

Colorado Holds Up Funds For Schools Where Nuns Teach

Denver, Colo. (NC) — State school aid payments are being withheld from four San Luis Valley schools because they employ Catholic nuns as teachers.

Tucson Auxiliary



Mr. Francis J. Green, newly named Tucson Auxiliary to Bishop Oxnam, is shown in this photo. He is the son of Joseph Francis Green and Margaret Agnes Collins Green, both now deceased. The Auxiliary will meet at 55. Foley and First Church in Tucson next week.

Mau Mau Wreck Catholic Mission

Nairobi, Kenya — Seven Roman Catholic religious workers narrowly escaped death or injury when Mau Mau terrorists raided and wrecked a Consolata Fathers mission in the foothills of Mount Kenya on the edge of Aberdare Forest. Tipped off by informers that the Mau Maus were planning a raid, government officials ordered the mission closed and evacuated two priests, a lay brother and four nuns just 24 hours before the attack occurred. They were taken to the Consolata Mission Society headquarters at...

Religious Vote in Italian Elections



Rome—Thousands of religious, including nuns in enclosed convents, voted in this country's national elections for a new Senate and a new Chamber of Deputies. In this photo, nuns sit past ballot boxes in a polling place here. In several places, Communist rallies tried to prevent nuns from voting by "bullying" them or by challenging their credentials.

Oxnam To Testify At Probe

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington was assured here that he would get an early hearing before the House Un-American Activities Committee to answer "false allegations" against him.

Rep. Harold H. Velde, (R-Ill.), committee chairman, telegraphed Bishop Oxnam that he would do everything in his power to arrange the hearing. Committee members earlier had expressed hope that it could be set for later this month.

MR. VELDE told the Bishop it was up to the Committee members to decide whether the hearing would be open to the press and public.

His message was in reply to Bishop Oxnam's request that he be heard to answer what he said were false charges in the committee's files.

The bishop's request came after Rep. Donald L. Jackson (R-Calif.), a committee member, issued what amounted to a challenge to Bishop Oxnam to testify before the House group.

Recently, Rep. Jackson charged in a House speech that the...

would only be a lot more yak-yak."

Rep. Jackson has said that Committee files show Bishop Oxnam's name as sponsor, advisor or board member of organizations declared to be Communist-dominated or subversive by the Attorney General or by federal and state un-American activities committees.

The bishop has denied membership in several of these and has said that the use of his name by other organizations was unauthorized.

Pope Sends Letter To Queen Elizabeth

London—(RNS)—A letter from Pope Pius XII to Queen Elizabeth II was presented to the Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Scarborough, by Archbishop Fernando Cento, Papal Nuncio to Belgium and leader of the Papal mission to the coronation of the British sovereign. The contents were not divulged.

Mr. Jackson called the clergyman's move "a very wise decision." "I think it's probably the best thing that could have happened," said the California Congressman. "Otherwise, the whole matter would be left hanging and there'd be a lot more yak-yak."

Priest Reveals Reds Checking Mass Goers

New York—(NC)—An American priest, recently returned from three years in Russia, told how Soviet police scrutinized visitors to the Moscow apartment house in which he offered Mass.

Father Louis R. Brassard, an Assumptionist priest, of Leominster, Mass., went to Moscow in 1955. He remained there until last February. He was permitted to offer Mass and perform other religious rites for 125 Catholics from the diplomatic staffs of 33 nations.

On the days when he offered Mass in his apartment, Father Brassard said the police looked over all who entered and no Soviet citizens would have been permitted to attend. On Christmas and other important feasts Father Brassard was permitted to celebrate Mass in the residence of the United States Ambassador.

FATHER BRASSARD is in New York in connection with an Archdiocesan mission exhibit commemorating the centenary of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He said that he was the only "authorized" Catholic priest in the Soviet Union. He declined to elaborate on the significance of his use of the term "authorized," but added:

"It is my belief that the Russian people are still believers in God — the great percentage of them are — that's the great hope for the future."

Soviet representatives followed him everywhere but in their dealings with him their manner was "correct," Father Brassard said.

