

# Public School Official Denies Attack On Church Schools.

Denver—(NC)—Dr. Kenneth E. Oberholzer, superintendent of Denver public schools and president of the American Association of School Administrators, has declared he was misquoted in reports involving him in attacks on independent schools at the association's recent Boston convention.

Dr. Oberholzer returned from the convention to find a political tempest brewing, keyed by State Senator Lawrence Henry's demand that the educator resign at once.

**DR. BENJAMIN FINE**, New York Times education editor, quoted Dr. Oberholzer as saying that the dual system of secondary schools was "divisive" in character. Dr. Fine also wrote that not much more than 10 per cent of the schools' population went to private or parochial schools. It is not a question of numbers, the Denver superintendent stressed, but the ideas or philosophy behind the nonpublic schools that are dangerous.

In his disclaimer Dr. Oberholzer told a Denver Post writer that a press conference "statement" attributed to him by a Boston writer covering the conference for the New York Times and picked up by United Press was "skewed and inaccurate." The "Boston writer" he referred to was presumably Dr. Fine, who is well known to educators by name and whose office is at the Times plant in New York City.

**THE DENVER POST** writer, Leonard Larsen, also quoted Dr. Oberholzer as calling the Boston reports "inflammatory." The educator said the story was fabricated, "apparently from an address delivered earlier at the conference by Dr. James B. Conant.

(Dr. Conant, president of Harvard University, told the American Association of School Administrators convention that the more youths attend independent schools, "the greater the threat to our democratic unity." He also said a dual system of secondary schools "serves and helps to maintain group cleavages.")

Dr. Oberholzer also told the Denver Post writer: "I am naturally distressed by what has appeared. It now appears that I made a principal talk at the conference castigating parochial and private schools. I did not."

Dr. Fine, in his New York Times report, did not say Dr.

Oberholzer gave his alleged views on parochial education in a principal talk at the conference. He reported that the educator expressed the disputed views "at a press conference arranged by the association officials."

Dr. Oberholzer, in denying his reported attack on independent schools, did not say whether he favored having other schools besides the public.

However, the Christian Science Monitor reported him as being opposed to a significant division of the country's schools into a dual system. Laura Haddock, staff correspondent of the Monitor, also credited him with expressing views similar to those reported by the New York Times at the press conference during the Boston convention. Dr. Oberholzer did not name the Christian Science Monitor as a news-

paper misquoting him. Here is an excerpt from the Monitor correspondent's report:

**"THE POSSIBLE**—and in some cities the actual—inroads of the church-sponsored and other independent schools upon the public schools were... commented upon by Mr. Oberholzer.

"He said that while the encroachment was not yet important in number, it was alarming in the idea back of it. He said he was strongly opposed personally to any significant division of the country's educational system between public and private institutions.

"I believe history has fully confirmed all that Dr. Conant said last night on this point," he asserted. "We cannot have parochial schools to any large extent and still have democracy in our school system."

## Repudiation Of Attack On Church Schools Hailed

Denver—(NC)—The Denver Post has commended Dr. Kenneth E. Oberholzer, superintendent of Denver public schools, for repudiating an alleged attack on non-public schools.

**DR. OBERHOLZER IS ALSO** president of the American Association of School Administrators.

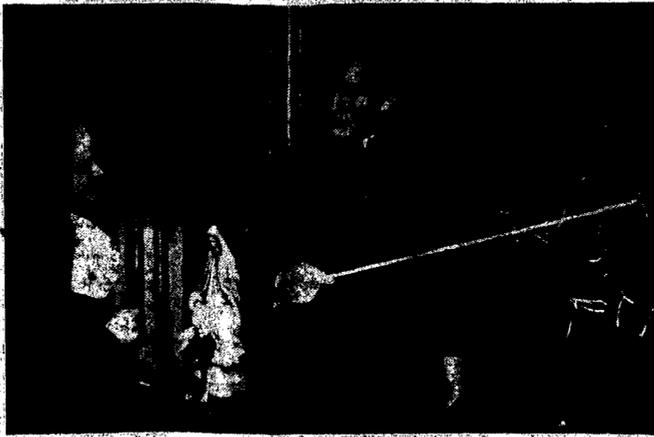
The Denver Post commented editorially that Dr. Oberholzer's "clarification of his attitude toward the relations of parochial and private schools to the American system of public education makes a great deal more sense than the prejudicial and inflammatory remarks attributed to him in dispatches from Boston. He repudiated any such views completely and forthrightly, as he should have.

"It would have been most unrealistic for either Dr. Oberholzer or the association to declare all-out war on parochial or private schools," the Post went on. "They have become a substantial element in the educational structure; they are permitted by law and supported by the sentiment as well as the means of a great many citizens."

"Education, as a basic element in the preservation of free society, must not be subject to the destructive forces of unleashed prejudice, bigotry or intolerance," the Post asserted.

**"THEREFORE THE ROLE** of the religious school and the private school must be considered in the light of the rights of citizens to hold and express their own beliefs, within the framework of the general good."

