

Australia Catholics Favor 'Social Service System' For State School Aid

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Sydney, Australia — Catholic authorities in Australia favor a "social service system for education," under which the cost of educating each child would be paid direct to the parents by the State.

This was made clear in a statement by Bishop Patrick F. Lyons, Auxiliary of Sydney, who clarified the Catholic position regarding a question much in the public mind at present; if state aid to denominational education should become a reality, in exactly what form should it be paid?

BISHOP LYONS stated that, in view of Catholic authorities, "the ideal approach to the whole problem (of state aid to non-public education) would be to extend the existing social services system to education and, in so doing, to have in mind the Australian child, without thought for where or to whom it goes to school."

Pointing out that Australian Catholic Church authorities "prefer to avoid the use of such terms as 'denominational grants,' or 'aid to private schools,' or 'aid to religious schools,'" Bishop Lyons said:

"THESE TERMS and others like them are not only confusing, but misleading. Moreover, they tend inevitably to sound a warning note in the minds of public men who fear what might be a 'sectarian issue,' while to others not so single-minded in their approach to the problem, the use of such terms has often in the past presented an opportunity for bigotry."

"The education problem is not basically a religious one at all; nor in discussing it, is there any place really for emphasis on private education as such or on the religious bodies who in the main conduct it."

"Those who direct private schools are not seeking 'aid' or 'grants' or concessions from anyone. And they are not looking for charity. They are seeking nothing more than elemen-

tary justice for their children."

ADVOCATING a solution which would extend the existing social services system to education, the Bishop continued: "We have ample precedent for this solution under present social services, such as the hospital benefit. If a person be ill, he is allowed freely to choose his hospital, public, intermediate or private, whether such hospital is conducted by secular or religious bodies."

"The patient who enters an intermediate or private hospital then receives from the Commonwealth Government funds, so much a week, while in hospital and he carries that benefit to the particular hospital which admitted him."

"If the person happens to be in a Catholic hospital, no one can say, or in fact does say, that the payment of his benefit . . . constitutes 'government aid' or 'grant' to the Catholic Church. Nor can it be said, or is said, by anyone that by this social service a religious institution itself has sought or has received a 'government grant' or 'aid.'"

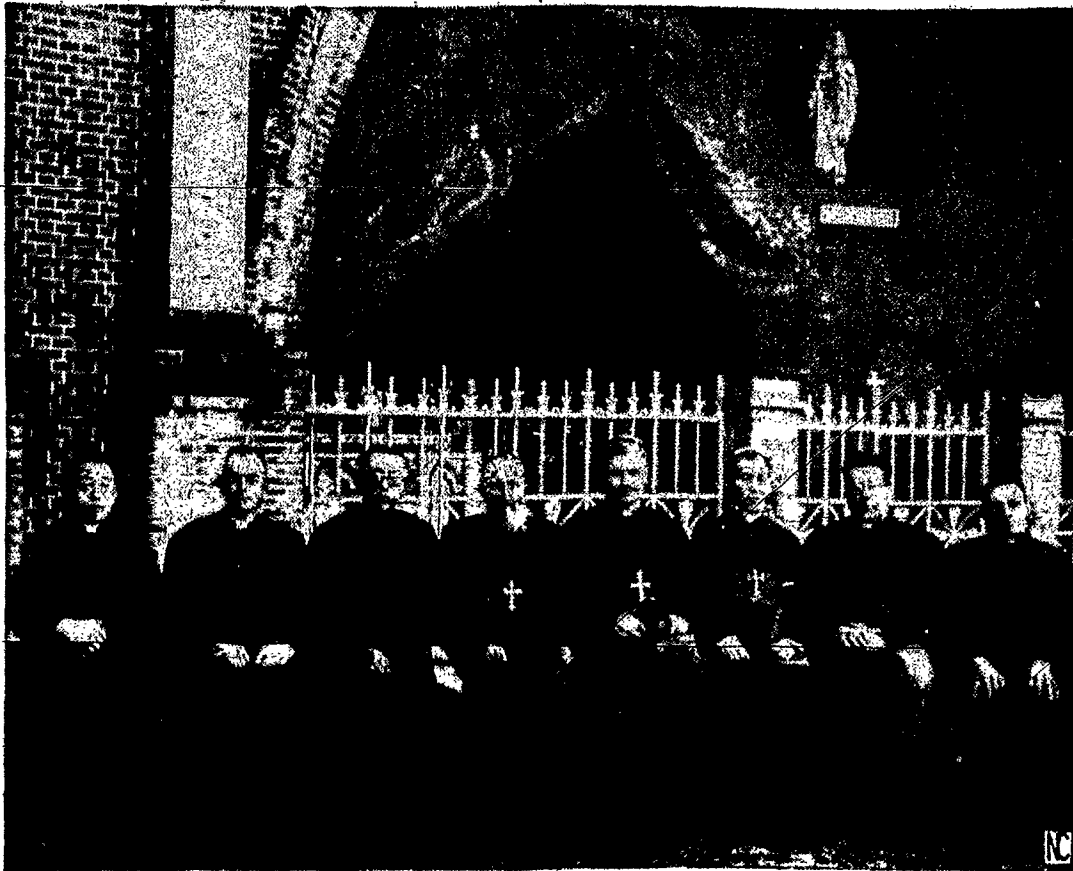
"IN LIKE MANNER, in the education field, if we were to concentrate on the child, and to have allocated to him from Commonwealth Government funds an amount per year sufficient to educate him, irrespective of where or to whom he goes for his schooling, we would merely be adapting and applying to education our social services policy, which is already accepted and approved by the nation."

