

Coaches To Train Youth In Lay Apostolate Urged

Cincinnati — (NC) — Take more interest in training leaders for the laity than in developing football players, Catholic schools were urged by Father Henry J. Klockner, assistant national secretary of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade.

As a means of balancing the scales, Father Klockner said there should be a more forthright stand by our schools on the training of lay leaders for social and missionary apostolates. He said in boys' high schools there should be "more time, more enthusiasm, more expense and more expert coaching for this program than is devoted to the athletic program."

IN GIRLS' schools, he said, there should be "an honest and correct evaluation of courses and activities" and the girls, themselves, should develop "an esteem of their masculine counterparts based on ability at real Christian leadership rather than on monographs won in athletics." Father Klockner expressed his views in the current issue of The Shield, magazine of the CSMC which has headquarters here. Father Klockner, who was a letterman in sports at Purcell High School here, said that in football "there is more skill and headwork than uneducated football spectators realize." He said that "a huge amount of youthful energy is safely channeled" at rallies and football games.

"But I'm wondering," Father Klockner wrote, "what the administrators and faculties and

student bodies have done about lining up a hard-hitting program of training in apostolic leadership. . . I don't mean the regular courses in the school curriculum because they are sadly inadequate—in all but exceptional cases—for providing the degree of formation needed.

"I MEAN an intensive extra-curricular program that has from one to four special coaches—like the football team; that has a few thousand dollars to spend—like the football team; and that demands a few hours' time every week from the best students—much less than is demanded from the best players on the football team."

He pointed out that communist youth is indoctrinated in methods of penetrating youth assemblies, labor unions and eventually government "while a big segment of our Catholic youth is engrossed in games of make-believe with arbitrary and all-but-inconsequential goals."

He added that "East High may be the opponent of Catholic Central on Saturday afternoon, but the principal opponent of all other Catholics in the United States is secularism, and that it is hard to find a high school boy who can give a decent definition of secularism."

House Group May Drop Clergy Probe

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The House Un-American Activities Committee has indefinitely postponed a hearing at which Dr. J. B. Matthews was to have aired his charges of Communist infiltration in the ranks of the American clergy.

Announcing its schedule of hearings for the balance of the year, the Committee made no mention of Dr. Matthews or of any renewal of its probe into churchmen named in previous testimony.

INFORMALLY, it was learned that the Matthews charge may be quietly buried by the Committee. Considerable sentiment exists among members to drop the church probe on the ground that religious groups have been awakened to the menace of Communist infiltration and are taking proper corrective steps.

A formal decision on whether or not to hear Dr. Matthews will be made after Jan. 1 when all nine members of the Committee have assembled in Washington.

The Committee faces the prospect that if Dr. Matthews is heard, additional hearings would be required to give those whom he might accuse of Communist sympathies a chance to reply. Committee members also have a request by Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) that friends of the late Rabbi Judah L. Magnes and Stephen S. Wise be given a chance to defend their names which were mentioned unfavorably in testimony by ex-Communist leader Benjamin Gitlow last July.

Committee Chairman Harold H. Velde (R-III.) has announced his withdrawal from the race for the Republican nomination to oppose Senator Paul H. Douglas (D-III.) next year. Mr. Velde said he would seek re-election to his House seat from the Peoria district instead.

Outspoken opposition to Mr. Velde on the part of Illinois churchmen led by leading political observers here with leading to his withdrawal less than a month after he announced he was interested in seeking the nomination.

Americans Pray For German POWs

Wiesbaden, Germany — (NC) — American Catholic airmen and German civilians prayed together for the early release of German war prisoners held in Soviet Russia.

In at least three towns and villages of the Kaiserlautern area Catholic Air Force personnel took part in the services during a week of prayer, held throughout Western Germany, beseeching God for the speedy release of the prisoners. This week of prayer was observed in accordance with instructions issued by the German Bishops at their last Fulda Conference.