Dr. Oberholzer's "prompt and candid explanation of his views agrees entirely with the attitude he has previously expressed here," the Post concluded.



King Crosby as Father O'Malley discusses problems with Ingrid Bergman as Sister

Benedict in memorable film, "Going My Way," which was attacked at the Protestant and

Other Americans United Conference in Washington as a "friendly" portrayal of priests.

## Mrs. McCollum Against 'Going My Way'

Washington, D. C.—(NC)—Objection to King Crosby's portrayal of Father O'Malley in the memorable film, "Going My Way," was raised by Mrs. Vastil McCollum in a talk here last week before the annual conference of the Protestants and Other Americans United For Separation of Church and State.

Mrs. McCollum, a Chicago, Ill., housewife, whose suit led to the Supreme Court's McCollum decision barring religious instruction on public property, discussed the issue of movie censorship.

She said the Catholic Legion of Decency is more concerned with suppressing non-Catholic ideas in films than in preventing obscenity in them. She also objects to movies like King Crosby's showing priests as "genial, full of sentimental charm, indulgent." Protestant ministers and rabbis have been denied these "friendly" portrayals, the self-styled "humanist" declared.

She reported that even though Catholics had "forced" film distributors to cut and alter "A Streetcar Named Desire," the Legion of Decency classified it objectionable in part for all and priests were, likewise, in theater, jobs to take down the names of parishioners going to see the film. Where this name-taking happened or when she did not

bother to say. Mrs. McCollum, who has been called an atheist but denies this, saying she is a "humanist," spoke at the first session of the POAU conference in the National City Christian Church.

## Joe DiMaggio Tells Story Behind Great Boston Game

New York—(NC)—"Something else was helping me, I guess." In these words Joe DiMaggio, grounded Yankee Clipper, sought to account for one of the great days of his glittering diamond career, in a clutch series with the Boston Red Sox in June, 1949.

It was the year heel spurs kept the outfielder, whose career spanned 1,736 league and 53 World Series games, out of the first 65 games of the season. The Sox, as a reward headed for a pennant, with a string of 10 wins in 11 games the last

He singled and homered in the opening game, a night contest. Afterwards Joe left the crowded lobby of the hotel where the Yankees were staying to call his mother in San Francisco, who was anxious about his condition. When he called she was saying her nightly Rosary. "Something else" was helping him, he learned.

DiMaggio, who retired at the end of last season, recalls in The New York Journal American, he decided to offer his services to Manager Casey Stengel for whom he had not yet played his first game. The incredulous Casey could hardly believe his ears when Joe flew up to Boston

## HOLY FATHER EXHORTS

# Women To Adopt 'Cause Of Peace'

By REV. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN

Vatican City—(NC)—An appeal to the women of the world to embrace the cause of peace as "a mission from God and humanity" was sounded by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

He spoke in Italian to delegates from 45 countries attending the 13th International Congress of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations. The Holy Father, termed women's work for peace today "the most extensive perhaps assigned to you by Providence, up to the present" and "more social and salutary" than anything they have done in the past. The theme of the women's meeting was, "World Peace and the Responsibilities of Christian Womanhood."

**THE POPE** declared that if all women were to translate their innate hatred of war into "concrete action to impede war" the total of "such imposing efforts" could not fail to attain its end.

Pope Pius told the women that, as Catholic women, they had a greater contribution to make to the cause of peace than others "whose sincerity we are far from questioning, but whose cry, unfortunately, we often see deserted and turned to other ends." He said that the action which "the Church and humanity" expect of them should be a double one, a psychological and external application of their influence in the world.

**WOMEN'S** activity, the Pope declared, should be "aimed at wiping out hatred, forging the bonds of brotherhood between peoples, eliminating the causes of conflict, such as want, unemployment, obstacles to emigration, and the like."

Women's psychological activity, the Pontiff stated, will be action "to bring men to an appreciation of heavenly things, to a clean way of which she would become the most pleasurable." He said that millions of men and women still remember the horrors of the last war, when "mothers with babes at the breast were struck down with the ruins of their homes, while others were turned, as it were, to stone by the sorrow and unexpectedness of their losses, as if something in their life had suddenly been dashed to pieces."

Pope Pius concluded his address by telling his audience that the sentiment which leads women to labor war will yield nothing and would never become a valid contribution to peace "if it were not transferred into a positive desire to restore everywhere a sense of fraternity sustained by a consciousness of a higher obligation of charity... strengthened... by justice, of which peace is the work—in a word, if sentiment doesn't lead to action conducted according to the essential principles of Christianity."

## University Names Building Pace III Hall

Cleveland—(NC)—The new nearly-completed residence hall at John Carroll here will be known as Pace III Hall, in honor of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, it has been announced by the Very Rev. Frederick A. Wallis, S.S., university president. Permission was obtained from Rome for use of the Pope's family name for the hall, Father Wallis said.

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