

### Blanshard Book Carries 'Party Line' Ex-Communist Tells Senate Committee

Washington — (NC) — Paul Blanshard's anti-Catholic book, American Freedom and Catholic Power, has been described here as carrying the communist party line.

It was so described by Harvey M. Matusow, former communist and a staff member of the Ohio Un-American Activities Commission, at hearings before the Senate International Security Subcommittee.

MR. MATUSOW, who for a time managed a communist bookshop, was asked by Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan if he considered the author of a book that followed the party line a communist fellow traveler, even if the line was followed unconsciously.

MR. Matusow answered: "Yes, I would like to point out an example of somebody who wrote a book and was not a Communist, and the book carried the party line. There was a book called, I believe, American Freedom and Catholic Power, by Paul Blanshard, which was published while I was still at the book shop. That book adhered to the Communist line in relation to the Catholic Church.

"It was a good text as far as

it went. They would not recommend the book because in the book Mr. Blanshard stated he was opposed to communism. Though he carried the party line through in his book, it was not considered recommended reading for Communists."

SENATOR FERGUSON replied:

"Because of that one sentence, or that one line, and not meaning the party line, but the fact that he had mentioned that he personally was opposed to communism, they felt that that was enough deviation from the line that they would not sell that book in their bookshop?"

MR. Matusow: "That is correct, sir."

### India Envoy Lauds Pope's Peace Role

Trichur, India — (NC) — The peace efforts of Pope Pius XII were praised here by Nedyan Raghavan, India's former envoy to the Holy See who has recently been named Indian Ambassador to China. Addressing a group of journalists, he said: "His Holiness is a great lover of mankind who tirelessly works for world peace."

### Prelate Backs Campaign For Modest Dress

New Orleans — (NC) — Support for the nation-wide SDS (Supply the Demand for the Supply) Modesty Crusade has been given by Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans.

The SDS Crusade is based on the idea that manufacturers and retailers will offer a supply of modest dresses if young women will "supply the demand" for them.

IN A LETTER to Msgr. Henry Bezou, archdiocesan superintendent of schools here, the Archbishop authorized him to give full cooperation "to the Crusade," which is being sponsored and promoted from the national headquarters in the Archdiocese of Chicago under the direction of Reverend Francis Lawlor, O.S.A.

The Archbishop said he was gratified to learn that the Crusade "had already been initiated in a number of educational institutions of the Archdiocese with gratifying results." He expressed his confidence that with "continued guidance and direction the program would receive a new impetus with the opening of school in September."

ARCHBISHOP RUMMEL further urged that the Crusade be brought to the attention of all archdiocesan school principals "soliciting their attention and cooperation with the communications which are being forwarded to them from the Chicago office."

The Archbishop expressed his confidence in the success of the Crusade by saying that its leaders "appreciate the necessity and value of this Crusade as an important instrument of caution and defense against loose morality and sex appeal."

### Highway Shrine

Crowley, La. — (NC) — A roadside shrine to Our Lady of Fatima has been erected near here on Highway 90 as a reminder to passers-by to pray for peace. The shrine was erected by members of St. Michael's Study Club at a cost of \$1800. Statues of the Blessed Mother and the three children are of marble. They are on a plot 100 by 100 feet which was given by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dorr, who also provide water for maintenance of the flower garden that surrounds the group.

### BACK AT AQUINAS DESK



VERY REV. JOHN H. O'LOANE, C.S.B., returned this year as Principal of Aquinas Institute, is widely remembered as first Basilian principal of the school who came in 1937 and remained until called as president of Assumption College, Windsor, Ont., Canada, in 1942. (Hahn Photo)

### 'Grafters' Beware

Boston — (RNS) — Catholic students throughout the nation are "disillusioned by people in public life who have betrayed their trust," according to the Rev. Daniel J. Lord, S.J., of St. Louis, Mo., founder of the Summer School of Catholic Action.

"These students just can't stand the grafters," he said. "There is no defense for any Catholic in public life who uses his office for ulterior motives. The attitude of youth today is to let those who betray their trust 'take the medicine when it is passed' out to them."

### Publisher Tries New Experiment

New York — (NC) — A new attempt to break into the low-priced book field by a Catholic publisher is scheduled this fall. McMillan Books, Inc., in cooperation with the Maryknoll Foreign Mission Society, will publish two new books here in September in the same format as regular new editions—hard cloth-bound cover with jacket—to sell for \$1.50.

