

## Jewish Theologian

### Public School System Was Intended To Be Religious

Windsor, Ont. — (NC) — The American public school system is an outgrowth of a community that largely was Protestant and was intended by its originators to be non-sectarian but religious, and not neutral, Dr. Will Herberg, Jewish theologian and author, declared in a Christian Culture Series lecture here at Assumption College.

Dr. Herberg is the author of "Judaism and The Modern Man" and has been a contributor to the Jewish magazine, Commentary, and the Catholic magazine, Commonweal.

HE SAID that every taxpayer and everyone interested in the system that trains the majority of American citizens, should try to stem the tide of atheism and irreligion which has been creeping into public school education. Dr. Herberg said that men like Dr. James B. Conant, Harvard University president now serving as U.S. High Commissioner to Germany, who contend that religious and other private schools are divisive and undemocratic, are "sectarian secularists." He added that the policy they advocate is an "undemocratic totalitarianism, a germinal totalitarianism which in practice treats the state as a church."

The more intelligent among the secularists, Dr. Herberg said, now are less sure of their policies and have been impressed by the gradual rebirth of respectability among all-thinking people in favor of religion. He said they realize that a religious and spiritual vacuum cannot ever remain long, but deteriorates into some of the sordid and anti-human cults which have scourged the 20th Century.

DR. HERBERG said that as a nation the United States is unique since it is composed of a combination of minorities. He said Protestantism also is a minority, but one that is larger than the others. Apart from a few of its great leaders, Protestantism is not dynamic, calm and positive, but is motivated greatly by fear of Catholic political power, Dr. Herberg said.

He said there is hope in the world of education, since the youth now are asking questions and there are signs of a return to tradition and principles, and a hunger for reality and truth.

### Boston Harbor Flotilla To Honor Marian Year

Boston — (RNS) — A flotilla procession through the inner waters of Boston harbor has been announced by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing as one of many religious festivals in observance of the Marian Year in the archdiocese.

More than 100 New England Yacht clubs and boating associations will participate in the nautical festival on August 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

While similar festivals known as the "Blessings of the Fleet" have been conducted in Massachusetts fishing ports, it is believed that the Marian Festival will be the first of its kind ever held in Boston waters.

THE PROGRAM will include Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on one of the larger craft anchored in Dorchester Bay.

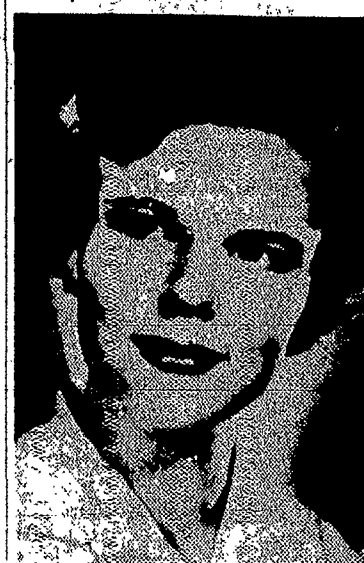
Archbishop Cushing made the announcement in a directive to all parish priests calling for an intensive program of Marian Year devotions on a diocesan and parish level.

At the same time, he gave pastors permission for an evening Mass on one week-day evening each week during Lent and on all holidays of obligation honoring the Blessed Virgin.

The Archbishop also recommended recitation of the Marian prayer, "Memorare," at all Sunday masses; recitation of the litany of the Blessed Virgin whenever Benediction is conducted; and the scheduling of a late Mass every Saturday morning for the convenience of workers.

Evening Mass — (NC) — Evening Mass may be celebrated in churches of the Archdiocese of Boston on one week-day in each week of Lent and on all holy days of obligation honoring the Blessed Mother, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing has announced.

## WINNER



Washington, D.C. — Helena Carter, 18-year-old senior at Christ the King High School, Atlanta, Ga., has been named winner of a nationwide essay contest on "My Responsibilities Under the Bill of Rights" sponsored by the National Association of Real Estate Boards here. Her essay was judged the best over an estimated 20,000 submitted by high school students in 30 local competitions. Helena, who sings in the choir of her parish church, Our Lady of the Assumption, was awarded a trip to Washington with all expenses paid for herself and her father. (RNS Photo).