Father (Col.) Constantine E. Zielinski, O.F.M. Conv., Staff Chaplain at headquarters of United States Air Forces in Europe, had asked all Catholic chaplains under his jurisdiction to cooperate with the German clergy during the week.

Jacques Maritain Opens Series

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Dr. Jacques Maritain, eminent Catholic philosopher, has returned to Notre Dame for his annual fall series of lectures sponsored by the university's department of philosophy.

Last Rites For Victims



Pusan, Korea—An American chaplain is shown giving last rites to a group of victims in the Hill 961 massacre which the Communists are said to have committed in the Korean War. An 87-page report released by the U. S. Army charged the Communists with "torture and murder" in Korea. The report, with its grim account of death marches and conditions in Red prison camps, accused the Communists of the wanton massacre of 23,702 human beings. Photo was released by the Department of Defense (RNS Photo)

Oxnam Leaves Unanswered Query On Pro-Red Books

Cleveland — (NC) — Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam left unanswered a question by a John Carroll University political science student of why he had signed an endorsement of Jerome Davis' book, "Behind Soviet Power."

Bishop Oxnam also was asked about an editorial which appeared a few days before in The Cleveland Plain Dealer which praised his Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, for denouncing the European critics of U.S. congressional investigations on communism, at a recent address in Brussels, Belgium.

THE METHODIST leader also left that question unanswered, saying only that Cardinal Spellman and Senator McCarthy are working in close cooperation. Bishop Oxnam told the questioner — also a John Carroll student — that he did not recall reading accounts of the Cardinal's Brussels address.

The questioning of Bishop Oxnam occurred in a Baptist church, where he gave a lecture. Some 500 persons attended the lecture and it was estimated that 250 of them were college and high school students. One of the Carroll students questioned the Bishop about a circular relating to the Jerome Davis book. Mr. Davis is a former president of the American Federation of Teachers. The circular described the book as making "a substantial contribution to the understanding of Russia," and the student wanted to know why Bishop Oxnam had signed the endorsement if he did not agree with the author. The presiding officer at the lecture quickly called for another question, leaving the student's inquiry unanswered.

Bishop Oxnam came here to address a study conference on churches and world order sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

Cardinal Traces 'Chaos' In Education To 'Progressives'

Fort Worth, Tex. — (NC) — "Chaos is prevalent in education today" because leaders of so-called "progressive" education have disregarded the natural law, His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, said here.

"For many years past now it has been the policy of progressive educators to formulate and propagate such doctrines as must inevitably undermine American institutions and prepare for the advent in the United States of atheistic totalitarianism," the Cardinal stated.

SPEAKING AT WELL ROGERS Auditorium in Fort Worth, Cardinal McIntyre called the educational situation "alarming." He said that objectives to the natural law and to the fixed principles upon which democracy under God is based, are "found among the leaders of a group of educators who seek to direct and control the education of our children and youth in the public schools of these United States, and lay down upon them a socialized form of instruction nationally."

"Our current century has produced in the intellectual circles of the world a departure from fixed principles, from permanent standards, from commonly accepted practices," he stated. "This departure is found in the philosophies from which have come Asiatic communism."

Pointing out that American democracy is based "on the idea of inalienable personal rights which stem from God," Cardinal McIntyre said: "As we view the philosophy which has stimulated the progressive American educators in the past 50 years, we recognize that the thinking and the teaching of these, especially in the higher brackets of education, have labored diligently to ignore the fact of God's existence as well as the antecedent, consequent and transcendent righteousness evident in the natural law."

THE CARDINAL called upon parents to be alert to educational dangers "threatening the future of our boys and girls." "Our concern should be militant. We have all been shocked by revelations in newspapers, magazines and books telling of the anti-patriotic activities and attitudes of many youth. As we look for a primary cause we cannot overlook the effects of the un-American, illogical philosophies we have attempted to describe."

Sheraton Leaves K. of C. Building

New Haven, Conn. — (NC) — The former headquarters of the Knights of Columbus here has been leased for 99 years to the Sheraton Hotel Company, it has been announced.


