosperity for your people."

In his earlier message on the occasion of her father's death, the Pontiff said:

"We hasten to extend to Your Majesty, to members of the Royal Family and to the entire nation our profound sympathy on the death of His Majesty King George VI," said the Holy Father's message to Queen Elizabeth.

"We shall keep him in prayerful remembrance while invoking as solace in your bereavement Divine comfort and strength in fullest measure."

NEWS OF THE King's death has brought sorrow to the Vatican, where friendly expressions exchanged by King George and the Holy Father on various occasions are well remembered, the Vatican Press office said.

On the occasion of the centenary two years ago of the re-establishment of the Hierarchy in England the Holy Father, in a special broadcast to a huge throng gathered in Wembley Stadium in London, said:

"You will also thank God that unlike many of your fellow Catholics in other parts of the world you enjoy the inestimable blessing of peace and ordered government under your gracious King and Queen. We express here our sentiments of profound esteem for His Majesty King George VI and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and pray that God may



NEAR THE FRONT in Italy during World War II, an Archbishop, a King and a General met. Archbishop Francis J. Spellman (left), military vicar of the Roman Catholic chaplains (and now Cardinal), met with the late King George VI (right) of Great Britain as Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, U. S. Fifth Army commander, looked on.

grant them long, prosperous and peaceful reign."

The Holy Father cabled good wishes and congratulations to the King and Queen when they celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in London in May, 1948.

WHEN KING GEORGE underwent an operation last October for cancer of the lung, His Holiness sent a message to Queen Elizabeth expressing "lively concern" over the king's condition and assuring her of his prayers for the king's recovery. Queen Elizabeth responded and told the Holy Father that his good wishes and prayers had been of great comfort to her and her children.

When Prince Charles was born to the then Princess Elizabeth and her husband Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, the Pontiff dispatched this message:

"We send Your Royal Highness our cordial felicitations on the happy occasion of the birth of a son, assuring you of our prayers for your continued welfare and happiness, and We invoke upon you, upon the Duke of Edinburgh and upon the newly-born heir

special blessings from Almighty God." The Royal couple, in a jointly signed message, replied: "We are most grateful for your kind message of good wishes."

LAST APRIL, Elizabeth and Prince Philip were received in a private audience for half an hour by His Holiness in the Pope's private library. During that visit the Holy Father presented the Princess with a beautiful metal and in-lay plaque and the Prince with a gold medal of the first year of his pontificate. The Pope expressed to the future Queen his interest in the King and Queen of England, the Royal Family and the people of the British Commonwealth and sent through her his best wishes to all.

Later during their visit to Rome and Vatican City the royal couple made a thorough tour of St. Peter's Basilica, under the personal guidance of Mgr. Ludwig Kaas, secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Basilica of St. Peter.

Two years earlier the Queen's younger sister, Princess Margaret, was received by the Holy

## Archbishop, General Meet King

San Francisco—Louis B. Mayer, Hollywood movie executive, has announced his wholehearted support of tax-exemption for non-profit private schools in California.

Addressing the members of the Association of Catholic Newsmen at their third annual McQuade Memorial Award dinner here, Mayer called the taxation of private schools in California "un-American, unthinkable, and atrocious."

THE HOLLYWOOD executive who has seen the demoralizing effects of Communism in the movie industry, stated that "only a complete understanding of all issues in the light of charity, reason, and cooperative effort" could ever withstand the onslaughts of Communism.

Claiming that too many adult Americans have given up the battle for democracy, Mayer called on parents to give their children all the necessary tools, weapons and means for carrying on the fight against un-Americanism in all its ramifications.

One of the most effective means in this battle, the film executive observed, is the absolute necessity for instilling in youth not only a realization of God's existence but an actual participation in the truth that God must be part and parcel of their daily lives.

TO EFFECT THIS, Mayer declared that not only moral and religious principles be taught in all schools, but that even our public schools should begin each day with a prayer. He called for an end to the Congressional red tape that has kept these vital factors out of public school curriculum.

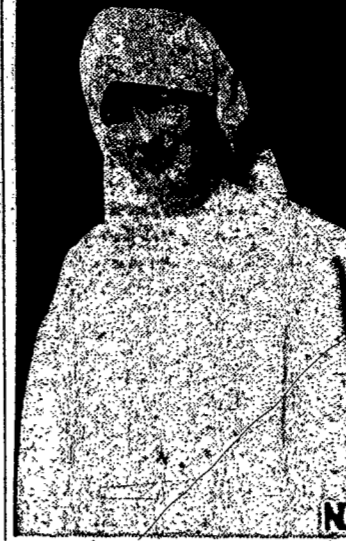
"For everyone to take part in the fight against un-Americanism means there must be an end to the hickering and disputes that disrupt our nation," he declared. "There can be no room for arguing whether children should pray in school, because we are dependent on God's help for victory."

