

Catholic School Foe Loses Election In British Columbia

Vancouver, B. C. —(NC)— Provincial elections in British Columbia turned out of office a political party whose education minister had attacked private schools.

Minister of Education W. T. Strath, of the Liberal provincial government now ousted in a stinging electoral upset, had said his government was officially opposed to aid for private schools.

SPEAKING AT THE British Columbia Teachers' Federation convention in April, he also declared he approved "of every word" of Harvard President

Maillardville, B. C. —(NC)— Two Catholic schools — that closed their doors here, more than a year ago to protest against practices as having their building and land taxed — will reopen this fall.

Catholics generally had protested what they felt were injustices enacted by the Provincial Department of Education against their institution. This province is one of the few in Canada which does not concede the rights of Catholic children to share equal educational opportunities with children of other faiths.

Two teaching communities in Eastern Canada have volunteered to help staff the closed schools.

James B. Conant's attack on independent schools as a threat to democratic unity.

Subsequently the Liberal Party's provincial convention called for elimination of "discrimination" against students of independent schools. This stand was regarded as unsatisfactory by the B. C. Catholic Education Association, which had urged adoption of a resolution favoring integration of separate schools with the public school system.

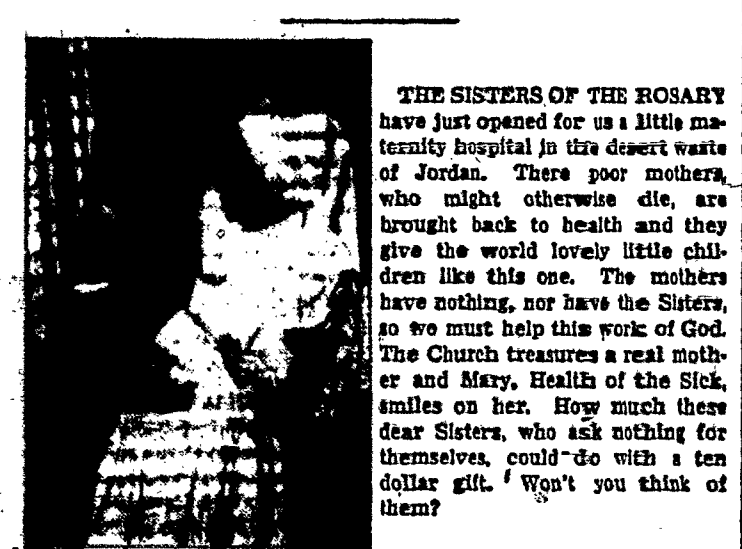
Winner in the provincial elections was the Social Credit party. This party had pointed to its record of respect for parental rights to safeguard Christian influence on the education of their children. In the "loose" column along with the Liberals was the Conservative Party, which had favored perpetuating a system opposed to religious education.

IS IT REALLY TRUE?

There is a saying that the bell summons others to church but never goes there itself. But is this true of the little sanctuary bell, with which the server heralds the arrival of Our Emmanuel on the altar at Mass?

For the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima, now being raised at Alway, India, we shall need such a lovely bell, costing \$20. Perhaps you will want to give this, or have some part in this lovely Shrine of Our Lady under her greatest modern title. We hope to complete the fund before August ends. Won't you add a mite?

THAT AUGUST DOLLAR which you give to one of our seven Mission Clubs will be rare gold for these causes: **MARY'S BANK** will go to the dear Sisters of Charity on the island of Samarina, off the coast of Greece. **ORFEDIAN'S BREAD** goes to Father Henry Ajroni, S.J., for his site of Keryra in the hills near the village of Keryra in Greece. **THE SCHOOLS OF FATHER ONES** in Iraq. **THE POOR SISTERS AT SHERIDAN, INDIA**, will know the soothing balm of our **DAMIAN LEFPER FUND**. **All members give to the MONICA GUILD** for the furnishing of poor chapels will be precious to Bishop Katcho of Iraq. **Four dollars** for the **CHRISTOPHORS** to support various uses for the **missionary** goes with others to 25 seminaries. **And over a dollar** for the **CHAPEL OF THE MONTH CLUB** is like a stone added to a humble cathedral. **PLEASE DO BECOME A MEMBER OF ONE OR ALL THESE DOLLAR-A-MONTH CLUBS. THEY DO WONDER.**



THE SISTERS OF THE ROSARY have just opened for a little maternity hospital in the desert waste of Jordan. There poor mothers, who might otherwise die, are brought back to health and they give the world lovely little children like this one. The mothers have nothing, nor have the Sisters, so we must help this work of God. The Church treasures a real mother and baby, Health of the Sick, smiles on her. How much these dear Sisters, who ask nothing for themselves, could do with a ten dollar gift. Won't you think of them?