Bishop Lyons declared it would be easy "to arrive at a fairly accurate figure as to the cost of educating each child each year."

"Each child would then, like the hospital patient, carry with him to the school by his parents, whether state or non-state, the amount required for his education," the Bishop went on.

"Such a plan to provide a social service system for education, similar to other existing social services, could be enacted without the introduction of, or the need to vindicate, any new principle, since no new principle would be involved."

Plan Future Of Church In Korea



As the United Nations peace talks continue, the Ordinaries of Korea meet in Taegu to plan the future of the Church in Korea following the peace. Archbishop Maximilian de Furstenberg, Apostolic Delegate to Japan and Korea, presided. Left to right are: Very Rev. Joseph Bl (representing Apostolic Prefect Bartholomew Kim of Chongju, who was ill); Very Rev. Harold

Henry, S.C., Pro-Prefect of Kwangju; Bishop to the bishops; Bishop Adrian Larrieau, Vicar John B. Choe, Vicar Apostolic of Taegu, host Apostle of Taegu; Archbishop de Furstenberg; Bishop Paul Ro, Apostolic of Seoul; Monsignor George Carroll, M.M., Apostolic Administrator of Pyong Yang; and Very Rev. Hubert Hayward, S.C., Pro-Prefect of Chunchon.

Faith Of Rickshaw Coolie In Saigon Impresses Priest

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR

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Saigon, Vietnam — (NC) — He was just another smiling coolie, in faded cotton jacket and shorts and a shapeless old hat, peddling his "cycle-pousse," or bicycle-propelled rickshaw, under the blazing sun.

I was his passenger, unable to speak Vietnamese, just pointing toward the city.

After a few minutes, he apparently decided that his passenger could be of some use.

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I HANDED him 5 plasters (about 20 cents officially, worth less in buying value) and waited to see what change, if any, he would offer. He handed me back two. That is, he kept only the minimum fare.

We parted with more smiles. I decided I had better justify his guess by visiting the church first and the monastery afterwards.

I had just knelt down, inside, when somebody else entered the church. It was my friend the coolie. First, holding his old hat, he stood, bowed and made the sign of the cross. Then he genuflected and knelt praying in a pew, on my right and slightly behind me. After three or four minutes, he rose, genuflected and

noiselessly slipped out. Mounting his cycle-rickshaw, he rode off.

I WENT TO the church door to watch. As he passed the Lourdes grotto, he reverently lifted that old hat again.

Uncomfortably, I suspected who had outranked whom, before the tabernacle and Our Mother of Perpetual Help. And I guessed now that in my rickshaw ride with Our Lady's Coolie, the wrong man had taken the passenger's seat.

Lawmaker Urges Ban On Reds

Dobson, Que.—(NC)—George Drew, leader of the Conservative Party in the House of Commons, speaking at a by-election meeting here urged the outlawing of the Communist Party in Canada.

