

Protestant Leader Raps School Stand Of Harvard Head

New York — (NC) — Educational administrators who oppose church schools are "really attacking religious freedom and academic freedom," a leading Protestant clergyman declared here in a sharp reply to President James B. Conant of Harvard University, who recently charged that religious schools are a threat to "democratic unity."

The churchman was the Very Rev. Dr. James A. Pike, dean of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine. He called attention in a sermon to the "bitter attack" launched by Dr. Conant and others at the recent convention of the American Association of School Administrators held in Boston.

RECALLING THE reply, "We have no king but Caesar," made by the chief priests in answer to Pilate's question, Dr. Pike said that "in the same spirit are the attitudes expressed by President Conant and others" at the Boston meetings.

"For three days running," he declared, "a bitter attack was launched on those who would seek to build education on religious convictions and allegiances, because it was felt that such education interfered with the primary allegiance, American democracy. One speaker, for example, said that educating children separately on a basis of 'fundamental belief' was 'damaging to the democratic tradition' and was worse than racial segregation in the schools."

"IN OTHER words," Dr. Pike commented, "these people would have us believe that national allegiance is the primary loyalty rather than our religious allegiances. Of course, this very position is a 'fundamental belief' on which these people say they do not want education based."

Declaring that "for the Christian his religion is the first loyalty, a loyalty that transcends national allegiance or racial ties," Dr. Pike said that "many of us feel that our religion should permeate the whole of education, as the informing orientation for all the aspects of life studied." He added:

"This was the situation in

Conant Plea Statism, Says Secular Paper

Atlanta — (NC) — "Surprising and disconcerting" is the way an editorial in The Atlanta Journal describes the address of President James B. Conant of Harvard University before a national meeting of school administrators in Boston.

"Dr. Conant called the growth of private schools, including religious schools, a threat to the democratic unity of the United States. He said these schools brought a divisive influence into American life and endangered the principle of a single public school system."

The Atlanta Journal said these statements are "puzzling," and that "Dr. Conant's contention is: confounding to men who believe American democracy is based upon independence, upon a lack of enforced uniformity, in all affairs of the nation, in business, the arts, education."

"Dr. Conant's contention seems to be a plea for state dominance of all schools," the editorial adds. "We oppose such state interference now. We shall continue to oppose it whenever it threatens the freedom of American education, regardless of what threat comes from the president of Harvard, the President of the United States, or any other man or group of men."

"Let those who have no king but Caesar," Dr. Pike concluded, "arrange for an education in which 'Americanism' is the ultimate unifying frame of reference. Some of us will continue to give our backing to schools in which the Christian worldview is the unifying principle. Those educational administrators who attack us are really attacking religious freedom and academic freedom and in joining the attack the president of a private university is really sawing off the limb on which he himself sits."

Dr. Pike was until recently chairman of the Department of Religion at Columbia University, here. He is chairman of the Committee on Parish Day Schools of the Board of Religious Education of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York.

MISSION AT SAMPSON



REV. JUSTIN MCCARTHY—During Holy Week, approximately 750 military and civilian personnel attended the Catholic Mission held at Chapel One, Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva. The Reverend Justin McCarthy, SJ, vice president of St. Francis Xavier College, New York City, in pulpit, presented a series of interesting religious topics to complete a successful mission.

Jesuit Seminary Drive Reaches \$1,500,000

New York — (NC) — More than \$1,500,000 has already been contributed to a fund drive in New York State and northern New Jersey for \$5,000,000 to erect a new Jesuit seminary at Shrub Oak, N. Y., it was announced at a fund report meeting here.

Loyola Seminary, as the new institution will be called, is to accommodate 300 Jesuit students. It will supplement the overtaxed facilities of Woodstock College in Maryland, which now serves as a seminary for both the New York and Maryland Provinces of the Jesuits.

Bishop Bartholome's Mother Now 99

Bellechester, Minn. — (NC) — Mrs. Catherine Jacobs Bartholome, mother of Bishop Peter W. Bartholome, Coadjutor of St. Cloud, and of Msgr. John N. Bartholome, pastor of St. Felix's Church, Wabasha, Minn., will observe her 99th birthday on May 4.

Bishop Bartholome is Mrs. Bartholome's eleventh child. On May 14, Monsignor John Bartholome will mark the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Monsignor Bartholome will offer up a Mass in St. Mary's Church, Bellechester, on May 4. Mrs. Bartholome, Bishop Bartholome and the others sons and daughters, together with Mrs. Bartholome's grandchildren, will attend.

Following her birthday observance here, Mrs. Bartholome plans to go to Wabasha for Monsignor Bartholome's observance of his golden jubilee in the priesthood. It is, of course, unusual for a mother to be able to attend a son's golden jubilee in the priesthood.

Passionist Order Marks Anniversary

Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. — (NC) — Three day celebrations commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first foundation in North America of the Congregation of the Holy Cross and Passion of Christ — popularly known as the Passionists — will open here on April 26 at the Monastery Church of the Immaculate Conception at Jamaica Estates.

Five U.S. Bishops In Red China Jails

(N.C.W.C. News Service)

The list of 62 Americans in prison or under house arrest which has been released by the U. S. Department of State contains the names of 26 Catholic missionaries. The list names 19 Catholic missionaries in prison and seven under house arrest.

