

BISHOP HAAS

Denial Of Negro Rights In Jobs Same As Stealing

Grand Rapids, Mich. — (NC) — Anyone who discriminates against a Negro in industry "is actually stealing from the man discriminated against and it may be taking bread out of his children's mouths," Bishop Francis J. Haas of Grand Rapids declared here.

The Bishop addressed the 14th annual Michigan State CIO Council convention in the Civic Auditorium on the subject of the rights for Negroes in industry. He was chairman of the Federal Fair Employment Practices Commission before his appointment as Bishop in 1943.

IN THE UNITED STATES, Bishop Haas said, Negroes constitute nearly one-tenth of the population and "everyone knows that as a race they are not treated like whites either in getting jobs or in being upgraded according to their skills."

"Apart from regulations laid down by some managements and enforced by some unions, such as many CIO affiliates," Bishop Haas said, "discrimination against Negroes in industry is unfortunately the order of the day. Some establishments are honorable exceptions to this broad generalization, but they are only exceptions."

Bishop Haas said discrimination is wrong because it is anti-Christian.

The Bishop also recalled that proudly emblazoned across the entrance of the United States Supreme Court Building in Washington is the legend "Equal Justice Under Law." He added: "In effect, we say that all men are to be given justice because all men are equal. Coming down to a more everyday level, we point with justifiable pride to the fact that as Americans we believe in a fair deal for all. Now certainly there is nothing fair in treating one-tenth of our fellow citizens as half citizens, especially by excluding them

from the right to live by honest labor." The Bishop declared that there are many in this country who say they are against discrimination but insist it should be abolished not by law but by public education. He said these same people estimate such a procedure will take a "renaissance or several generations," which would be in 1982 or 2022.

"THE CONSCIENCE OF the American people will not wait," Bishop Haas said. "It cries for the enactment of FEPC laws, such as are now operating in such states as New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Washington, New Mexico and Colorado. These laws reflect the conscience of the citizenry of these states and the laws are doing their part in outlawing the evil of racial injustice."

He reminded that FEPC laws do not require an employer to hire or keep anyone on his payroll whom he does not need, but forbid him when he takes on new employees to differentiate between black and white, and when he is making promotions to differentiate solely because of the color of skin.

Priest Offers Mass Above Arctic Circle

Greenland — (NC) — Stationed far above the Arctic Circle in northern Greenland, the Rev. Constantine F. Wolcott, Maryknoll missionary from Glassport, Pa., claims the distinction of being the northernmost priest in the world. He is serving as a chaplain to the North Atlantic Construction group, engaged in defense building. As a cover for his personal notes cards, Father Wolcott reportedly has chosen a painting of Our Lady of the Arctic. On the back of the card is inscribed: "Remembrance of the northernmost Mass, offered daily in northern Greenland on the job site of Blue Jay Project, North Atlantic Constructors' joint venture, in the land of the Midnight Sun; home of the Eskimo, Husky, Igloo, Polar Bear and Sea Walrus; birthplace of the giant iceberg and land of the ice waters."

First National Congress Of Religious



Members of the National Committee for Sisters which met recently at Adrian, Mich., to discuss plans for the first National Congress of Religious in the United States. The Congress, which is convoked by the Sacred Congregation of Religious will be held at the University of Notre Dame, August 16-14. Left to right are: Mother Joan of Arc, Provincial Superior of the Discalced; Mother Killian, Superior General of the Sisters of St. Joseph; Mother Catherine, of the Daughters of Charity; Mother Gerald, Superior General of the Dominican Sisters; Mother Rose Elizabeth, Superior General of the Sisters of the Holy Cross; Mother Helene, Superior General of the Sisters of Providence; Sister M. Madeira, President of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind. Executive chairman of the committee is Mother Gerald.

Trade Unionism Field New Frontier, Tobin Tells Youth

Dubuque, Ia. — (NC) — The trade union movement is a field of rich opportunity for Catholic young people, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin told 140 graduates at Loras College here.

"This labor movement, it seems to me, is a new frontier for America's young people, full of job opportunities of all kinds," the Cabinet member declared.

"THE LABOR movement needs technicians. It needs lawyers. It needs economists. It needs writers and newsmen and public relations specialists. It needs experts in the fields of education and social work."

"The challenge of the new field of the trade union movement is a challenge to all young people, but it is a challenge for young Catholics in particular," he said. "For the eyes of the Church are turned upon working people and their problems more than ever before."

"THE RAZOR sharp edge of the new social order is in the field of labor and industrial relations," Secretary Tobin continued. "Lifetime careers that count are open there, whether for journalists, lawyers, doctors, or economists."