AUGUST IS THE MONTH of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sister Pauline, a novice of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Travancore, India, is due to that Heart. Can you make her your adopted daughter and give the \$300 she needs for her two years' training. How Mary will love you!

OUR BEAUTIFUL GIFT CARD—in gold and blue and white—will tell a dear nun friend of yours that you have arranged for our missionaries to offer Mass for her on the great Feast of Our Lady, August 15. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR US TO SEND IT TO SISTERS.**

GOD'S WANT ADS

"The Basilian Sisters of Yugoslavia are still hoping that kind friends of the Near East will not forget them. **Forced from their homes by sad events all too near the Iron Curtain, they ask us to help them start their religious life again.** Any gift—\$1, \$10, \$100—will do much. **Nagal Baktra** is a little village on the Nile in Egypt. **Poor Bishop Ghattas** begs us for \$2,000 for a chapel-school among the almost forgotten people. **We are putting a real prayer on this appeal.** From our people in Israel come additional requests for food packages, costing \$10. **One is really wonderful for these needs. Won't you help?**

PERHAPS YOU ARE THINKING of donating a lovely sacred article to a needy mission chapel in the Near East. **Why not write in for "HOW CAN I HELP?"** Then you may wish information on the **GREGORIAN MASSES**, offered for thirty days for a dear departed one. **Mass offerings are the only support of our missionaries.**

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PRAYER OF VACATIONISTS

God, help me to shoot par, always. Steer my craft into calm waters. Make the fish big and the lips I tell about them small. Please, God, keep both the weather and my soul fair these days of leisure. In getting away from it all, may I somehow come closer to You. Help me to relax in all things but my faith. Amen.

GIRL SCOUT TRAINERS



Three of the Catholic delegates to the International Gathering of Trainers of the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts are welcomed by Mgr. Phillip J. Furlong, of St. Thomas More Church, New York, representative of the Youth Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, to the Girl Scouts of the U. S. A. Left to right are: Yvonne George, of Brussels, Belgium; Monsignor Furlong; Mrs. Louise Guilleme, of Manila; Marcelle De Medicis, of Brussels. The gathering, which is being held in the United States for the first time, is at Camp Edith Macy, the Girl Scout National Training School, Pleasantville, N. Y. (NC Photos)

Working Women: Necessity or Choice?

A LOOK AT LABOR

Several months ago the Department of Labor put out a booklet entitled "Women Workers and their Dependents," a study of women workers who are members of trade unions. Someone in the government apparently was interested in discovering whether or not women worked for "pin money" or because circumstances compelled them to work. The method used in this survey included the sending of a questionnaire to selected unions, e.g. the building service union, the garments workers, and obtaining data from the working women themselves.

Among other things this booklet showed that there are approximately 18 million women in the United States, a quarter of the total labor force in this country. Half of these working women are married and living with their husbands. Before World War I less than one quarter of women workers were married. Before World War II the proportion was a third. Now it is one half.

ACCORDING TO THE Department of Labor up to 50 per cent of the women studied claimed that they worked because it was necessary to support one or more dependents. Economic reasons were predominant in explaining the high proportion of married women who work.

Other reasons for married women working included the buying of a home, educating children, and paying hospital bills and other medical expenses. The study asserts that "pin money" was hardly ever a motive. Occasionally, some women worked because of the desire of self-expression and the satisfaction they ob-

tained from working, particularly in the professions.

The whole tenor of this study, therefore, is to justify the large proportion of married women working (since no one will dispute the necessity and worthwhileness of single women working) and to render ridiculous the allegation that many women work for unworthy reasons and at the expense of a normal home life for themselves, their husbands and children, if they have any.

As far as this correspondent is concerned, however, the case built up by the Department of Labor is not conclusive or foolproof. There are many weaknesses both in its method and in its conclusions.

IN THE FIRST place, the study involves women (married) who are union members. Now it is not unlikely that the unionized jobs attract the older married women (35-50) and because of the nature of the occupations these women are working out of necessity because of the inadequate wages of their husbands or because of inadequate husbands. However, most of our married women workers are unorganized, probably younger than the union group, and by no means as certain to work out of the same necessity.

In the second place, the information obtained by the Department of Labor came by means of a questionnaire. The married women in question were asked why they worked and their answers were accepted as gospel.

Since it is still true that many, if not most, of the working married women are apologetic about their employment outside the home, particularly when children are involved, I cannot see any woman giving any other answer to a question on employment save that she is compelled to work "by necessity." What women would appear so frivolous and so bold as to say she was working for pin money? Consequently, the results of the study are neither reliable nor accurate.

FINALLY, FROM the very manner in which the booklet is written, it seems to me that there are probably some feminists in the Department of Labor who are trying to justify their own careers outside of marriage. Using social science techniques they hope to give dignity to emancipated womanhood.

