

Who's Segregating Whom?

Educator Foes Of Parochial Schools Told To Put Own House In Order

New York — (NC) — Public school officials were challenged here to set their own house in democratic order before attacking the Catholic educational system in this country as "divisive."

THE JESUIT sociologist charged that the current attack on the Catholic schools is a smoke screen behind which certain public education officials can hide their failure to effect equal educational opportunities for Negro children.

Headed by Dr. James B. Conant of Harvard, he said, "a whole array of speakers boldly launched out into a diversionary attack on the parochial schools as 'divisive' influences in our democracy."

Father Foley said that "one of the newer twists to the hoary line" was one given by Dr. Edgar Fuller, executive secretary of the National Council of Chief School Officers who, he said, had declared that the Catholic practice of segregating Catholic pupils in parochial schools was more damaging to democratic tradition than was the racial segregation practiced in the public schools of 17 southern States and the District of Columbia.

"By diverting the public's wrath toward the minority which has long been the American whipping boy," Father Foley said, "opponents of Catholic schools undoubtedly hope to distract attention from their own glaring failures in the field of democratic equality of opportunity in education."

FATHER FOLEY said that "divisiveness" is apparent in all aspects of the public school system and is especially evident in the unequal division of public funds for the education of American children of different racial stocks. He wrote:

WHAT BETTER WAY?

This month we commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the death of Saint Mary Goretti, the eleven year old martyr of charity, whom our Holy Father has raised to the honors of the altar.

In far off India a little novice of the Sisters of St. Joseph has taken this name—Sister Mary Goretti. We are hopeful that a kind friend will make her an adopted daughter and pay \$100 needed for her two years' training.

WRITE FOR INFORMATION on the Gregorian Masses "in suspense". Here is real INSURANCE FOR ETERNITY.

TEACH FAITH On July 19, we feast St. Vincent de Paul, who taught the faith to the poor by his works of sweet charity. He founded the Sisters of Charity, who guard our little children.

ST. JOHN DAMASCENE was a great Saint of the Near East. Right now DAMASCENE YAMBOUR is training to be a Near East missionary in the grand old Seminary of Gregoriopolis near Rome. He has four years before he reaches the altar. Can you give \$400 in any installments over these four years and thus make him your adopted son in Christ?

GOD'S HOUSE When dear Father Joseph Hayek appealed for help in building his humble little chapel at Bejardel, Lebanon, we received all too little. Father needs \$500. Please do help him.

GOD ST. ANNE is feasted on July 26 and we are asking her to inspire a kind donor to give a set of Mass vestments for the SHRINE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA, now rising among the poor of Alwaya, India. The set costs \$25 and will cost less at only \$2. Anne has her wonderful daughter, Our Lady, under her greatest modern title.

GOD'S WANT ADS ***From FATHER HENRY AYROUT, S.J., sterling apostle for the orphans of Egypt, comes this appeal: "By September I must gather enough clothing, sandals and soap for a thousand little children. I beg you to ask our many Near East friends for a three dollar gift to take care of one child. God will bless them for this charity."

GOD'S WANT AD AGAIN***In benighted Jugoslavia the Serbian Sisters have suffered much because of war and religious persecution. The poor Sisters escaped with only the clothes on their backs. Now they beg our aid so that they can gather together once more in their little convent at Zagreb. Surely the Lord will bless you for your providential part in giving them \$200, so that they can gather up the remnants of religious life.

Near East Missions Trade Certified Stationer, President Mgr. Thomas J. McElhenny, Nat'l Sec'y Very Rev. Andrew Rogosh Rev. Peter P. Tushy Send all communications to: Catholic Near East Welfare Association 488 Lexington Ave. of 48th St. New York 17, N. Y.

Mule Train

Mexican Pastor Serves Vast Area

New York — (NO) — A 55-year-old priest travels by mule through a 500-square-mile parish to bring the Faith to 10,000 mountain peasants who live in the uplands of central Mexico.

Life magazine here described in a picture story how the Rev. Enrique Salazar also serves as a part-time doctor and engineer during his travels.

The "Priest of the Campeche" (country peasants) takes a supply of medicines including penicillin along with him to treat the widespread malaria, dysentery and tuberculosis.