### World Meetings Fronts For Reds

Cologne — (NC) — German Catholics have been warned against participating in a number of international meetings during the year 1954 which, though carefully camouflaged, are organized by communists.

Among the meetings listed are: (1) International Conference of Lawyers for the Defense of Democratic Rights, (2) Peace Congress for Asia and the Pacific (organized by the World Peace Council), (3) Festival of the Youth of Central America and the Caribbean (organized by the World Federation of Democratic Youth), (4) 1954 World Peace Congress (organized by the World Peace Council), (5) the World Federation of Trade Unions, (6) World Youth Day, set for Nov. 10 (organized by the World League of Democratic Youths) and (7) the World Students' Day on Nov. 17.

### New Italian Premier Noted Catholic Author

Rome — (NC) — Amintore Fanfani, Italy's new Premier, is a noted Catholic economist, politician and author who has long been interested in problems of social reform along Christian lines. Some of his principal works are in the library of the Catholic University of Washington, D.C.

Looked upon as a "new dealer" in the Christian Democratic Party, Premier Fanfani is the youngest to hold the office since Mussolini became head of the state at 39. Forty-five years old, he was born in Pieve San Stefano, in the province of Arezzo, Tuscany, and was graduated from the Catholic University of Milan.

THE NEW PREMIER was made a fellow of the university in 1932 and in 1936 taught economic history there. He also taught history for a number of years at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan. He is a personal friend of Giorgio La Pira, Mayor of Florence, who is known as an exemplary Catholic. He has been received in audience a number of times by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Premier Fanfani first became prominent in politics in 1945-46, when he served as Minister of Labor and Social Service in the fourth Cabinet of former Premier Alcide de Gasperi. He served in the seventh Cabinet as Minister of Agriculture and Forests, carrying through a vigorous program to provide houses for the poor. His latest post was that of Minister of Interior in the Cabinet of former Premier Giuseppe Pella.

SIGNOR FANFANI was a member of the Constituent Assembly for the 16th district, comprising Arezzo, Siena and Grosseto, and became a member of parliament for the same district in 1948.

Two of Premier Fanfani's most notable works are his "Catholicism, Protestantism and Capitalism," and his "Social Summa," which sets forth Christian principles of the social reform. His other books, all written from a Catholic viewpoint, include "Talks to the Poor," "History of Labor," and "Economic History." They have appeared in several editions.

## GOING BACK TO KOREA



New York — Mgr. Thomas Quinlan, recently appointed Regent of the Apostolic Delegation in Korea, is shown on his arrival here from Ireland for a month's visit of Columban Fathers' Foundations in this country before proceeding to his new post. A member of the Maynooth Mission to China, Mgr. Quinlan was former Prefect-Apostolic of Shantung, Korea. He was captured by Communist forces at the outbreak of the Korean war in June, 1950, and interned for three years. Following his release last April, he returned to his native Ireland. (RNS Photo)

### Catholic Women Oppose Segregation In Schools

Washington — (NC) — Experience in Catholic schools shows that the change from racial segregation to racial integration can be made without difficulty and "we are convinced that such a change can be made in public schools," one board of directors of the national council of Catholic women said in a statement adopted unanimously here. The statement said: "Some people already are working on subterfuges to avoid integration after the upcoming Supreme Court decision on segregation. NCCW will work for peaceful integration for 'fellow members in mystical body of Christ.' The

NCCW board includes women from the segregated school states, Florida, Louisiana, Kentucky.

The Board also expressed "serious concern" over Christmas USO entertainment in Korea. The board "strongly disapproved" engagement by USO of entertainers whose behavior impugns integrity of reputation of the religious organizations affiliated with the USO.

### Pius X Sainthood Rites Offered TV In Eight Nations

Rome — (NC) — Millions of people in eight European nations including Britain are expected to have an opportunity of witnessing His Holiness Pope Pius XII's canonization of his predecessor, Blessed Pius X, in St. Peter's Square on May 29. Sergio Pugliese, director of Italian television, has been quoted as stating that the ceremony would be one of two of which the Italian radio is offering to transmit during a one-month exchange of programs with Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, West Germany, Denmark, and Switzerland.

