

### Mexico Bans Atheist Books From Schools

Mexico City — (NC) — Complainants by Catholic and other sources against the use of Marxist and anti-Christian textbooks in Mexican schools were climaxed by the announcement here that such texts are being withdrawn.

The decision was announced by the Department of Public Education after a series of interviews between Minister of Education Jose Angel Cisneros and leaders of the Nationalist Party, which has been actively opposed to the texts in question.

Recently, Bishop Manuel Mariscal del Campo de Leon issued an order barring books from schools in his Diocese 22 textbooks on the government's official list. He classified three others as "indigestible" for use.

It was revealed that a special advisory committee set up by the Department of Education is now taking steps to withdraw the books to which objection has been taken.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Cisneros made a statement declaring that the schools ought to be "distinctly Mexican." He said that "while no people have ever perished for lack of bread, the same is certainly not true when they have debased their culture and corrupted their moral value."

The books being withdrawn from the schools have been denounced by Catholic groups for promoting communism, Marxist socialism, agnosticism, positivism, materialism and Darwinism. Some of the texts, it was charged, attacked freedom of education, the sanctity of marriage, and Christian beliefs.

### Pastor Writes Book To Aid Farmers With Income Tax Problems

Luxemburg, Ia. — (NC) — The pastor of Holy Trinity Church here has written a book entitled "Farm Accounting and Income Tax" to help his parishioners. The author is Father John A. Theobald. He uses the book as a text in a class he teaches at Holy Trinity Junior High School.

Farm bookkeeping serves a twofold purpose, according to Father Theobald. It furnishes an accurate record of all farm income and expense and it provides a set of records to be used as a basis for making State and Federal income tax returns.

"Since farming is a business," he said, "it is important for the farmer to know whether he is making money or losing money. Without accurate records there is no way of knowing. For this reason it is good business to keep books. Keeping accurate records will show the farm which farm practices are profitable and which farm practices operate at a loss."

"His records will show him definitely whether he shall continue as he does at present, or whether a change is in order. He will know which farm practices he should continue as profitable, and which he should curtail or even discontinue because they do not show the profit they should."

Cardinal Stritch  
Covington, Ky. — (NC) — His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago will preach the sermon and Archbishop John A. Floersh of Louisville will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass here at the Diocese of Covington observance in connection with the centennial on September 20.

### Feeney Agents Jailed In Book Selling

Minneapolis, Minn. — (RNS) — Four followers of the Rev. Leonard Feeney, excommunicated Roman Catholic priest from Cambridge, Mass., were jailed here on charges of peddling without a city license.

Police said the four were trying to sell copies of Father Feeney's book, "Bread of Life," for one dollar a copy.

THE FOUR demanded a speedy hearing and were arraigned on the license charge before Municipal Judge Tom Bergin. At the request of their attorney, the judge set trial for Sept. 16 after they pleaded not guilty. They were released on \$50 bail each.

The arrested group were Athanasius Ewald, 35, George Favreau, 33, Robert Colopy, 26, and Gregory Conant, 25, all of Cambridge Mass. They said they are brothers in the order of the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is directed by Father Feeney.

FATHER FEENEY was excommunicated by the Church for his refusal to stop teaching that there is no salvation outside the Catholic Church.

Clem Holt, assistant city license inspector here, said the four were arrested after telephone complaints were received about their activities.

Two others of the six-member group were picked up after the four were arrested, but they were not charged. Judge Bergin warned them, however, to do no more selling until the case is settled.