He has shown engineering talents in Tlachichilco by superintending the rebuilding of one old church and construction of four new ones. In addition the priest has had electric generators installed in three of his villages, and set up a brickyard which can turn out 500 bricks a day, according to Life.

Old Cathedral Restoration Set In Cincinnati

Cincinnati — (NC) — A five-million-dollar construction project to restore the Old Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains and erect a second section of St. Gregory's Seminary has been announced by Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati.

A FUND campaign will be launched in September, with each parish of the archdiocese contributing. Archbishop Alter, in a pastoral letter, said that if each employed person would give a day's income each year for four years, the goal would be reached.

It is hoped that restoration work on the Old Cathedral, mother church of the archdiocese, can begin early next spring. The cost is expected to be \$3,000,000.

PLANS FOR St. Gregory's Seminary call for erection of the central unit of the building. The first unit was completed in 1929. This second unit will include the main entrance, a tower, a chapel, a refectory, kitchens, and a boiler house annex.

In addition, extensive repairs will be made on the old seminary building, which houses the college department. Total outlay for the seminary construction will be \$2,000,000.

525-BED CATHOLIC HOSPITAL



A new seven-story, 525-bed St. Vincent's Hospital, one of the largest in the country, will replace a 50-year-old group of buildings operated by the Sisters of Providence, at Worcester, Mass.

Catholic Hospitals Treated Over Seven Million In '51

St. Louis — (NC) — At least 7,500,000 persons received treatment through Catholic health and hospital services in the U.S. and Canada during 1951.

This was reported with publication of the 1952 Catholic Hospital Directory compiled here by Hospital Progress, official journal of the Catholic Hospital Association.

EDITORS OF THE directory said 4,150,000 acutely ill patients sought medical care in Catholic general hospitals during 1951, and that almost 800,000 babies were born in the hospitals.

FROM 1949-51, according to a directory table, there were 1,125 Catholic hospitals and health agencies of all types in the United States and its possessions. Short-term hospitals totaled 806, and long-term hospitals 44. A grand total of 139,756 beds were provided by all facilities.

DIRECTORY EDITORS said at least 24 new Catholic hospitals opened their doors during 1951 in the U.S. and Canada. These hospitals were founded in 12 States and four Canadian provinces.

Easier Divorce Plan Dropped In Britain

London — (NC) — Thousands of doctors throughout Britain, non-Catholic as well as Catholic, have hailed the decision of the council of the British Medical Association to withdraw a plan for easier divorce.

The plan, including a proposal favoring divorce by agreement when there is no prospect of reconciliation, was issued three months ago and roused a storm of protest among the association's 65,000 members.

Another recommendation was that "where there are grounds for divorce but the offended party refuses to take action the offending party should after a period be able to sue for divorce."

THE PLAN, which was put before the Royal Commission now studying revision of Britain's marriage and divorce laws, was rejected officially at the British council's conference in Dublin with the Irish Medical Association.

The decision was believed to have been influenced not only by the doctors' own protests, but also by recent warnings by both Catholic and Church of England (Anglican) leaders of the results of further relaxations.

The Catholic Hierarchy, in a joint declaration, told the country that divorce was already wrecking the nation's family life and that any further easing of present regulations would multiply the appalling social unrest already caused.

THE ANGLICAN Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Forster Garrett, followed with a declaration that marriage is a permanent union, and repeated the Catholic fears of possible national disaster. He said: "The doctrine of the (Anglican) Church on marriage will remain unchanged whatever may be the outcome of the Commission. The Church teaches that marriage is a union permanent in its nature and lifelong of one man with one woman to the exclusion of all others on either side. This teaching is derived from Our Lord Himself. While it is binding on all members of the Church it should also be the ideal of the nation."

DURING THE past few years the number of young persons reaching marrying age has been relatively small because of low birth rates during the business depression of the early 1930's. Marriages in 1951 totaled 1,534,900, or 72,300 fewer than in 1950. The marriage rate fell by 5 per cent.

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Washington — (NC) — The Very Rev. Hyacinth Facco, O.F.M., Custos of the Holy Land, paid a visit to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land here. He is on his first visit to the United States.