SIGNOR PUGLIESE spoke here after a conference at Paris during which television experts from the eight countries met to plan the monthly schedule.

Stations from Rome to Belfast, Northern Ireland, would rebeam the ceremony to a bigger TV audience than that which saw the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II last June, which was telecast to five nations.

Cecil McGivern, British Broadcasting Corporation television chief and a Catholic, who was honored in the Queen's New Year Honors list, is coming to Rome to discuss details of the retransmission to British homes. However, a final decision on British televising of the ceremony has not yet been made.

A British radio spokesman, refusing to make a commitment, said that "transmission of the canonization ceremony may be one of the things to be discussed (with Mr. McGivern). It is an event of great international significance, and it (the question of telecasting the ceremony) doubtless will be raised."

NO TECHNICAL difficulties are expected in "live" televising. The Catholic press here suggests that if the "live" program is declined due to an awkward viewing time or for other reasons, a film of the ceremony may be televised later instead. No serious religious opposition is expected.

Such a broadcast would show the first canonization of a Pope for 200 years, and be historic as the first ever televised. Viewers would see some half million people

### Holy Father Gives To U.N. Refugee Fund

Geneva, Switzerland — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has made a token gift of \$2,000 to the United Nations Refugee Emergency Fund.

In a letter to Dr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhard, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees here, Mgr. Giovanni B. Montini, Vatican Secretary of State, said the Pope was making the offering as evidence of his personal support of an appeal for funds by the U.N. unit.

"His Holiness," the letter said, has been informed of the appeal for contributions to alleviate the pitiable condition and provide for the human needs of the more unfortunate of these refugees, and we would most cordially commend this truly praiseworthy initiative.

Last year Pope Pius made two token gifts of \$2,000 each to the U.N. undertakings, one to the Technical Assistance Program and the second to the International Children's Emergency Fund.

Subscription Note — (NC) — The Most Rev. Almon Deacon, 50, former superior of the Grand Seminary at St. Boniface, Minn., was consecrated Bishop of Gravelbourg here.

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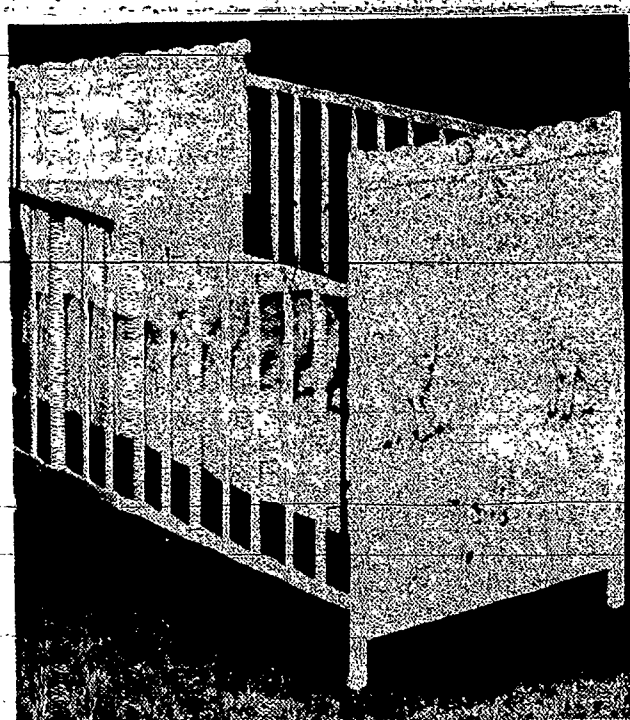
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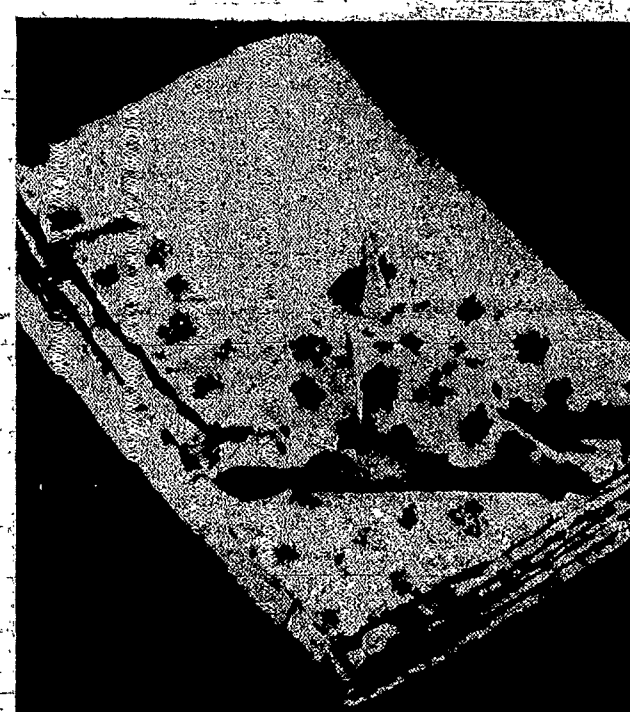