### Prelates Elevated By Pius XII



These seven prelates figured in the recent hierarchical changes in the United States announced by Pope Pius XII. Top, left to right: Bishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford, Conn., who becomes Archbishop and metropolitan of the new Province of Hartford; Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence J. Sheehan of Baltimore, named to be first bishop of the newly-created diocese of Bridgeport, Conn.; Msgr. Bernard J. Flanagan, chancellor of the Burlington, Vt. diocese, appointed first bishop of the new diocese of Norwich, Conn. Center insert is Bishop John F. Noll of Fort Wayne, Ind., who was granted the personal title of Archbishop (ad personam) by Pope Pius XII in recognition of his services to the Church in the U. S. Bottom, left to right: Msgr. Edward V. Dargan, vicar-general of the archdiocese of New York, who was named Titular Bishop of Amphipolis and Auxiliary to Francis Cardinal Spellman; Msgr. Walter F. Kellenberg, archdiocesan chancellor of New York who also was named an Auxiliary to Cardinal Spellman and Titular Bishop of Jajima; Msgr. Coleman F. Carroll, pastor of Sacred Heart church, Pittsburg, Pa., named Titular Bishop of Pizane and Auxiliary of Pittsburgh.

### 7 Archdioceses Created In U. S. Under Pius XII

Washington — (NC) — The elevation of the Diocese of Hartford to that of a metropolitan province by Pope Pius XII makes a total of seven new Archdioceses created in the United States during his reign.

During the same time, 17 new episcopal sees have been formed. When the Holy Father was crowned on March 12, 1953, there were some 21 million Catholics in the United States; during his 14-year pontificate that figure has climbed to more than 30,420,000. Accompanying this growth in the American Catholic population came an increase in the United States hierarchy so that two-thirds of the American Bishops owe the fullness of their priesthood to the reigning Pontiff. And all four of the U. S. Cardinals were raised to that dignity by the present Pope.

ON THE DEATH of Pope Pius XI, there were 19 Archbishops — including three Cardinals — and 111 Bishops in the American hierarchy. Now, with Bishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford named Archbishop of the Hartford Archdiocese, and with Bishop John F. Noll of Fort Wayne added to the list of Archbishops "ad personam," there are 32 Archbishops.

At the same time, the elevation of new Auxiliary Bishops in New York and Pittsburgh and the filling of the two new Connecticut Sees bring the number of Bishops in this country to 162. Besides this figure, there are close to a half dozen dioceses vacant because of recent deaths or transfers.

Significantly, in his first major act concerning the Church in America, just a month after his coronation, the Holy Father filled the chair left vacant by the death of Cardinal Hayes the year before, naming the Auxiliary Bishop of Boston — now His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman — to be Archbishop of New York. Bishop Edwin V. O'Hare of Great Falls was transferred to be Ordinary of Kansas City, Mo., at the same time.

ON JULY 22, 1953, the Pope declared his first actual change in the territorial structure of the Church in America, establishing Washington as the part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore — as an Archdiocese in its own right. Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore then took the title of Archbishop of Baltimore.

and of Washington, and the latter Sees remained under his jurisdiction until his death in 1947. At that time, when Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle was named Ordinary, it became a separate entity — and, unlike the other Archdioceses of the United States, had no province with suffragan Sees under its Archbishop.

The other Archdiocesan provinces created by Pope Pius XII are Denver, 1941; Indianapolis, 1944; Omaha, 1945; Seattle, 1951; Kansas City, Kansas, 1952, and now Hartford. The creation of the new Connecticut dioceses of Bridgeport and Norwich brings the total number of suffragan Sees to 106 against 93 back in 1935. There has been no change in the status of Belmont Abbey, an "abbatia nullius" (abbey independent of any diocese), which has jurisdiction over Gaston County, North Carolina.

### Private School Construction Soars

Washington — (NC) — Construction of new private school buildings continued its record-breaking pace during August, reaching a new monthly peak of \$33,000,000, according to Department of Commerce estimates.

Nonpublic school construction during the first eight months of 1953 totaled \$244,000,000, a 10 per cent increase over the January-August period of 1952.

Construction of new churches and other religious buildings during August continued at a near record level, amounting to \$43,000,000. The January-August total was \$291,000,000, an 18 per cent rise over the same period last year.

