

# High Court Appeal Planned On Statue

New Orleans — (RNS)— A group of New Orleans Protestants said they would carry to the U. S. Supreme Court their fight to compel the city to remove a statue of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini from a public parkway.

The group's announcement was made after the State Supreme Court refused to review a decision by the Orleans Parish Court of Appeals upholding the erection of the statue on public property.

Planning the appeal are George L. Singleman, a Methodist layman, and five clergymen, including two Baptists, a Methodist, a Presbyterian, and a Lutheran.

THE PLAINTIFFS claim that the statue of Mother Cabrini on public property violates the principle of Church-State separation. The appeals court had upheld a ruling by Judge Louis H. Yarrut in civil district court that no provision of the federal or state constitutions was violated when the city of New Orleans permitted the erection of the statue in a public place.

Judge Yarrut noted that the plaintiffs had objected to the nun's religious garb and also the way she held her hands in prayer. He said that these objections were without legal basis and that "in any other garb she would be a stranger."

Mother Cabrini, who was born in 1830 and died in 1917, did much charitable work in New Orleans and elsewhere. She was the founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Canonized on July 7, 1946, she was the first American citizen to be proclaimed a saint.

JUDGE YARBUT said that Mother Cabrini was not assigned a place on the parkway as a public figure.

Monuments and statues, he said, may rightfully be erected in the public streets, avenues, places, squares, and parks, and some of these monuments and statues have honored religious figures whose historic position was unchallenged. He cited the statue of Martin Luther in Baltimore and one in New York of a noted abolitionist preacher.

Misery — That which is said to love company, hate competition.

## Crime Pays? Blood Flows On TV Fare

St. Paul, Minn. — (NC) — Frank J. Schwartz of this city, put in a 13-hour stint of listening and looking with a citizens committee formed here in St. Paul to aid in solving the juvenile delinquent problem.

The listening and looking came when the committee concerned itself with the types of programs offered on television and radio, and their effect on young people. As a result of the listening and looking assignment, Mr. Schwartz reported:

IN THE 13-HOUR period there were 16 murders, 12 references to violent deaths, two automobile thefts, three drinking scenes in bars, two drinking scenes in other places, one detailed diagram on the operation of lock picking, 15 minutes of wild cowboy chasing and violence, four scenes in which fist fights took place, approximately 35 shots fired, not counting the cowboy scenes, one murder by drowning, two threats of death and one automobile accident.

Mr. Schwartz reported that 45 minutes were assigned to religious programs, a half hour to church music, two hours to comedy, two hours to musical type programs, eight hours to stories and events which included the scenes he enumerated.

"IF OUR SCHOOLS taught one per cent of the stuff we are getting on our radio and television programs," Mr. Schwartz concluded, "the whole system would be in an uproar. Why must three people be killed in the first act to sell an automobile? Let's get together and clean up our entertainment world before we start blaming our police departments and schools and children for the conditions as we now find them."

## Mother Of Year



Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Barry Branon (above), of Fairfield, Vt., mother of ten children, grandmother of 18, and leader in the Burlington Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, has been named the Vermont mother of the year, by the American Mothers Committee.

Mrs. Branon has one son, a priest, Rev. Philip Branon, of St. Paul's Church, Barton, Vt.

## CLEVELAND CONVENTION

# Catholic Nurses Hear Archbishop Cushing Describe Role In Dispelling Modern Fear

Cleveland — (NC) — Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston told Catholic nurses here that they have a mission "to dispel the anxieties which prey on human minds in this age of anxiety." The Archbishop addressed the sixth biennial convention of the National Council of Catholic Nurses here.

"We live in the age of anxiety," Archbishop Cushing stated. "Everywhere we turn we find people half sick from fear; fear of their neighbor, fear of their work, fear of disease, fear of the past and fear of the future... fear of war and the things of war."

"I ASK YOU nurses to give special attention to all that sound psychology and modern medicine teach concerning the elimination of unhealthy fears," the Archbishop continued. But he noted that "if Catholics who complain of nervous exhaustion, of fear and of overburdened minds, were more loyal to Our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist, and rested in His presence more often, they would experience a relief even mentally that nothing else in the world can give."

"Our generation is a generation of fears because it is a generation without faith," he reminded. "A generation without faith, it is strictly pagan in its outlook. The modern pagan lives in one world and one world only: the world of material things. When that world turns to ashes or otherwise dissolves into him, it leaves him physically strong, but he becomes a cynic. If he is physically sick, as like as not he becomes a suicide..."

"THE CATHOLIC nurse recognizes that she is a citizen of the invisible and the eternal. When the tide of the temporal goes out on her hopes, she still has the infinite oceans of eternity in which to lose her fears..."

"Abandonment to the will of God is the practice of the saints and we, too, are meant to follow such a way. Yet life itself will teach abandonment which will drive out fear and cast away anxiety. When we abandon ourselves to God we cease to worry, and the person who is content to live as He wills her to live, is a fearless person."

Archbishop Cushing expressed a "personal fear" concerning nurses: the fear that they might become so conscious of their profession as to forget their vocation — as to forget their vocation.

"NOWADAYS THE nursing profession is becoming more and more technical," the Archbishop said, "more and more administrative, more and more remote from the actual persons of the sick, more and more removed from the bedside..."