There is no doubt that many married women have to work today to keep body and soul together. But it is equally true in my experience that there are married women who work for selfish reasons, who postpone having children, who use day nurseries, who are rivals as breadwinners with their husbands, only to increase or improve on their standard of living, only to give themselves luxuries they could do without, only at the expense of motherhood and homemaking.

This latter group should not be allowed to be put in the same class as those self-sacrificing wives who do violence to their nature and function only because they love their family more than they love their own convenience.

Puerto Ricans
Youngstown, Ohio —(NC)— A community center for Puerto Rican defense workers will be opened here August 1 by the National Catholic Community Service.

Husband, Wife To Become Lay Missioners In Africa

Cincinnati —(NC)— A writer and editor for the U. S. Catholic press will take his family to South Africa this fall as a volunteer lay missionary.

James W. Rogan, his wife Grace, and their two children, David, 5, and Judith, 3, make up one of the 1st American Catholic families to volunteer for lay missionary work in a foreign land.

A registered nurse now employed at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital at here, Mr. Rogan will join the nursing staff of King Edward VII Hospital for Non-Europeans in Durban, one of South Africa's chief ports.

THE ROGANS' decision to serve Christ in the missions grew out of their long, active interest in the lay apostolate, their study of the missions, and their frequent meetings and conversations with some of the Church's most distinguished mission leaders.

In 1948, Mr. Rogan joined the staff of The Shield, monthly magazine of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade, as a writer.

While writing for The Shield Mr. Rogan reviewed a book in which the work of Dr. Kurt F. McMurtrie was described. He learned that Dr. McMurtrie was a Scottish physician who went to South Africa as a lay doctor with the Anglican missionaries of St. Cuthbert more than a quarter of a century ago. After becoming a Catholic in 1925, Dr. McMurtrie was made director of a Catholic hospital near Durban, a post he held until last year. Now he is associated with a government hospital in the native reserve of Zululand.

DEEPLY IMPRESSED by the story of Dr. McMurtrie's work, Mr. Rogan wrote to him about present opportunities for lay missionaries and received warm encouragement in reply.

More impetus was given to the Rogans' growing interest in the foreign missions when Mr. Rogan began conducting a course at the mission school organized by Grallville, lay apostolate training center for young women, in January, 1950.

From all sides the Rogans heard that Africa was the world's most promising mission land. And from Rome last year came the Holy Father's mission encyclical, "Heralds of the Gospel," in which he cited the need of enlisting the laity in building up God's kingdom in mission territories.

THIS YEAR, finally, came the opportunity for the Rogans to put into practice their conviction that "now is the time for families to give themselves to the missions."

Mr. Rogan is a graduate of St. Norbert college at West De Pere in his native state of Wisconsin. He received his nurse's training at the Alexian Brothers hospital in Chicago. For nearly two years he helped operate a Catholic center in Baltimore, where an average of 150 men were given three

meals a day and 80 received free lodging.

Mrs. Grace Gallagher Rogan, a native of Union City, N. J., attended Marquette university and the Grallville School of Apostolate.

Before their marriage in 1945, she was a staff worker of the Blessed Martin de Porres interracial center in Chicago.

THE ROGANS are the first couple with children to go to the Catholic foreign missions.

"Protestants have been doing this sort of thing for years," smiled Mr. Rogan.

Archbishop Denis E. Hurley, O.M.I. of Durban, South Africa, encouraged the Rogans in their plan.

"We should be very glad to have you here in Durban," he wrote them, "and we will give you a grand welcome in our midst."

NOW THEY ARE in the midst of preparations for the long voyage. Up for sale is their 11-acre homestead and near Loveland, where they have lived for the past five years. They have filled out dozens of official forms in order to obtain visas, passports, and South Africa residence permits.

Before they leave the country, all members of the family must be inoculated against typhoid, smallpox, yellow fever, and other diseases. Reservations have been made for passenger accommodations on a Durban-bound freighter leaving New York around the beginning of October.

Order Purchase Mud Bath Resorts

Shakopee, Minn. — (RNS)— A second mud bath resort near here has been acquired by a Catholic religious order for use as a seminary.

The 60-acre Mudbaden Health resort had been purchased by the Congregation of Holy Cross, Indiana Province, South Bend, Ind. It will be used as a teaching novitiate for young men training for the priesthood. The purchase price was estimated at \$330,000.

Earlier, the Mudaura resort near here was sold to the Order of Friars Minor Conventual for use as a seminary.

Both resorts are near the Minnesota river.

Moscow Radio
London — (RNS) — A sharp attack on American Catholics was broadcast by the Moscow Radio which accused them of trying to dominate United States labor organizations.

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