Texas Flood  
Corpus Christi, Tex. — Damage to churches and Church property in this flood-ridden area has thus far been negligible.

### Boys' School Bans Extreme In Fashions

Philadelphia — (RNS) — Style or no style, peg-leg pants and Jimmy swing haircut will be taboo for boys at Northeast Philadelphia Catholic High School.

Notice that such "exaggerated" fashions will not be tolerated was contained in a letter to parents of Northeast's 700 boys from the principal, the Rev. John F. Tock, O.S.F.S.

THE DIRECTIVE said, in part: "How a boy dresses and how

he looks is very much a part of his education. Don't allow your son to get an exaggerated haircut or one that is too stylish (i.e. swing style). Do not allow him to wear trousers that are exaggerated in style. It is far better to wear normal, average clothes. We insist on his wearing a tie and the avoidance of slovenly or exaggerated clothes."

The Philadelphia school is regarded as not only the largest Catholic high school in the

Philadelphia Archdiocese, but also the largest in the world. It enrolled a record class of nearly 1,500 freshmen on Sept. 9.

The main building, opened in 1926, accommodates only 3,200 boys, and the school has had to use annexes for the past several years.

The faculty is composed of 95 Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, a teaching order of priests, 14 lay teachers and eight nuns.

### Carefree Carmelites?



Yes, the Sisters at the Convent of the Little Flower at Kishinev, India, are completely free of one care — money. They have none. Sister Archangelina writes: "Twenty-five Sisters live in a three-room convent on a patch of ground in the river so low that water is in the rooms during the rainy season. The roof of convent leaves leaks so that we walk and sleep under umbrellas. For Mass and Holy Communion every morning at 5 a. m. we wade in a small country boat for a long, dangerous, suffocating journey of an hour to a parish church too small for us to sit down. So far our accidents have not been big. The long journey interferes with our school work and teaching catechism. To raise the foundation and build the Chapel, we need help. Our villagers are very poor. It'll cost \$1,000. They can't give a drop of pure water. It is terribly stinky for five months. In the rainy season it is dirty, muddy. We need \$500 for a well. Our only hope is your mercy." Won't you help these heroines of Christ?

PENCILS, PAPER, INK, BOOKS — yes, we must worry about those items too. For just 30,000 of our REFUGEE children. Your missive to BASILIANS this month will help our refugee schools.

We keep hoping that we will get help for our dear Holy Cross Sisters in Trichur. Their hearts are breaking for a MISSION HOSPITAL. Won't you send \$1 for a brick? Medical kit costs \$75.

WISE SOLOMON  
Yes, he's wise. He wants to spend his short life on earth for God as a priest. We must find a friend to help him for his last two years with the \$100 yearly cost of training. Won't you? You may give weekly \$2, monthly \$13.35, quarterly \$25, or all now.

HILLS OF MORNING  
This week our thoughts wander to those unearthly hills of the Holy Land. The Feast of the Holy Cross (Sept. 14) and the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady (Sept. 15) remind us it was because that Cross that her sufferings reached the climax. In recent years those quiet hills where the Prince of Peace walked have been ravaged by a cruel war. Monsignor McMahon has prepared a new pamphlet telling of these unhappy times in the land dear to Jesus and Mary. He calls it "Hills of Morning—Whence and Whither Palestine." You'll love it. Ask for it when you send your missive for the new FATIMA SHRINE CHAPEL. It will be on the hills just across the JORDAN. In contrast to the present war, how comforting a sight this temple will be to Her.

YOUR WILL may be GOD'S WAY of helping His missions. SISTER MARIE-ANGELIQUE pleads for a friend to help her realize her ambition of consecration to God. The cost of her training for five years with the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles in Egypt is \$100 a year which she doesn't have. Won't you help a future Bride of Christ? You need not give all now. Your missive to our LEPER FUND will be like soothing oil to those gaping "white scars" gnawing away the bodies of our lepers.

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