

New York To Launch Rosary Crusade

New York—(NC)—A total of 90,000 Catholic men of the New York Archdiocese will promote an archdiocesan Family Rosary Crusade which will reach its climax in a huge outdoor rally in the Polo Grounds on Columbus Day, October 12.

The Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., worldwide promoter of the Family Rosary, will conduct the crusade. Before the New York crusade he is planning one in the ecclesiastical province of St. John's, Newfoundland.

New York's men volunteers will contact non-Catholics as well as Catholics in their promotion drive. This was announced by Mgr. Joseph A. McCaffrey, archdiocesan director of the crusade, who said:

"Reports from other dioceses where this crusade has been held convince us that thousands of non-church-going people—Catholic and non-Catholic—have been brought back through this Family Crusade."

Anti-Catholic Prejudice can be Stamped out!



It cannot be done by arguing and quarreling with our non-Catholic neighbors.

Nor can it be done by sermons that only Catholics hear and literature which only Catholics read.

Bigotry is usually the result of false rumors, misrepresentations and scandalous tales about the Catholic Church and its teachings, which deceive even sincere and fair-minded people. The way to fight these things is by telling the truth about our Faith... in magazines and newspapers non-Catholics will read... in a manner and tone that will invite their attention and command their fair judgment.

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NCWC Editors Compare Party Platforms

The Republican Party Platform

By FRANK A. HALL
(NCWC News Service Director)

The platform upon which the Republican Party will make the 1952 presidential race "subscribes fully" to the principle that the support of popular education is a local concern.

The plank in the platform dealing with this question reads as follows:

"The tradition of popular education tax-supported and free to all, is strong with our people. The responsibility for sustaining this system of popular education lies always upon the local communities and the States. We subscribe fully to this principle."

Eight years ago, in its quadrennial statement of aims, the Republican Party pledged avoidance of "federalization" in educational matters. In 1948, the party platform said, in one sentence, that it favored "equality of educational opportunity for all."

In adopting the plank contained in this year's platform, the party, through its resolutions committee, turned its back upon appeals and efforts to have the Republicans come out for Federal aid to education.

On the recently controverted matter of immigration law, the platform is entirely silent.

On Communism, it is vigorous, often bitterly accusing its rival party. It condemns "appeasement of Communism at home and abroad," and permitting Communists and their fellow-travelers to "serve in many key agencies and to infiltrate our American life." It charges that "our people have been misled with fear and mistrust."

It asserts that the Republican Party has "always recognized Communism to be a world conspiracy against freedom and religion." It pledges "fair but vigorous enforcement of laws to safeguard our country from subversion and disloyalty."

Condemn Bigots

"We condemn bigots who inject class, racial and religious prejudice into public and political matters," said the party under "civil rights." "Bigotry is un-American and a danger to the Republic."

A certain amount of confusion was expressed by some delegates on other "civil rights" provisions. "Primary responsibility" it was stated, rests with the States concerning "domestic institutions," but the Federal Government should take "supplemental action" to oppose "discrimination against race, religion or national origin." No dividing line was stipulated.

On Lynching

Pledges were made of "Federal action" on lynching and "toward the elimination of poll taxes as a prerequisite to voting."

"Federal action" was also favored in the field of discriminatory employment practices, but it was required that this must not "duplicate State efforts," and that there should not be set up "another huge bureaucracy."

It was believed for a time that a floor demand would be made for a straight-out FEPC provision. But when the platform was finally presented, Harold C. Burton, a Negro delegate from New

York, stated to the convention that he and other conferees had decided not to make such a demand, and seconded the entire platform.

A Constitutional amendment for "equal rights for men and women" was recommended, and "equal pay for equal work regardless of sex" was favored. This plank runs counter to the program advocated by The National Council of Catholic Women.

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Party Platforms

With the conventions out of the way, and heavy campaigning not yet begun, citizens now have an opportunity to examine the lengthy documents known as political platforms. There is, of course, a great deal of skepticism in America about the sincerity and practical force of these documents. But as if by magic, the Director of the N.C.W.C. News Service, Mr. Hall, and the Assistant Director, Mr. Walsh, submit the following summaries on sections of the platforms which have been of special interest to Star-Herald readers:

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The Democratic Party Platform

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Local, State and Federal governments have "shared responsibility to contribute appropriately" to the support of the educational system of the United States, the Democratic

party will insist in campaigning for support in the November elections.

In its platform, the party urges that Federal contributions be made available to State and local units which adhere to basic minimum standards; it also says "the Federal government should not dictate or control educational policies."

The platform this year makes no mention of any absolute restriction of aid to public schools exclusively. On the other hand it does not express any guarantee of benefits for nonpublic school pupils.

