

Supreme Court Upholds 'Released Time'

Diocesan Collection To Aid Bishops' Fund For War Victims

Bishop Asks Relief Plea On Sunday

Responding to His Excellency Bishop Kearney's request, all churches of the Rochester Diocese will appeal this Sunday (May 4) for annual contributions to the American Bishops' Fund for Victims of War.

In a letter read in all churches last week, Bishop Kearney urged generous support of the relief fund which has a national goal of \$5,000,000.

SINCE THE BISHOPS' Relief fund was established in 1942, American generosity has saved and aided millions of sick, homeless and orphaned refugees, but as His Eminence Cardinal Spellman stated in an appeal to the New York Archdiocese, "there are still millions who cannot continue to live unless each and every one of us continues to give."

Included in the American Bishops' worldwide mission of mercy are the host of homeless, refugees in Europe, the suffering people of Korea, and the refugees of China and the Middle East.

In war-ravaged Korea alone, more than 6,000,000 men, women and children face immediate death and prolonged suffering unless they receive immediate assistance.

THE ENORMITY of world relief needs is mirrored in a six-month report issued this week by War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, War Relief Services, which administers relief work supported by the Bishops' Fund for Victims of War. It estimates that 20,000 refugees fled each month from the Soviet to the Western Zone of Germany. An additional 3,000 fled each month from other Soviet satellite countries to free areas of Europe.

There are 7,500,000 expellees in western Germany—persons expelled from homes in communist-ruled countries like Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary and Yugoslavia merely because they were of German descent; 1,500,000 refugees from the Soviet zone of occupation, and 250,000 religious and political refugees, including the "hard core" of displaced persons, a total of 9,500,000 homeless men, women and children in western Germany, the report details.

SINCE WAR Relief Services was founded in 1942, the Bishops' agency has distributed \$169,829,679 in food, clothing, medicines and other relief supplies in 63 countries.

Under the Displaced Persons program which was started in 1948 and has just now closed, WRS-NCWC sponsored 114,072 of the 339,000 DP's who entered this country—a project made possible by the Bishops' Fund.

Parent Rights Vindicated In Court Decision

New York — (NC) — "The American parent should rejoice in this decision of the Supreme Court of our country."

This comment was made by Msgr. John S. Middleton, New York archdiocesan secretary for education, in hailing the high court's ruling upholding the New York State released time system.

He added: "Parental rights in education—a long standing American tradition—received new vindication. Criticism of public education as Godless should now be reduced. Opportunity is afforded to give a more real and enduring basis for moral and spiritual values about which public educators have expressed such enthusiasm. The Supreme Court has previously stated: 'This is a religious nation' (1892), and 'The child is not the mere creature of the state' (1925). The present decision reaffirms these truly human and American principles and also proclaims: 'We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being.'"

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Bishop Duffy Medal Awarded Louis Langie



SERVICE TO YOUTH—Louis A. Langie, recipient of the Bishop John A. Duffy Medal for service to youth is congratulated by Joanne Threlkeld and Margaret McGrath (left to right), Nazareth College delegates to the National Federation of Catholic Colleges' Congress which presented the award.

Rochester Business Leader Acclaims Religious Schools

The Bishop John Duffy Medal for outstanding service to Catholic youth was awarded to Louis A. Langie, Rochester business leader, by the National Federation of Catholic Colleges' Congress which presented the award.

THE REVEREND Donald Mulcahy, director of Catholic Youth work in Rochester, presented Mr. Langie with the award. In his acceptance speech, Langie pointed out that "no institution of learning has been more persistent or more constant in the teaching of moral virtues than has the religious school."

"Because it teaches these moral virtues," he said, "that are so productive of the higher type of citizenship, because moral leadership is so urgently needed in our own nation and in the world at large, I commend that the religious school is not to be despised and disparaged but it to be sponsored and encouraged as the foundation stone upon which we may well build a better world tomorrow."

"Because you are representatives of such schools," he told the delegates, "I am doubly happy to receive today this honor from your hands."

PRESENTATION of the award was one of the highlights of the two day N.F.C.C.S. meeting which was attended by delegates from Nazareth College and ten other Catholic colleges. Representing the Rochester diocesan women's college were Sister Rose Angela, dean; Sister St. Catherine, N.F.C.C.S. moderator; Sister M. Pauline, head of the Sociology department; Sister Stella Marie, college secretary and student delegate Leona Meisenzahl, Eileen Flanagan, Margaret McGrath and Jeanne Drexelius.