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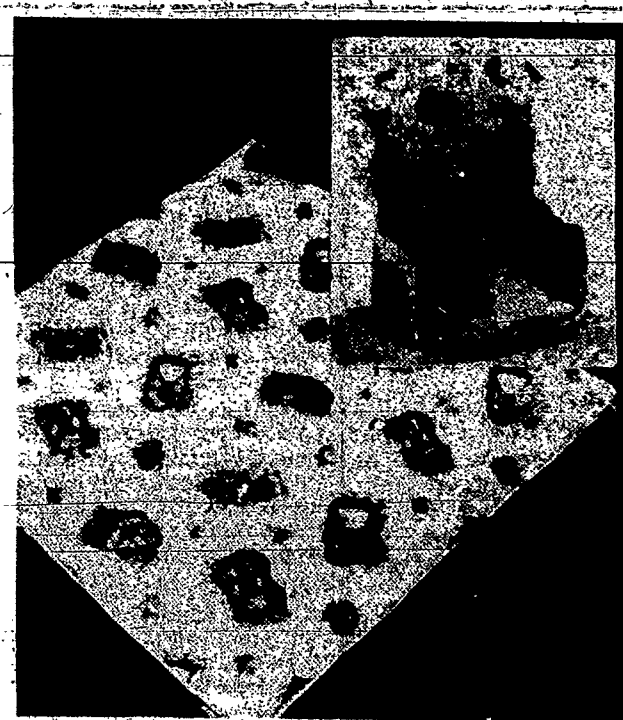
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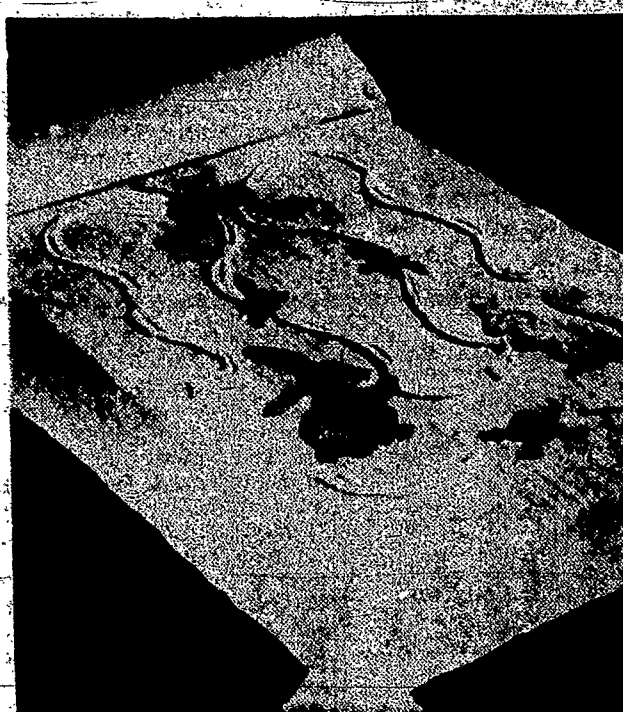
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