Four years ago, the Democrats called for a \$300,000,000 Federal appropriation as a beginning to assist States in meeting educational needs and advocated "Federal aid for education administered by and under control of the States." This clause, in effect, endorsed barring Federal funds to nonpublic school pupils in the vast majority of the States.

In another issue of interest, the platform pledges the Democratic Party to "continuing revision of our immigration and naturalization laws to do away with any unjust and unfair practices against national groups which have contributed some of our best citizens."

The plank also advocates the enactment of President Truman's proposal, which calls for legislation to admit 300,000 additional refugees from Europe to this country over a three-year period. It states: "In this way we can give hope and courage to the victims of Soviet brutality and can carry on the humanitarian tradition of the Displaced Persons Act."

Civil Rights

The civil rights plank, most earnestly debated topic in the whole platform, as finally adopted, declares that "all citizens are equal before the law and should enjoy equal political rights." It adds "they should have equal opportunities for education, for economic development and for decent living conditions."

The plank favors Federal legislation to secure for everyone: (1) the right to equal opportunity for employment; (2) the right to security of person; (3) the right to full and equal participation in the nation's political life, free from arbitrary restraints. The plank also favors legislation to "perfect" existing civil rights statutes and to strengthen "the administrative machinery for the protection of civil rights."

Aid to Israel

The platform pledges "continued assistance to Israel so that she may fulfill her humanitarian mission of providing shelter and sanctuary for her homeless Jewish refugees while strengthening her economic development." The plank also pledges "aid to the Arab States to enable them to develop their economic resources and raise the living standards of their people."

The plank makes no mention of the United Nations proposal of internationalization of Jerusalem and its environs, a course consistently advocated by Pope XII. The section leaves the international zone problem wide open by advocating:

"We will continue to support the tripartite declaration of May, 1950, to encourage Israel and the Arab States to settle their differences by direct negotiation, to maintain and protect the sanctity of the Holy Places and to permit free access to them."

The platform pledges that "we will enlarge the school lunch program which has done so much for millions of American school children and charitable institu-

University Official Gets Cancer Grant

Chicago—(NC)—Dr. Raymond E. Mariella, chairman of Loyola University's chemistry department, has been awarded an \$11,500 grant for synthesis of drugs which may be of value in the prevention or cure of cancer.

Scotts College

London—(NC)—Mgr. Joseph McGee, who has been named Bishop of Galloway by Pope Pius XII, is the first alumnus of the Scots College at Valladolid, Spain, to become a member of the Scottish Hierarchy.

Fulbright Award

Winnsboro Park, Va.—(NC)—Marie V. Donovan of Bristol, Conn., is the third St. Michael's College graduate to receive the Fulbright award this year for work abroad. Miss Donovan is the daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Daniel Donovan of Bristol.

Apostolic Delegate To Bless Building Named After Pope

Cleveland, Ohio—(NC)—His Excellency Archbishop Angelo Giovanni Giovanni, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will bless a university building here dedicated to the present Pope on September 1.

The \$700,000 residence building, to be called Pacelli Hall, is the first project in a proposed \$8,000,000 development program at John Carroll University. The building has 100 rooms and will house 214 students. It is said to be the first American college building named for His Holiness Pope Pius XII, whose baptismal name is Eugenio Pacelli.

Catholic Press Cites Gain As Secular Dailies Decline

New York—(NC)—While U.S. secular daily newspapers register a decline in circulation, the American and Canadian Catholic press has climbed to its greatest circulation in history.

Subscribers to Catholic newspapers and magazines, including 26 Canadian publications, match in number the subscribers for this Nation's huge number of weekly newspapers of a general nature.

THIS WAS disclosed by comparison of trade publication figures with statistics reported here in a Catholic Press Association survey.

According to the survey, 549 publications issued by the U.S. and Canadian Catholic press currently have a circulation of 17,251,449. This is a gain of two million subscribers over the last official figure released by the Catholic Press Association in 1950.

Meanwhile, Editor & Publisher, newspaper trade weekly, reported U.S. daily newspaper circulations showing a one per cent drop for the first quarter of 1952, compared to that quarter of the preceding year.

Also, while making no mention of specialized medicine or compulsory medical aid plans, the platform advocates, "a resolute attack on the heavy financial hazard of serious illness," and commends President Truman "for establishing the non-partisan commission on the health needs of the nation to seek an acceptable solution of this urgent problem."

At home, the party pledges continuance of "workable" price controls "so long as economic conditions require them," strongly urges "continued Federal rent control in critical defense areas and in the many other localities still suffering from a substantial shortage of adequate housing at reasonable prices."

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