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Mother Of Eight Answers Foe Of Parochial Schools

Washington — (NC) — A Catholic mother and civic leader, three of whose children served in the U. S. Army, has replied in an open letter to "some of the many errors and misconceptions" in an attack on Catholic education by Mrs. Agnes Meyer before the National Education Association.

Mrs. William F. O'Donnell, former teacher in public and private schools here and active in citizens associations, hospital and Community Chest work, wrote she "was deeply disturbed" by Mrs. Meyer's use of epithet rather than argument throughout her speech in Detroit. She then proceeded to a point-by-point refutation. Her letter was published in "The Catholic Standard," Washington archdiocesan newspaper.

HERE ARE THE major points of Mrs. O'Donnell's reply to the writer-lecturer wife of Eugene Meyer, chairman of the board of The Washington Post:

1. "You state that the 'fundamental need to democracy' is the family development of Catholic children 'brought up in the isolation of the parochial school' who cannot share in a community life of all races, colors and creeds."

"This is completely false. . . The only large school system in Washington, D. C., that accepts children regardless of race, color and creed . . . is that of the Catholic schools, to which I sent my eight children."

"In the Catholic schools they were taught full community life by the motive of Christian charity that disregards race, color and creed."

2. "You also state that the Catholic schools are building up a Catholic state within the state and that their students cannot become good citizens because 'no human being can blindly accept authority in one area of life and become self-reliant in day to day decisions in the fields of morals, politics and economics.'"

"You accuse us of training traitors and citizens opposed to democracy. In all sincerity I ask you: Where are the traitors who have been taught treason in Catholic schools?"

"Unfortunately there have been traitors to our country, but they were not taught in Catholic schools. Our schools teach loyalty to God and country and I am sure that the loyal service to our country of my sons and daughters, as civilians and as members of the armed forces, as well as that of millions of other Catholics, is due substantially to their training in Catholic schools and Catholic doctrine."

3. "I WAS particularly distressed by your error that 'derelict politicians' (I suppose you mean our Bishops and pastors) are trying to regain their 'ancient privilege of controlling education' . . . The Bishops are only observing their right as well as the right of Catholic parents to educate Catholic children. We are not claiming any privilege nor do we parents consider that we are given a privilege when allowed to educate our children as we see fit."

"In regard to the Catholic attitude towards education and freedom of religion it might be beneficial to recall that it was the pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, the Rev. William Matthews, who served as an active member of the committee to begin the public schools in this city."

"Furthermore, religious liberty was granted to the territory of the District of Columbia (a part of the colony of Maryland) by the Catholic settlers. Freedom of religion was denied only when the 'Protestants under Clayborne overthrew the Catholics and gained control of the government; freedom of religion was regained only when the Catholics again came into office in Maryland."

4. You are also gravely misled that the Catholic laity resent the leadership of our Bishops in establishing Catholic schools for our children and that we are unwilling to support this "crushing burden." The only complaint that I have ever heard from my

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Greetings

July 6, 1952

Bishop Kearney Rochester, N. Y. Bishop Cowderoy, having today laid foundation stone of the Church of St. John Fisher at Rochester, sends greetings and heartfelt thanks to the Bishop, Clergy and People of the Diocese Rochester, N. Y. Rev. Thomas O'Riordan Pastor, Rochester, England

Rochester Gift Pays Half Cost Of New John Fisher Church

Rochester, England, July 15 — (NC) — The \$30,000 gift of Catholics in America's Rochester to the Catholics of Britain's Rochester will cover nearly half the cost of the first post-Reformation church being erected here.

This was revealed at the laying of the foundation stone for the new church at which Bishop Cyril Cowderoy of Southwark officiated. Present at the ceremony was Miss Rosemary White, teacher at Nazareth College, Rochester, N. Y., representing Catholics of the Rochester diocese.

THE AMERICAN donation is the idea of Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester, N. Y. When he heard that the English town, once the See City of the great Cardinal, St. John Fisher, had been without a church of its own since the Protestant Reformation over 400 years ago, Bishop Kearney issued an appeal. Special collections were taken up in the 130 parishes of the diocese. A third of the \$30,000 collected came from the clergy themselves.

The new church here is designed to seat 350 and will serve the 1,000 Catholics in the district. So far they have had to go to Mass at Chatham, the naval center, several miles away. The new church is dedicated to St. John Fisher who was Bishop of Rochester for 30 years before being martyred under Henry VIII in 1535. He was canonized in 1835.

After laying the cornerstone here Bishop Cowderoy, whose diocese includes this city, expressed his sincere thanks for the help of the U. S. Rochester Catholics.

HE ALSO thanked the Protestant Bishop of Rochester, England, for presenting a large stone from the ancient Catholic cathedral, now in Protestant hands, to be incorporated into the new church.

At a subsequent luncheon a toast was proposed to the people of Rochester, N. Y. The Rev. Thomas O'Riordan, pastor of St. John Fisher, said: "We feel there has been a great link made today between the two dioceses."

The American gift has been taken to England by two priests of the U. S. Rochester diocese: Msgr. Donald M. Clary of Ithaca, N. Y., and the Rev. Richard T. Torney of Rochester, N. Y. They are scheduled to present the \$30,000 check to Bishop Cowderoy at the end of this month.

Take It Now Or Later

Monterey, Ala. — (RNS) — Dr. Vernon Johns, pastor of Dexter Avenue Negro Baptist church here used a newspaper ad to stimulate church attendance when 100-degree weather hovered over the city almost constantly for four weeks.

"Have a reasonable amount of heat now instead of risking too much hereafter," he said.

Hangchow Catholics Forced To Hear Recording Of Archbishop's 'Crimes'

Hong Kong — (NC) — The Catholics of Hangchow were summoned to the cathedral to listen to a tape recording of Archbishop Jean Joseph Deymier reading a list of his "crimes" after expulsion from Red China.