The release of the list by the State Department answers questions put to it more than a month ago by the N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE. The NC then queried the State Department on the known number of Americans in Red China, the number of Catholic missionaries there, the number of Americans imprisoned, and the number of Catholic missionaries among those imprisoned.

MOST OF THE names given by the State Department were already included in the listing of American Catholic missionaries imprisoned by Chinese communists, which was released last December.

Other information available indicates that there are at least two American Catholic missionaries imprisoned who are not on the State Department list and at least nine additional American missionaries under house arrest.

The State Department list includes the names of five Bishops. At least one other U. S. Bishop is known to be imprisoned. The State Department lists the following Bishops: Bishop Philip Cote of Suichow, Jesuit of Lawrence, Mass.; Francis X. Ford of Keyling, Brooklyn, Maryland; Robert E. Kowalski of Wuchang, Franciscan from Calumet, Mich.; John O'Brien of Kanchow, Vincentian of Deep River, Mass.; and Ambrose Plasse of Choussin, Franciscan of Lindsay, Neb.

The imprisoned Bishop not on the State Department list is Bishop Alois Faschany of Kongmoon, Maryknoller of Martinsburg, Mo. The other American missionary known to be jailed and not on the State Department list is the Rev. William Ryan, S.J., of Santa Barbara, Cal.

THE NINE additional missionaries known to be under house arrest and not mentioned by the State Department are: the Rev. Aloysius Recksteiner, Maryknoller from Williamsport, Pa.

China Reds Force Aged Nun To Live On Alms, Undergo 'Public Trial'

Hong Kong — (NC) — A 78-year-old French nun was forced to live on furtive alms for six months before her expulsion from China. Christian women who tried to help her were stopped by the Red police.

This became known with the arrival here of Sister Jean-Gabriel Tonnell of the Sisters of Charity, a native of Tourcoing, France. The nun suffered from severe exhaustion when she arrived here.

SISTER JEAN-GABRIEL was expelled from the Catholic orphanage in Kiukiang, Kiangsi province, last October when the Red authorities confiscated the institution. She was turned into

the street, and sought refuge in the baptistry of the Catholic church. Two priests were living in the church, after having been evicted from their residence. But they were not permitted to contact the Sister at any time or help her.

From the time Sister Jean-Gabriel was evicted from the orphanage in October until the end of March this year, she was not permitted to leave her six-by-six room at any time. Her food was limited to the occasional eggs and handful of rice the Catholics were able to give her furtively. Several women who at first came to

prepare the nun's food and assist her, were later forbidden by the police to approach the Sister.

DURING THE six months, Sister Jean-Gabriel suffered from chronic asthma. On March 29 during one of her attacks, a member of the security police happened to call on the nun. Word was immediately sent to the higher authorities that the Sister's condition was serious and plans were made for her immediate removal.

On April 1, however, Sister Jean-Gabriel was forced to stand "trial" before a "people's court." During the several hours of the "trial" Sister Jean-Gabriel was forced to kneel.

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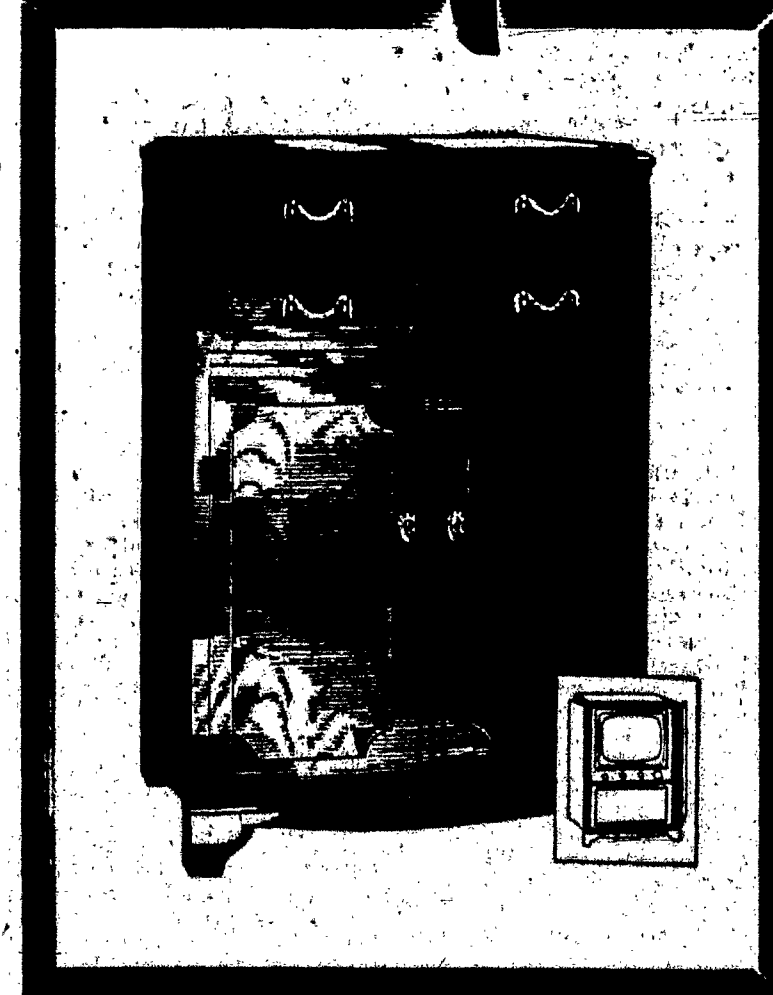
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