Mr. Langie, immediate past president of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, is known for his work with the Rochester Hospital Council, Community Chest and other civic ventures. The medal he received was given in honor of Bishop Duffy, former bishop of the Buffalo diocese, who was instrumental in organizing the Lake Erie region of N.F.C.C.S.

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Msgr. Lambert Gives Report On Charities

Nine Catholic Charities agencies, all affiliates of the Rochester Community Chest, spent a total of \$3,050,319.42 for operation during the 12-month period of April 1, 1951 to March 31, 1952, according to the annual report issued today by the Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, diocesan director of Catholic Charities.

In a letter addressed to His Excellency Bishop Kearney, Monsignor Lambert pointed out that funds expended by the nine Catholic agencies included \$305,078.89 from the Rochester Community Chest. A total of \$2,752,168.22 was received by the agencies from sources other than the Chest.

St. Mary's Hospital ranks first among the nine agencies in the matter of expenditures. Cost of operation during the past year was \$220,619.25. The Hospital received \$5,000 from the Community Chest and \$2,226,665.71 from other sources.

Biggest Community Chest recipient was the Catholic Family Center. The Center, which provides family and child care services, received \$138,844.43 from the Community Chest and \$2,226,665.71 from other sources. The Family Center expended \$343,602.73 during the past fiscal year.

Breakdown of the Catholic agencies, showing receipts (in dollars) from the Community Chest and from other sources from April, 1951 to March, 1952 is as follows:

RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CHEST: St. Mary's Hospital, \$2,226,665.71; Catholic Family Center, \$302,439.13; St. Ann's Home for the Aged, \$178,129.43; St. Joseph's Villa, \$61,751.39; Columbus Youth Association, Rochester, \$29,043.45; St. Elizabeth Guild House, \$16,770.59; Genesee Settlement House, \$3,203.05; Charles Settlement House, \$1,857.73; and Columbus Youth Association, East Rochester, \$2,267.69.

RECEIPTS FROM CHEST: St. Mary's Hospital, \$5,000; Catholic Family Center, \$138,844.49; St. Ann's Home for the Aged, \$21,374.74; St. Joseph's Villa, \$36,738.18; Columbus Youth Association, Rochester, \$35,847.72; St. Elizabeth Guild House, \$5,308.40; Genesee Settlement House, \$47,784.21; Charles Settlement House, \$19,687.15; and Columbus Youth Association, East Rochester, \$14,483.00.

Reading Bible Kept Me From Going Mad, Says Vogeler

Richmond, Va.—(NC)—Robert Vogeler, the telephone company official, said "reading the Bible during his 17 months of solitary confinement in a Hungarian communist prison gave me great consolation and kept me from going mad."

Mr. Vogeler spoke to an audience of 1,300 persons in the Benedictine Gymnasium here. His lecture was sponsored by the West End Catholic Men's Association. He was unable to explain how the Bible, published by the British Bible Society, was among the four books prisoners were allowed to read in the communist prison.

Originally sentenced to serve 15 years, Mr. Vogeler said he schooled himself in limiting his reading to a brief period daily in order to keep alive his intellect. He said that when he was released he had read the Bible through twice.

Nazareth College May Queen



MAY DAY QUEEN—Miss Martha Moran, Nazareth College senior of Ayon, N. Y., adjusts her veil preparatory to taking honored role of May Queen in the college's traditional May Day ceremonies. (Ray Kearney—Courier-Journal photo)

408 Adults Are Confirmed

A total of 408 adults were confirmed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in two churches of Rochester on Sunday, April 25. Most of them are recent converts.

The first service was held in Corpus Christi Church where 196 persons from all parishes in Rochester and surrounding towns received the Sacrament from the Bishop.

The other was at Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral where 210 more persons were confirmed at the hands of Bishop Kearney.

Marines Confirmed By Spanish Bishop

Madrid — (NC) — Twenty-five American Marines were confirmed by Bishop Juan Hervas of Palma, Majorca, in the private chapel of his residence. They were members of the crew of the airplane carrier, USS Midway, which had arrived at the Mediterranean island a few hours ahead, together with two destroyers of the Sixth Fleet.