Mr. Drew, a leader in the fight against communism in Canada, said that it was senseless to have Canadians fighting communists in Korea while at the same time giving the Communist Party in Canada official recognition.

Terrorism Rife In German Red Zone

By REV. DR. MAX JORDAN

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

Berlin — (NC) — The young man had been in jail for five days. He had not been told why he was arrested. In the Soviet zone of Germany, police do not bother with such trifles.

There was a suspicion, nothing but a suspicion, that the boy was "out of tune" with the communist policies. Such suspicions, as a rule, are fully justified, but in this case, too, there were no specific charges, and suspects are presumed guilty unless they can prove their innocence.

IN THIS CASE THE circumstances can be vouched for the fact that the young man was an active member of the local Catholic youth group, a regular church goer, had probably helped to put the Red rulers on his trail. He was sixteen, a high school student, so they had a complete record of his doings.

Finally the boy was brought before the Russian commissar.

"Better come across," he said. "We know all about you anyway."

It went on for hours, with no result, because the young man did not have the slightest idea what he could possibly be accused of.

THE COMMISSAR, however, kept after him. Time and again he asked him about his "confessions."

"What's your secret in the confessional?" he asked. "What do you say to the priest?"

The young man explained that confessions are private affairs, that the contents are not revealed, not even to Soviet commissars, and, furthermore, his own confessions concerned matters without any political significance.

"But you tell the priest secrets, don't you?" the commissar insisted. He could not understand that anyone should want to talk to a priest for any but political reasons.

LONG HOURS went by without any progress. The boy was wondering whether he would have to spend another night in jail. Then, at last, the commissar gave up. Lighting another cigarette, he said triumphantly: "You won't talk, but we know

everything! I shall now tell you! You go to confession. You tell the priest secrets. The priest says: 'This is important.' He tells the Bishop. The Bishop says 'This is important.' He sends it to the Pope. The Pope says: 'This is important.' He sends it to Truman. And Truman sends plenty of money to the Pope!"

THE YOUNG man was speechless. He looked at the commissar, who stood there smiling, proud of his knowledge.

"Now," said the commissar, "you go home. Don't go to the priest and tell him any more secrets. We know everything. We send you to Siberia, if you are a bad boy."

MISSION EDITOR

Pittsburgh, Pa. — (NC) — The Rev. Joseph A. Lauritis, C.S.Sp., has been appointed editor of Mission News, the Holy Ghost Fathers' monthly magazine, it has been announced.

The Girl Said 'Yes!'

GI Wins Girl For \$40 Phone Call

Washington — (NC) — Love knows no bounds — as long as there is a telephone and some folding money.

That's the lesson to be drawn from a report to the headquarters of the National Catholic Community Service here. It came from Anthony Gatawaks, associate director for NCCS in the USO Club, Oceanside, Calif.

"A Master Sergeant came into the office and stated that he had been trying for hours to make a phone call from Camp Pendleton and from various public phone booths to Hawaii, but without success."

"He asked if he could post \$50 with me and make a call from the office phone. If the call amounted to more than that, he had plenty of money to cover the cost. It seemed that his girl friend was working in Hawaii and he wanted to propose to her."

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His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will make the inaugural address to the congress at a Pontifical High Mass.

ARCHBISHOP JOHN F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia will give a sermon on the eve of the congress, which will be held at the University of Notre Dame. He is a former president of the university. Solemn Benediction will be celebrated by Msgr. P. Arcadio Larrama, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Religious.

Other distinguished guests at the congress will include the Rev. Edward L. Heston, C.S.C., Procurator of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, who will come from Rome. European authorities on the religious life will address the congress.

In the words of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, the congress aims to deepen and strengthen the religious life throughout the world as an effective antidote against the widespread evils and dangers of these troubled times."

SUBJECTS OF general interest to be discussed are:

Training in the positive aspects of the religious vows; problems involved in the practice of poverty and the common life in religious communities today; special problems of religious obedience in modern times; the duty for Sisters; modern convenience and comfort in their relation to the religious spirit; the lay teacher in Catholic schools; the liturgy; and vocations for foreign missions.

School Boy Wins Convention Trip

Farley, Ia. — (NC) — Paul Sanier, first-year student in St. Joseph's school here, will receive an all-expense trip to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. He is the winner of a state-wide essay contest sponsored by radio station WMT, Cedar Rapids.

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