## Catholic Nurse Magazine Stated

Cleveland — (NC) — Publication next September of a new magazine called "The Catholic Nurse" was announced here by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston at the National Council of Catholic Nurses Convention. The Archbishop declared that he would personally assume the editorship of the magazine and would seek able writers in the field to contribute articles.

Archbishop Cushing also offered to assume all financial costs of the publication for two years. At present the Council of Nurses has only a quarterly bulletin as its official publication.

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"Nursing has a professional

## RED BATTLE ORDERS

# Real Communists Fight, Hate Religion

London — (NC) — Though professing "respect" for religious convictions and freedom of conscience, Hungary's communist bosses have left no doubt in the minds of their followers that the party expects every true communist to be a hater of religion.

"Within the party, religion cannot remain a private affair," says a resolution passed by the executive of the Hungarian Workers' (communist) party, which gives directions on how to conduct the fight against "clerical reaction" — one of the most important sections of the imperialist fifth column.

A BUDAPEST RADIO lecture, heard here, explaining these communist battle orders, made it clear that even the so-called "peace priests," (that is, priests willing to collaborate openly with the communist regime) must be regarded with some suspicion.

While warning against the "grave mistake" of identifying these "peace priests" with "clerical reaction," the lecturer said: "We must realize, however, that even if in political matters these priests are drawing nearer to us, there will still remain ideological differences between us. Our party's world outlook is scientific, while that of the clergy, regardless of its political stand, is religious... Reaction can make use of the religious world outlook, however honest the man who teaches it."

SIMILAR suspicions are voiced regarding workers who are "still religious." They are not "thrust away," the lecture said, urging "patient work of enlightenment" to help these workers "free themselves from the effect of the Church's doctrines." But the lecturer added:

"What sort of consistency may we expect from a communist who allows himself to be influenced by unscientific miracles and supernatural power? Such a party member does not stand on firm ground, and he among the comrades who participates in religious ceremonies, who sends his children to religious classes, unwittingly supports reaction."

Manhood — Manhood is not measured by the size of one's chest but by the quality of one's heart. — Missionary Tidings.

## Czech Reds Deny Nuns Exit Permits

Amsterdam — (NC) — Communist authorities in Prague have refused permission to ten Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus to leave Czechoslovakia and go to the Dutch province of the order, it was learned here by the Catholic Netherlands Press Agency from well-informed sources.

Exit permits were denied the nuns despite the fact that the Superior General of the order had instructed them to proceed to the motherhouse at Sittard, Holland, and the Dutch government had offered them unlimited residential permits.

THE NUNS, who carried on nursing work among poor children at the Dutch monastery in Krupka, Moravia, were driven from their institution last year and transferred to an old monastery at Bila Voda, near Jagerdorf, which had previously been confiscated by the communist government. There they were drafted for forced labor in factories and in the fields.

A report from Vienna early in April said that some 15,000 nuns had been ousted by the Prague regime from their convents in the fall of 1950 and placed in special concentration camps.

THE REPORT stated that the nuns were employed first as farm laborers and later most of them were forced to work in factories.

Latest development in the story of the Czechoslovak nuns was a letter in which they asked their Superior General in Holland to stop efforts for their liberation because these attempts would do harm rather than good. "Alas," wrote the Czechoslovak superior, "it was a fine dream."

## Education Editor Rebukes Attack On Private Schools

New York — (NC) — "It is a gross error to believe that the attainment of the ideals of democracy is dependent upon uniformity of educational institutions. What matters is the spirit that dominates the aims that they seek to attain, whether they are public or private."

THIS STATEMENT, commenting on attacks on independent schools at the Boston meeting of the American Association of School Administrators, was made by Isaac L. Kandel, editor of "School and Society" and an internationally known educator. "School and Society" is one of the most quoted educational reviews.

"There seems to prevail an atmosphere of critical resentment against private schools as though they have no right to exist," Dr. Kandel wrote in the weekly magazine, whose editorial offices are here.

"The general charge that is leveled against private schools, whether they serve the needs of a religious group or cater to the

children of an economic class that can afford to pay high fees, is that they are divisive.

"SO FAR no evidence of such divisiveness has been produced, certainly not nearly as much evidence as is to be found in studies made by Lloyd Warner and his colleagues of the divisive effect of socioeconomic conditions upon the kind of course pursued, participation in extracurricular activities, and the friends made by pupils in public high schools.

"It is a naive concept of social forces that places the responsibility for creating prejudices and intolerance upon any kind of private schools or that public school education makes for that unity that transcends other divisive influences," Dr. Kandel also declared.

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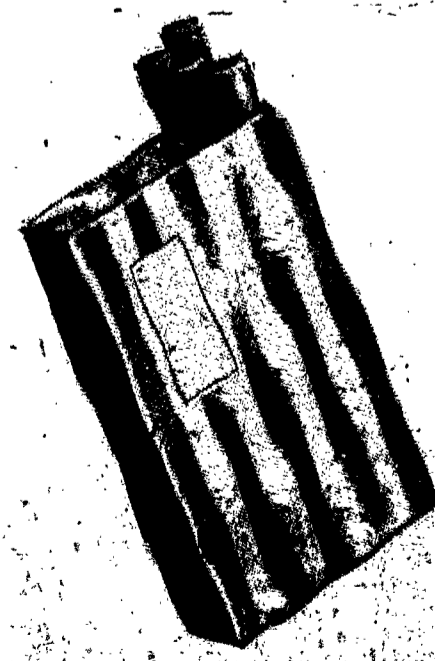


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