"When children have God in their hearts, when pupils in all schools—public and parochial—are allowed to open the day with prayer, we shall have fewer Communists," Mayer said.

## Film Executive Asks Prayer In Public Schools

Sister Alberta Marie Hanley of Detroit, 26, assistant pharmacist at the Maryknoll clinic at Pusan, Korea, who died there, the victim of a rare blood disease, after serving there for the past seven months. She was a member of the nine-Sister medical team caring for the staggering numbers of refugees crowding the clinic every day.

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## Farley Hails Catholic Press

New York—(NC)—The Catholic press is a bulwark in the life of all ages in the proper pursuit of their lives, liberty and happiness, James A. Farley declared in a Catholic Press Month message sent to the Catholic Press Association of the United States.

Farley, former Postmaster General, said it was a privilege for him to express his viewpoint concerning the Catholic press.

"I believe that the importance and the value of the Catholic press in our country come second to our right as Americans to religious freedom, and I believe that the Catholic press should be supported and promoted by every American Catholic who lives his country and practices his religion," he wrote.

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## Interracial Gains Made During 1951

Washington—(NC)—In the over-all picture of the civil rights question during 1951 there were more gains than losses, it was reported in a survey conducted by the Interracial Bureau of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems.

From the national and federal side, the survey stated, President Truman's stand on the civil rights question produced the greatest dents in discrimination. The report cited the President's veto of a discriminatory school bill and establishment of a committee to police enforcement of fair labor practices provisions required in all government contracts with private concerns, as among the gains contributed during the year to the question.

IN CONGRESS, the survey claimed, the civil rights bill has little chance of passage because of the fact that the minority of opposing Senators can resort to the filibuster. A bill to allow white inductees to request assignment to an all-white unit in the armed forces was defeated. The defense school bill which would have required racial discrimination in 17 southern states and the District of Columbia was vetoed.

Failure of Congress to take any determined action to strengthen civil rights is creating doubt among people of other nations as to the workability of a democratic government to meet the needs of oppressed minorities, the survey contended.

In the armed forces, the report noted that steps have been taken to bring about a non-segregated Army, and in this matter this branch is catching up with the Navy and Air Force. The report noted that seven Negroes now are attending the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis—a number which exceeds the total enrollment of Negroes from the Civil War up to World War II.

THE REPORT said that the Housing and Home Finance Administration had promulgated several rulings against discrimination and that the U. S. Supreme Court outlawed the Birmingham, Ala. racial zoning law, which set off a reign of terror. Disturbances were also reported from Miami, Fla., Dallas, Tex., and Atlanta, Ga. The report also deplored the race riot in Cicero, Ill.

The report revealed that a Washington, D. C., theater which closed several years ago over the question of admitting Negroes

## Queen Heads Both Church and State

London—(NC)—Accession of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne has drawn attention to the fact that she is both the spiritual and temporal head of the state.

Queen Elizabeth is head of the Church of England, which is Episcopalian, and also of the Church of Scotland, which is Presbyterian. She worships in the churches of each denomination. When she is in England she is Episcopalian. When she is in Scotland she is Presbyterian. She appoints the archbishops and bishops of the Church of England, although the government nominates persons for the post. The Church of Scotland has no bishop and is self-governing but its General Assembly derives its authority from the Queen.

Another title the new Queen has is that of Defender of the Faith. This dates back to the early sixteenth century, before Henry VIII had revolted against Rome. King Henry wrote a new famous book, the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, which refuted Martin Luther and vindicated the Church's dogmatic teachings regarding the sacraments and the Mass. It also upheld the supremacy of the Pope. The then ruling Pope, Leo X, conferred upon Henry VIII the title Fidei Defensor (Defender of the Faith), which is maintained to this day as a part of the royal style of the British Crown.

## Prayer Cards for Dying Non-Catholics Requested

Melbourne, Australia—(NC)—Special prayer cards and literature intended for non-Catholics in danger of death and designed by Mgr. Raphael J. Markham of Cincinnati are being distributed in Australia through the Legion of Mary.

The pamphlets were obtained by the Senatus of the Legion of Mary at the request of Archbishop Mannix of Melbourne. They are intended for the use of priests, Sisters, nurses, social workers and others who desire to help. Monsignor Markham prepared the cards and literature for the Apostolate to Assist Dying Non-Catholics.

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