

House Group Blocks Vatican Envoy Funds

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Girls Win Plea For Decent Fashions

Rochester's Catholic high school girls, who last week revolted against the current strapless, low cut fashions, have won their campaign for modest formal gowns.

Local dress shops and New York fashion designers already have surrendered to the determined demands of the teenagers and are scurrying to produce styles modest enough to please the young ladies' sense of propriety.

CELEBRATING THE Catholic school girls' crusade for modesty in dress is an article in LIFE magazine, issued today, revealing how the young Catholic teenagers of Rochester won a swift victory for decency in dress not only in their own city but even in the vaunted New York fashion market.

A two-page photo-story, titled "Quest for Propriety," in the current LIFE tells of the New York search by Margie Fischer of Eden High School and Mary Frances Connors of Nazareth Academy to find acceptable dresses.

The girls' trip last week was the result of a letter from the combined student bodies of Mercy, Nazareth and St. Agnes high school asking local stores to consider modesty standards in ordering Spring formal.

LIFE was brought into the campaign by the Rev. Richard Torney, chaplain of Mercy High School, who advised the magazine that the Rochester girls were in New York to visit leading fashion houses.

A LIFE photographer and writer followed the girls for nearly three days taking scores of pictures and recording their discussions with designers and manufacturers who, LIFE said, were "astonished at the girls' determined search for propriety."

Originally scheduled to be a three-page feature and "the lead story" of this week's LIFE, the modest formal were eclipsed when President Truman's announcement that he would not seek reelection stole the top news spot. The dress-decency story was cut to two pages and placed farther back in the magazine.

Other developments on the local scene included the welcome enrollment of nearly 50 high school students from the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Prince Street, to the school girls' campaign.

As local stores rushed to find modest formal and party dresses in time for the Easter vacation buying, McCurdy's presented 20 new models that were judged "perfect in modesty" by representatives of the inter-high council.

Silber's reported their buyers according to the New York scene. Forman's promised to have 80 new models on display in another week. Edwards announced 32 modest styles on sale by April 15.

SMALLER DRESS establishments like Freedman's, David's and Kroll's were calling the schools to invite inspection of their new and "covered-up" styles.

Bulletins released in the four schools this week urged

SISTERS OF MERCY

Nuns' Chapel Mass To Be Televised Easter Morning

WHAM-TV Station in Rochester will originate for the first time a television presentation of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Easter Sunday morning, between 10 and 11 o'clock, from the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse Chapel in Blossom Road.

This will mark the first television presentation of a Mass celebrated in Rochester. WHAM-TV has televised Masses celebrated in other cities, particularly in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City.

The newly erected Mother-

'Life' Features Catholic School Girl Bid For Modest Frocks



This photo featured in fullpage in the current issue of LIFE magazine shows Mary Frances Connors (Nazareth Academy), left, and Margie Fischer (Our Lady of Mercy High School), of Rochester, prying among modest party dresses which they approved as meeting decency standards of fellow teenagers at their respective schools. The girls' two-day search through New York dress houses for proper gowns is told in this week's LIFE.

the girls: "Refuse to look at, or try on, or even discuss a strapless or shoulderless or low neckline dress." The announcement said, "If you want a dress you'll feel right in and your escort will not be worried about—don't take anything but the best."

A MEETING of school representatives of the modesty council this week laid plans to spread the campaign to all Catholic girls in the public high schools of the city, inviting them to insist on decent dresses in the stores. The girls will be approached through the parish sodalities and the released time instruction classes as well as by direct mail, it was revealed.

Downtown merchants have already announced tentative plans to have a series of fashion shows after the Easter vacation to display the modest styles that are available and to encourage the idea that "decency can be pretty and charming."

house Chapel of the Sisters of Mercy will provide the beautiful setting for the Easter telecast of the Solemn High Mass at which the Rev. Richard T. Torney, chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School, will preach the sermon.

A choir of Sisters of Mercy will sing the Mass and a delegation of students of Our Lady of Mercy High School will attend.



MODEST TERN STYLE: Ellen Wilson (left) of Our Lady of Mercy High School and Patricia Latus (center) of Nazareth Academy, both members of the Rochester Catholic High School Girls' committee on modest fashions, examine models displayed by Miss Wynn Coleman, fashion coordinator of McCurdy's, Rochester department store. As a result of the teenagers' appeal for modest styles in party dresses, McCurdy officials have redesigned their teenage fashion line to meet requirements of the Catholic high school girls.

Dixie Leaders Halt Funds For Vatican Mission Unless Approved By Senate; N. Y. Rep. Rooney Roll-Call Bid Fails

Washington—(NC)—Representative John J. Rooney of New York was unsuccessful Monday to force separate voting on a legislative maneuver that is generally regarded as designed to block establishment of a U. S. diplomatic mission to the Vatican while the Senate is in recess.

THE HOUSE Appropriations committee had adopted a restrictive amendment to the State Department appropriation bill, prohibiting use of State Department funds for the maintenance of any foreign service mission whose first head had not yet been approved by the Senate. The amendment was sponsored by Representative Prince H. Preston Jr., of Georgia.

Congressman Rooney asked the House Rules committee Monday to order a separate floor vote on the amendment. He told the committee that House members should "stand up and be counted" on the proposal. The Rules committee refused to order a separate vote and it may now be impossible to force a roll-call on it.