He said that he was given the "run around in the beginning" of his stay in Moscow when governmental red tape restricted his activities.

Father Brassard estimated that 25 of the United States Embassy staff of 110 or 120 in Moscow were practicing Catholics. His successor in Moscow is Father George Bissonette, also an Assumptionist priest.

TOP WEST POINT CADET



West Point, N. Y.—A Catholic was the No. 1 Cadet in the graduating class at the United States Military Academy here. He is Ed D. Davis of San Antonio, Tex., shown here being congratulated at the graduation ceremonies by Gen. Lucius D. Clay (left). Later, Cadet Davis was married in the Catholic Chapel at West Point. (Religious News Service Photo).

Jewish Editor Receives Father Damien Award

New Brunswick, N. J. — (NC) — "Stanley Stein, editor of The Star, a magazine published by the patients of the U. S. Marine Hospital in Carville, La., has been named the first recipient of the Damien-Dutton Award." That is how the announcement was worded.

Behind these words is a story. In Carville hospital, Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul care for victims of leprosy. And Stanley Stein, who has worked through his newspaper to bring the true facts of leprosy to the public, is himself a victim of the once dread disease.

Stein, a Jew, received his award — named after Father Damien, the famed "leper priest," and his assistant, Joseph Dutton — because an American GI stationed near a leprosarium in the British West Indies, saw the needs of people suffering from leprosy (now called Hansen's Disease or "HD") and decided to do something about it.

The result was the Damien-Dutton Society, a charitable group that is helping HD victims throughout the world. That group has instituted the Damien-Dutton Awards as an annual tribute to the men and women who are helping to curb HD.

THE GI WAS Harold E. Crouch of New Brunswick. Speaking of his first visit to the leprosarium in Spanish Town near Jamaica, he recalls:

"Our chaplain at the base asked me one Sunday afternoon if I would like to visit the leprosarium. Being naturally curious and certainly ignorant, I agreed to go along.

"I was greatly impressed by the Marist Missionary Nuns, nine in number, so cheerfully caring for almost 200 patients, all with leprosy. . . . "Upon my return to the States I enlisted the help of my small circle of friends. . . . In order to provide Christmas cheer for the patients in Jamaica. The circle grew, and so did our field. We are still expanding."

EYES ON YOUTH

"Give the youth for ten years and I'll double the number," declares Ed. Stein. "If you don't, you're sure to lose them. Only as schools are, they are responsible for the future of the Church. We can only give the youth in mission lands through our schools. BILILIANS in our \$1-A-MONTH club for the support of our mission schools. Won't you join today in this crusade for the future. Your June \$1 will help the Aberdare school in India.

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ST. MATTHEW, who wrote the first gospel, has an eager namesake at St. Joseph's Seminary in India. He hopes after his six years training to preach that gospel to the pagan millions there. Son of a poor peasant family, he cannot give the \$100, the yearly cost of his training. The seminary has appealed to us to find a sponsor. Won't you "adopt" Matthew by giving that annual amount in any payments for six years. A rich share in his future priestly work, plus his daily grateful prayers and future Masses will be yours.

MISSION HOSPITAL. A wise mission charity! The kind mercy of our sisters in caring for the sick and disabled poor is a most effective way of winning souls, for both the afflicted and their families see Christian charity in action. Won't you help the Bishop in India build a hospital for the Holy Cross Sisters. \$1 will buy a brick. A fitting memorial for a loved one will be the endorsement of a bed for \$250, or the operating room for \$1000.

OUR MISSIONARIES NEED YOUR MASS OFFERINGS. IT IS THEIR ONLY SUPPORT. MASSES ARE SAID ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

Father John Carroon has a small school in Bethlehem. Our West Coast friends built it for the poor children of the TOWN OF OUR LORD'S BIRTH. There are now 110 homeless children in his school. Won't you give a little to help us keep them there?

ROBERTA. Sister Roberta is a novice with the Rosary Sisters in Jerusalem. Her family cannot afford the \$150 yearly needed for her two years in training. Can you help here by sending her this sum each year in six payments. Her only return will be her grateful prayers at the sacred Holy Land shrine and her future life of dedication to God. What greater friend to have?

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