News of this Red device to turn the Catholics against their Archbishop has now reached here.

ARCHBISHOP DEYMIER, vicar-general missionary from Le Reole, France, was expelled by the Reds on May 29 and arrived here June 1. He related that before he was ousted he was summoned to police headquarters. Red officials handed him a list of "crimes" and ordered him to read them aloud.

The Archbishop protested that he could not read Chinese fluently and denied any basis for the accusations. Nevertheless he was forced to read the list from beginning to end without comment.

Without his knowledge the Reds made a tape recording of the reading and then played it back to Hangchow Catholics as the "voluntary confession" of the Archbishop. Catholics were rounded up by police to listen to the record the night after the prelate was expelled.

Four days later the police called another meeting of Catholics "to elect a committee to administer the archdiocese."

THE CHERIANG Daily, communist newspaper of Hangchow, stated that "500 believers" were present and listed the names of the seven members appointed to the committee. The committee, according to the communist organ, is headed by an old man who formerly had herded cows for the Catholic hospital. Two other committee members are cripples who had been befriended by the nuns and did odd chores about the hospital.

Cardinal Sees 'Little Mo' Win Tennis Crown



London — (NC) — His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, sat in the Royal Box at Wimbledon to watch Miss Maureen Connolly — "Little Mo" — defeat Miss Louise Brough in the women's singles tennis final.

The 17-year-old U. S. girl's champion from San Diego, Calif., beat Miss Brough, another American, in straight sets, 7-5, 6-3. She has since gone on to add the Irish championship to her list of trophies.

At Wimbledon, Cardinal Griffin sat alongside the Duchess of Kent, aunt of the present Queen of England, Elizabeth. His secretary, Miss Dick Worlock, was with him.

The Cardinal had met Miss Connolly at a Catholic reception in London. Like another American tennis star, Miss Doris Hart of Jacksonville, Fla., Miss Connolly is a devout Catholic.

Tito Jails Monks; Gets U. S. Nod On Tank, Plane Gifts

Vienna — (NC) — Five Franciscan priests have been sentenced to long prison terms following their "conviction" of "counter-revolutionary activities" by a Tito court in Mostar, Bosnia.

The Belgrade radio identified four of the priests as the Revs. Smiljan Zvonar, superior of the Franciscan monas-

Stalin -- Mao -- Tito

U.S. Generals Tell Tito to Count on More Military Aid

This Associated Press dispatch was published this week in American newspapers. The spectacle of American generals breaking bread with a notorious dictator like Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia contrasts sharply with our vaunted American devotion to democracy.

Even more confusing is the report that our generals have promised more American military aid to Tito who continues to wage a ruthless persecution against the Catholic Church and to hold his nation in a straitjacket of Red terrorism.

Our experience in placing faith in dictators, as in the case of Stalin and Mao, has been bitter. And, as in the case of Stalin and Mao who now hold millions in enslavement, our support of Tito serves to establish our American profession of faith in human freedom.

They received prison sentences ranging from five to 16 years. Two civilians, tried with the priests, were also "convicted."

The priests were accused of having "forged" certain state documents to bring about the release from prison of a number of other priests who had previously been sentenced as "clerico-fascist war criminals."

The Belgrade radio reports described Father Vlado as "a leading member of the Association of Catholic Priests of Bosnia and Herzegovina." He was accused during the "trial" of having maintained contact with a "fascist organization" in the United States, from which he received parcels.

Judging the reports, the "trial" proceeded strictly in accordance with the routine worked out by totalitarian "justice" to bring about "confession" of the accused.

The priests were charged with "anti-people and anti-socialist activity," with "plotting for the overthrow of the present regime, and complicity in the persecution of the Greeks in Yugoslavia." Two of the priests are said to have "confessed" their guilt.

The indictment charged the priests with having brought about — by forgery and bribes — the release of accused priests "so that the freed criminals could continue their subversive work against the people and the socialist regime." They were said to have exercised the influence through "brothers" who "agitated passionately whatever was progressive and socialist."

SOME OF THESE "brothers" the Belgrade radio announced, "will soon be brought to book before the people's tribunals." Mostar is the diocese of Bishop Peter Gule, who is presently serving a long prison term to which he had been sentenced some time ago.

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New Order Reds Convert Church Buildings

London — (RNS) — The profane uses to which the Czechoslovak Communist regime has put a number of confiscated buildings originally belonging to religious orders were listed by the Vatican Radio.

The station said that the Benedictine abbey of Prague-Brevnov is now a police college; the Jesuit College at Litomerice a military barracks; and the Jesuit College at Bratislava, a school of music.

Also, the convent of the Daughters of the Holy Redeemer in Bratislava houses the State and municipal offices, while in the same city the Salcavan monastery is now a police station.

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"EVERY EVENING we say the Rosary in church and those who cannot come say it at home. There are always lighted candles before Our Lady. There have been many visitors, some from far away. We expect many more in the better weather. My chief preoccupation at this moment is to organize the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima; I would like, if possible, to do everything as at Fatima."

The Voice of Fatima makes this comment on the letter: "The priest who wrote this letter and his Bishop both cherish the hope that Our Lady may shortly go on pilgrimage through Hungary with the grace and blessing of the Rosary left behind her in so many other countries."

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Reds Restrict Mother's Visits To Bishop

Rome — (NC) — Bishop Stefan Rychka of Litomerice is so restricted that he may see his aged mother only twice a week though she lives in his episcopal residence.

This information has been received by Veritas, a bulletin of religious and social information about Czechoslovakia. The 49-year-old Czechoslovak Bishop is not permitted to receive visitors, the bulletin says. He is restricted to offering Mass in his private chapel.