The books are Accent on Laughter, the story of the Rev. Lawrence A. Conley, M.M., Maryknoll missionary in China, by the Rev. Joseph Cosgrove, M.M., and A Modern Martyr, the life of Blessed Theophane Venard, by Bishop James A. Walsh, Maryknoll superior general.

### Prosecutor Blocks Court Decision In Ohio Bus Issue

Youngstown, O. — (RNS) — An attempt to get a court decision on whether or not parochial school children may ride on public school buses in nearby Boardman was blocked

at least temporarily—when the county prosecutor declined to institute the necessary legal action. Mahoning County Prosecutor William A. Ambrose told the Boardman Township board of education that he was standing by his ruling that it could lawfully transport students to the new St. Charles Catholic school which adjoins public school property.

MR. AMBROSE'S statement came on the heels of an unanimous board resolution to seek a declaratory judgment from the Mahoning County common pleas court. It was believed likely that the board would now hire a private attorney and file for the judgment.

The board resolution was adopted at a special meeting called after Mr. Ambrose, its legal counsel, reversed an opinion by his assistant, Acting in Mr. Ambrose's absence, First Assistant Prosecutor Harold H. Ehl, ruled against the St. Charles request on the basis of a 1927 Ohio attorney general's ruling that no school board in the state

could provide transportation to any institution which was not supported by tax funds. IN REFUSING to file for the court action, Mr. Ambrose told the board that its "main and simple duty" was either to accept or reject his opinion favoring the Catholic request.

The Boardman controversy is being watched by other communities in Ohio and elsewhere where a similar question has been raised.

### N. M. Counties Authorized To Transport Parochial Pupils

Santa Fe, N. M. — (RNS) — Despite a contempt case pending in District Court here, J. T. Reece, state director of school transportation, has authorized counties to permit parochial school pupils to ride in public school buses.

In a letter to the county commissioners, Mr. Reece advised them to follow the 1951 law on the subject. This permits the transportation of parochial pupils if the county, not the state, pays the cost and no ex-empted school funds are used. Mr. Reece said his letter was approved by Atty. Gen. Joe L. Martinez.

A DECISION is still pending in the contempt proceeding, heard here in July by District Judge C. Roy Anderson of Cristada. The contempt action is an outgrowth of the so-called Dixon case, instituted by Protestant residents of Dixon and other New Mexico communities, which was aimed at banning alleged Roman Catholic influence from the public schools.

Plaintiffs charged that the Rio Arriba County school board had violated an injunction banning parochial pupils from public buses. The injunction was granted by Dist. Judge E. Turner Hensley of Fortales in the original case in 1949.

His decision also barred 139 religious from teaching in tax-supported schools, banned public

school classes from church-owned buildings and prohibited the distribution of free textbooks to parochial schools. THE DECISION was appealed by the State Supreme Court which in Sept., 1951, reduced to 124 the number of religious enjoined from serving as instructors in public schools on the grounds that they taught religion. On most of the other points in the case the State Supreme Court affirmed Judge Hensley's decision.

However, prior to the State Supreme Court's ruling, Gov. Edwin L. Mechem signed a bill, passed by the state legislature, permitting public transportation for parochial school pupils, if the county pays the cost.

HARRY L. BIGGEE, representing the Protestant plaintiffs at the contempt hearing, argued that the 1951 statute had no bearing on the case.

While the contempt proceeding names only the Rio Arriba County board, its effect, when Judge Anderson hands down his decision, will be state-wide in its application.

Mr. Reece has been holding up instructions to the counties on the bus transportation issue pending a decision in the contempt case. Now, with the opening of the fall school term, he decided to tell them to follow the 1951 law.

### Off Again, On Again

Elizria, O. — (NC) — The school board has reversed an earlier decision which had barred 100 Catholic and Lutheran parochial school children of nearby East Carlisle from riding public school buses. The action came after 70 out of 146 voters in the district signed a petition saying they favored the transportation of parochial school pupils.

The Catholic and Lutheran children were expected to start riding the school buses with the beginning of this school term, unless the State of Ohio or Carlisle Township rules otherwise.

The motion which reversed the school board's earlier stand provides that, if the State takes no action, the question will be put before the community "at the next possible election." This may be in May.

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