Supreme Knight Luke E. Heart said the company will build a \$5-million, 20-story hotel and office building on the site which served as headquarters since 1922.

Flaming Estate Will Be Probated

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Miss Virginia Flaming, widow of the late Senator Patrick A. O'Brien of Washington has been named to receive the bulk of the \$100,000 estate of Anna J. Flaming.

Miss Flaming, 75, of the Kennedy-Warren apartments, 2nd September 7. Her will stipulated that \$9,500 should go to her friends and relatives and the remainder of her property to Archbishop O'Boyle, if the archbishop will in 30 days after signing the will. The will was signed Sept. 4, three days before her death.

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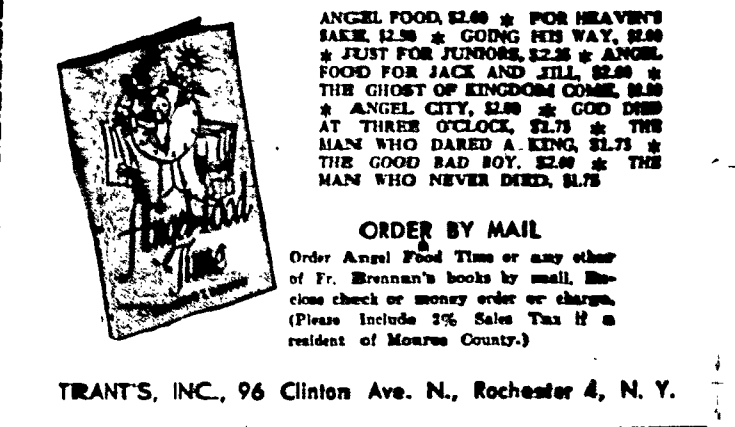
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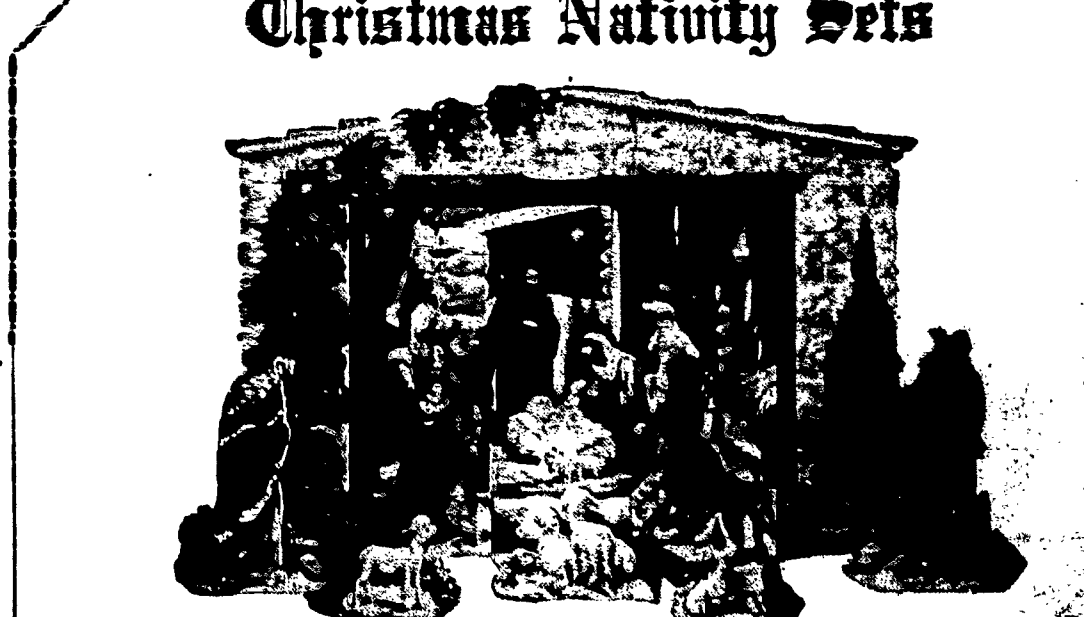
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