One member of the appropriations committee, Representative Alfred D. Sieminski of New Jersey, who had voted only "present" on the amendment when it was before the appropriations committee, announced he will seek to further amend the State Department bill to exempt the Vatican from the Preston amendment prohibition.

Washington—(NC)—A restrictive amendment adopted by the House Appropriations Committee aims at blocking the establishment of any regular U. S. diplomatic mission to the State of Vatican City without approval of the Senate.

Representative Prince H. Preston Jr., of Georgia, author of the amendment, says it is designed to prevent the State Department from using any of its money to finance a diplomatic mission to the Vatican until the Senate has first confirmed some person as head of that mission.

THE CONGRESSMAN said his amendment would prevent the President from making a recess appointment of an envoy to the State of Vatican City while the Senate is not in session. It would not, he added, keep the President from naming a personal representative to the Holy See and paying for his mission out of emergency funds available to the Chief Executive.

By a vote of 19 to 17, with three members simply voting "present," the House Appropriations Committee wrote into the 1952 State Department budget bill an amendment which would prohibit the department from using any of its money to maintain "any foreign service post or mission, exclusive of regular consular posts, in any state or country, prior to confirmation by the Senate of the first chief of mission or other diplomatic representative to that state or country."

MYRON C. TAYLOR had the title of Personal Representative of the President to His Holiness Pope Pius XII, and thus any U. S. ambassador or minister who might now be named to the State of Vatican City would be the "first" such envoy within the meaning of the amendment.

Adoption of the amendment followed by a few days the disclosure by a State Department official of plans to use up to \$80,000 to finance the proposed U. S. diplomatic mission to the State of Vatican City.

THE AMENDMENT does not mention the State of Vatican City specifically, but Representative John J. Rooney of New York was quick to say that "there is no question that it is aimed at the Vatican." He is opposed to the amendment, he said, and will seek to remove it from the budget bill when it comes up in the House.

WHAM Lists Seminary Choir

A special broadcast from St. Bernard's Seminary Chapel will present the "Track of Christ's Passion" at 7 p. m. Good Friday over Radio Station WHAM.

Featuring the program will be choral selections by St. Bernard's Seminary Choir under the direction of the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, seminary music director.

The St. Rev. Mgr. Wilfred T. Cough, rector of St. Bernard's, will narrate the Good Friday Story of the Passion of Our Lord.

Lincoln's Naming Envoy To Vatican Recalled

West Baden Springs, Ind.—(NC)—The 90th anniversary of the naming of Alexander W. Randall as United States Minister Resident to Pope Pius IX will occur on April 7, it was recalled here by Francis X. Grogg, a Jesuit seminarian, of West Baden College.

The text of the presidential document making the appointment was quoted by Mr. Grogg from the American Catholic Historical Researchers, Volume 25. The appointment is recorded in these words:

"I hereby authorize the Sec. of State to affix the seal of the United States to the envelope of a letter accrediting Alexander W. Randall, Esquire, as Minister Resident to His Holiness Pope Pius IX dated this day and signed by me, and for so doing this shall be his warrant.

(Signed) A. Lincoln

April 7, 1862."

Nazareth College Announces 2-Year Secretarial Course

To help supply the increasing demand for well-educated business women in as short time as possible, Nazareth College will launch an intensive two-year program in its department of Secretarial Science in September, Sister Rose Angela, dean, has announced.

The accelerated course, which leads to a certificate of proficiency at the end of the second year, will be offered as an alternate to the traditional four-year degree course, which will continue unchanged.

Open to high-school students of good scholastic standing, the program will include both cultural courses and technical subjects, in order to give the student a liberal arts background in addition to mastery of fundamental business skills.

PLANNED WORK experience at the end of the first year will be arranged by the college placement bureau in order to give the student practical experience in the business world as well as an opportunity to defray tuition expenses.

The two-year program will include the following courses: accounting, business mathematics, shorthand, typewriting, secretarial procedures, operation of office machines, dictation and transcription, production typewriting, theology, survey of literature, philosophy, communication skills, contemporary social issues, medical laboratory techniques and psychology of personnel.

THE COURSE in communications skills, which will be given by a staff of instructors, will include training in reading, writing, public speaking and business English.

The contemporary social issues course will include a sur-

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New Auxiliary Bishop Named In Brooklyn

Washington—(NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has named Mgr. John J. Bohannon of Brooklyn, N. Y., to be Titular Bishop of Guelis and Auxiliary to Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn.

Announcement of the appointment was made here by the Apostolic Delegation.

Bishop-elect Bohannon has been Brooklyn diocese director of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith and Brooklyn diocese director of the Holy Childhood Association since 1947. Since 1948, he has also been national treasurer of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Now It's Over 35,000 !!



ALL TIME RECORD: Final results in the annual COURIER-JOURNAL circulation drive show an all-time record of over 35,000 subscribers to the Rochester diocesan weekly. The new subscriber total marks an annual gain of approximately 5,000 over last year's record of 30,000. In 1951, more than 100,000 copies of the diocesan newspaper were distributed. The drive was headed by Rev. Fr. Thomas J. Torney, pastor of St. Patrick's, who urged a record-breaking response. The drive was also supported by the diocesan office and the various parishes.—Adv.