Accompanying the Marines was the Rev. James J. Cullinan, of Boston, Mass.

Pontifical Mass To Open Catholic Daughters Parley

Advance units of the Catholic Daughters of America will arrive in Rochester tomorrow (Saturday, May 3) to prepare for the order's state convention opening next week in the Kodak City.

The 23rd Biennial State Convention of the CDA will open formally on Tuesday (May 6) when His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate Pontifical Mass for attending delegates in St. Joseph's Church at 9 a.m., according to Mrs. Frank J. Donahue of Brockport, convention chairman.

VERY REV. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.S.R., rector of Notre Dame Retreat House will preach the sermon. Music for the Mass will be sung by St. Bernard's Seminary choir.

Business sessions in Hotel Seneca will be presided over by Mrs. Marie C. Curry of Bellerose, L. I., state regent.

Taking a prominent role in the convention will be Auxiliary Bishop Stephen J. Donahue of New York.

American Practice Let Parents Choose Schools

Washington — (NC) — "It has always been good American practice, in connection with the requirement that all children must attend school, to allow parents to exercise their discretion as to where their children will be educated, whether in public, in private or in parochial schools," in the opinion of Dr. Robert M. Corning, District of Columbia superintendent of public schools.

Dr. Corning expressed this opinion after he was asked for comment on attacks made on independent schools at the American Association of School Administrators convention in Boston.

He said he could not recall any previous attempt on the part of public school educators to deny parents this right, or to interfere in any way with the operation of privately-financed institutions other than to require that they meet certain standards.

Americans 'Religious People,' Says Court

(NCWC News Service)

Washington, April 25—(NC) — "We are a religious people, whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being."

With these words the New York released time program for giving religious instruction to public school students was upheld by the United States Supreme Court in a 6-to-3 decision.

"It takes obtuse reasoning to inject any issue of the free exercise of religion into the present case," the court held. "No one is forced to go to the religious classroom, and no religious exercise of instruction is brought to the classroom of the public schools. A student need not take religious instructions. He is left to his own desires as to the manner or time of his religious devotion, if any."

THE MAJORITY opinion of the court was written by Associate Justice William O. Douglas. He was joined by Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson and Associate Justices Stanley B. Reed, Harold H. Burton, Tom C. Clark and Sherman Minton.

Dissenting were Associate Justices Hugo L. Black, Felix Frankfurter and Robert H. Jackson.

The case originated in New York several years ago when two taxpayers, Tetsiam Zorach and Establich, filed suit against the New York Board of Education, contending that the released time program was in violation of the first amendment of the Constitution—the separation of church and state.

THE NEW YORK released time program has been used as a model for similar programs in many states. Under its operation, pupils are released from classes for a specified time each week and permitted to take religious instruction according to each individual's preference at places off school property. The consent of parents is a prerequisite before students are released.

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Young Orators To Vie For Bishop Medals

Finals in the Bishop's Regional Elocution Contest for six high schools in the Rochester area will be held Wednesday, May 7 at 3 p.m. in Aquinas Institute auditorium, Dewey Ave.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney who sponsors the contest will preside and will present special gold medals to the winners. At St. Joseph's, the Bishop's medals are engraved with the Bishop's episcopal coat of arms.

The Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent of Catholic Schools will preside.

At the conclusion of the contest a plaque will be presented for the school represented by a boy and a girl winner and each winner will receive a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond. Both the plaques and the bonds are given by Fifth New York District, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

CONTESTANTS in the finals will be as follows:

Academy of the Sacred Heart, Joyce Grunier, topic: "Universal Military Training, Good or Bad?"

Aquinas Institute, Raymond J. Schiller, "Wanted—Strong Leadership."

Nazareth Academy, Marie C. Ewert, "America and Freedom."

Our Lady of Mercy High School, Mary Kay Kelly, "Racial Discrimination."

St. Agnes High School, Theresa Fink, "Our Personal Obligation to Insure Good Government."

St. Andrew's Seminary, William J. Flynn, "White Fields Wait."

Two students from Holy Family High School, Auburn, won in the finals of the Bishop's Regional Elocution Contest held in DeSales High School, Geneva on Wednesday night.

Presented their medals by His Excellency Bishop Kearney were Margaret Boyle and Alfred Del Monte, both of whom spoke on "Universal Military Training, Good or Bad?"

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