Decline In U.S. Divorce Rate Cited

Washington — (NC) — The divorce rate in 1951 dropped to its lowest point since 1941, and was 44 per cent below the 1946 all-time peak, according to provisional figures released here by the U. S. Public Health Service.

For every 1,000 persons, 24 divorces were granted in 1951, compared with 25 in 1950.

AN ESTIMATED 371,000 divorces were granted last year, while in 1950 the figure was 385,100. The 1951 total includes reports from 32 States and the District of Columbia, and an estimate based on 1950 divorces in States not reporting last year.

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Papal Views On Scouting Published

Rome — (NC) — The history of the papal attitude on scouting has been documented in a trilingual volume published here.

The volume is entitled "Pontifical Documents on Scouting." It contains the texts of papal documents on scouting from Pope Benedict XV to His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The volume is published under the auspices of the Italian Catholic Scouting Association and by the Ars Nuova publishing house here.

Bricklayer's Card Given Prelate

Worcester, Mass. — (NC) — Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester is an honorary member of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union. Honorary membership was voted the Bishop in recognition of his contribution to labor relations. A silver plated membership card was presented by Joseph T. Dyer, business agent of Local 6, at cornerstone laying ceremonies for the new St. Vincent Hospital here.

Dublin Airport To Get Church

Dublin — (RNS) — Plans for a new Catholic church at Dublin Airport dedicated to "Our Lady, Queen of Peace," were announced here.

In harmony with the airport buildings, the architectural style of the church will be modern.

Convert, Former GI, Returning To Solomon Islands As Marist Missioner

Washington — (NC) — A former GI, converted to Catholicism while serving in the Southwest Pacific during World War II, will return to his former war theater as a Marist missionary Brother.

Brother Joseph-Chanel Goxton, S.M., veteran of a year on Guadalcanal who is entitled to a battle star for that campaign—and another for the New Guinea campaign, sails August 14 from Vancouver, B.C. for missionary duty in the Solomon Islands.

The 32-year-old Brother heaves Our Lady made use of his stay in the South Sea Islands, as an Army private to bring him back there as a missionary of a Society bearing her name.

It all began with her Rosary. Back around 1929 he found a simple pair of black beads in a State-side city street. Then a non-Catholic, he inquired about it from a Catholic friend. The upshot was that he learned to say the Hail Mary.

During one of the worst bombing raids he went through on Guadalcanal, he prayed on that Rosary in a foxhole while two other GIs clung to his arm. All came through the experience unharmed.

ALTHOUGH HE had been attending Mass since graduation from high school in 1935, he was not until November 3, 1944, that he was baptized a Catholic. What induced him to take the final step was observing the exemplary life of the Catholic natives and their Marist missionary leaders in the Islands.

An Army chaplain received him into the church at Finschaven, New Guinea, after the future Brother had completed a tour on Guadalcanal with an anti-aircraft battery. A few months later, in May of 1945, he returned to the States for discharge after two years in the Islands. In California he attended school and worked for three years as a bookkeeper and accountant, but the impression the islands had made would not leave him.

FOLLOWING the usual postulatory the soldier-convert was accepted for the novitiate and last February pronounced the temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

HIS MISSIONARY duty will be under Bishop Jean M. Aubin, S.M., Vicar Apostolic of the Southern Solomon Islands, whose courage and daring in withstanding the Japanese military authorities during the occupation of the Islands had won the admiration of the Americans. He thought of being a Marist, like the Bishop and other missionaries, and contacted the Marists in San Francisco.

Before sailing the prospective missionary will visit his father in Maine and his sister in California. Before World War II Brother Joseph worked as a hotel food-checker in New York City and Florida.

Everybody now unanimously agrees HIT THE SPOT! BROWN-Porterhouse BROWN-Filets BROWN-T-Bone-Rip-Steak

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Advertisement for "Father Baker Day" on Tuesday, July 29. Celebrates the 16th anniversary of the death of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nelson H. Baker. Includes details about the Requiem Mass at 10 a.m. and a procession to his grave in the Holy Cross cemetery. Contact information for the Shrine and Grave is provided.