"Regardless of the career you choose, you have a moral obligation as men trained to be future leaders, to become constantly familiar with the great social changes of our time and the new developments in industrial relations. I earnestly ask you to look to labor tomorrow, for therein lies our future greatness as a Nation, and therein lie great opportunities for dedicated Catholic lay leaders."

Gypsies Pilgrimage To French Shrine, Church Fights Prejudice Against Them

Paris — (NC) — The Basilica of Saintes Maries de la Mer was the scene of an unusual pilgrimage when gypsies from Europe and North Africa gathered there to venerate their patroness.

The ancient church on the French Mediterranean coast is said to contain the tombs of two of the Marys mentioned in the Gospels. They are Mary Salome, and Mary of James, also called Mary of Cleophas. Both were present at the Crucifixion.

ACCORDING TO local tradition, the two Marys were driven from the Holy Land by Herod and finally came to the shore of southern France. There they were welcomed by a gypsy woman named Sarah, whom the Gypsies now honor as their patron saint.

More than 40,000 local people also took part in the pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Charles de Provencheres of Aix-en-Provence, now travels with the gypsies.

The Church in France has recently started a campaign to aid gypsies and overcome the widespread prejudice against them.

Living a nomadic life apart from other people, they are generally disliked and discriminated against. Many villages have put up signs saying "Nomads not allowed to stop here." In other places they are permitted to stop but only for two days.

THE ASSEMBLY of French Cardinals and Archbishops, moved by this unreasoning hostility, has assigned a priest to serve as their chaplain and defender.

He is Father Fleury who, speaking in their defense, says: "Our sedentary world is wrong in not understanding the nomadic way of life, which was that of most of our ancestors. If it is nomadic civilization, to Abraham, Jacob and Moses, that we owe our belief in the one true God and the Ten Commandments."

He points out that many artists of great talent have come from illiterate gypsy families. One of them, he notes, is Django Reinhardt, Europe's foremost guitarist.

FATHER FLEURY'S efforts have been vigorously supported

Boystown Of East Opens In McKeesport

McKeesport, Pa. — (NC) — Aubercle Memorial Home for boys here, conducted by the Capuchin Fathers, has been dedicated by Bishop John F. Dearden of Pittsburgh.

The new "Boystown of the East," caring for teenage homeless boys, was partially made possible through funds left in the will of Mrs. Barilina Aubercle, owner of a McKeesport hotel more than 50 years ago.

THE REV. BERNARD Nickel, O.F.M. Cap., home director, plans eventually to accommodate 175 boys of all races and creeds.

Twenty boys have already moved in. "There are no rules here," the Capuchin priest says, "except the rules of a gentleman."

Individually decorated, each dormitory room has six beds. The modernly equipped dining room will have meals served family style.

THERE ARE dental and medical examination rooms, a recreation room with its own dairy bar, and a beautifully appointed chapel. As a symbol of the spirit of the home, there is worked into the tile floor at the entrance a friar's hand teaching out in friendly welcome to the hand of a boy.

CHAMBER POST Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Prof. John H. Sheehan, head of the department of economics at the University of Notre Dame here, has been reappointed for 1953-54 as a member of the Foreign Commerce Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Acting on instructions of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office in Rome, the chancery of the Bamberg Diocese in Bavaria has formally excommunicated one of the chief promoters of a spurious cult to the Blessed Virgin at the village of Heroldsbach.

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Prelate's Chasuble Made Of Mother's Wedding Dress

Quebec — (NC) — Quebec's Archbishop Maurice Roy, who is celebrating his silver jubilee in the priesthood, recalled that at his first Mass the chasuble he wore was made from his mother's wedding dress.

The Archbishop also related that when he was consecrated a Bishop in 1948, his Episcopal ring was made from his mother's wedding ring. The prelate recalled the incidents to an audience in the Quebec Coliseum when he was presented with a purse, which he indicated he will use for charity.

Texas Seminary Dedication Set

San Antonio, Tex. — (NC) — His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, will officiate here September 24 at the dedication of the new Dominican major seminary, it has been announced. The Assumption Seminary is located on what was the campus of Trinity University.

Promoter Of False Cult Censured

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Slave Laborers Build Red Canal

London — (NC) — More than half of the 50,000 workers now employed on communist Rumania's Danube-Black Sea Canal project are forced laborers, according to informed sources here.

The so-called political prisoners — men and women of the former upper and middle classes — are forced to do the heaviest physical work for indefinite periods.

One of the forced workers was 80-year-old Bishop Augustinus Pacha of Timisoara, who was sentenced to 18 years in prison last year and died in an accident on October 31.

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