

College Head Predicts New 'Mary' Dogmas

Court Fight Looms On Ban Against 'French Line' Film

Cleveland Bishop Awaits KC Move On Race Problem

Cleveland — (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Floyd L. Begin of Cleveland said he has not ended his fight on behalf of Negro Catholics who were refused admission to Knights of Columbus, but he is withholding further action to "give the Knights a chance to straighten things out."

Bishop Begin said he has not resigned from the Knights of Columbus because he hopes that "adverse publicity may lead them to reconsider their action."

MR. KATZMAN, complete dispute with elements in the organization which refused Negroes admittance to a local council and refused to grant a charter for a proposed interracial council here. But he stressed that he had no criticism of other K. of C. groups which have admitted Negroes. The organization is active throughout the country.

American Youth weekly magazine, said that a "racistist pattern is sufficiently widespread among the Knights" to be considered "a national scandal." The magazine called for "a clear declaration of anti-discrimination policy" by the order's top authorities.

A K. of C. council in Baltimore was the "instigator" of the Supreme Board's support of the Knights of Columbus. The Supreme Board was a program of action to eliminate unwise administration which might lead to the self-destruction of the order.

Carroll Council 1776 urged every council to send a resolution to the Supreme Board supporting the Catholic teaching of Bishop Begin and in defense of the God-given and inalienable rights of every American citizen.

In a resolution by the Catholic Interracial Council of New York, it said "the racial lines by Bishop Begin, a member of the Knights of Columbus, present a challenge to the white, negro, and hispanics of the Supreme Board of the order."

K. of C. Supreme Knight Luke J. Hart, answering objections to the fact that Negroes have been admitted to some councils, said "our law provides that the members of an established council have the right to decide who shall be admitted to membership."

Catholicism has sought to

form a new interracial council in Cleveland which would include Negroes rejected by an existing K. of C. council. Their petition for a charter was rejected by the Supreme Board on the grounds that it was founded and organized "on a racial basis."

The Cleveland group said it will continue efforts to obtain a charter "in the name of fair play and common decency."

Reds Issue 13 Periodicals In Canada

Montreal — (NC) — There are 13 pro-communist periodicals with a total circulation of some 50,000 in Canada, according to Alan Boyd, official of the Federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

Ten are published in Toronto, two in Sudbury and one in Winnipeg, he said.

"The furtherance of international communism is the sole and common aim of the publications," Mr. Boyd declared in a lecture at McGill University. He said that "this communist press appears to be subsidized from abroad and many of its editors have been trained abroad." It is almost certain that the 13 papers are guided "by a common board of strategy in Toronto," he added.

Representative policies followed by these publications include the "use of a 'left' satisfaction index" and "the use of the left, especially newly arrived immigrants and the growing of distrust towards native Canadians," Mr. Boyd said.

Reds Issue
The Montreal (NC) — The Montreal "Canadian" bibliography of the United States, "Father John LaFarge," published in February, is already in its second printing, according to Harcourt, Brace and Company publishers.

Mr. Boyd said.



Mary, M.D., a Japanese who studied at the Osaka Women's Medical College in Japan (left); Sister Glimary (formerly Blossie Bunnison, M.B.) of York, Pa., educated at Trinity College, Washington, D. C., and at the Women's Medical Col-

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Senate Asks Easter Prayers For Persecuted

Washington — (NC) — A resolution asking special prayers in churches and synagogues on April 18 for "the deliverance of all those behind the Iron Curtain who are denied freedom to worship in their own fashion" has been adopted by the U. S. Senate.

The resolution notes that April 18 this year is both Easter

the oppression of Protestant ministers, and by the persecution of Jews, throughout the area dominated by communism.

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In his comments while submitting the resolution, Senator Leverett Saltonstall and John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts and H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey, the concurrent resolution called "barbaric persecutions."

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In his comments while submitting the resolution, Senator Saltonstall paid high tribute to Cardinal Mindszenty, calling his trial one of the great struggles in the bloody history of the fight for religious freedom."

Brooklyn, N. Y. — (RNS) — A Catholic college president said here he thought it likely that three additional dogmas concerning the Virgin Mary eventually would be proclaimed by the Church.

The Very Rev. John A. Flynn, C.M., president of St. John's University, spoke at a special Marian Year convocation of St. John's faculty members in honor of the Immaculate Conception.

FATHER FLYNN said it was "not unlikely" that in due time Mary would be "proclaimed in a definition of doctrine as Co-Redemptrix of the human race, that next the dogma of Mediatrix of all graces may be promulgated, and that finally the definition of her queenship, as participation with her Son in the power of ruling the World, may be proclaimed."

"Theologians agree," said the priest, "that these are definable. It is likely that all three of these may come to realization before another century passes because the importance of Mary in the universe has come more and more to the fore."

Honorary degrees of Doctor of Letters were conferred on Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester, Mass., and Frank Sheehy, Catholic publisher of New York and London.

BISHOP WRIGHT told the professed that the dogmas of the Incarnation and Immaculate Conception precluded pessimism and despair about human nature.

"It must not be forgotten that the nature which we find elevated in Mary, the new Eve, is that same nature which we ourselves possess," he said.

"Therefore the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, focusing the attention of all the Church on the exalted, transcendent excellence of Mary, evokes nostalgic racial memories of what we ourselves once were in our progenitors; it also kindles hope and gives grounds for confidence as to what we may yet be."

Irish Increase Foreign Mission Aid

Dublin, Ireland — (NC) — Irish Catholics gave \$268,900 to the foreign missions this year, a report at the half-yearly meeting of the National Council of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith disclosed. The amount was \$2,800 more than the sum contributed last year.

Chicago — (NC) — RKO-Radio Pictures has filed suit in Superior Court here in an attempt to lift the ban clamped on the showing of "The French Line" on Chicago movie screens. The suit asked that the city be compelled to grant a permit for at least a five-week run of the movie.

Meanwhile, the Chicago branch of the American Civil Liberties Union offered its services to the film company to fight commissioner's ban. A Protestant minister, who is chairman of Chicago ACLU branch, petitioned Mayor Martin Kennedy of Chicago to overrule the Police Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor by lifting the ban. The minister is the Rev. Thomas Meagher of the Faith Presbyterian Church.

Marian Stamp Asked For Mother's Day

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — A bill directing the Postmaster General to issue a special commemorative three-cent postage stamp in May to honor the Virgin Mary was introduced in the House by Rep. William T. Granahan (D-Pa.).

Although the suggestion of a Marian Year stamp has been placed before Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield by several members of Congress, Mr. Granahan's bill is the first formal legislative resolution on the subject.

The measure asks the Postmaster General to issue a special postage stamp in May 1954, the month in which Mother's Day is observed, honoring Mary, the Mother of Christ, the world's greatest mother, in commemoration of The Marian Year, the year set aside by the Holy Father, Pope Pius Twelfth, exhorting the faithful to increase their prayers that peace may be restored to all mankind."

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'French Line' Dance Banned

Baltimore, Md. — (NC) — The controversial dance scene in "French Line" has been banned in Maryland by the Board of Censors. A dance number in "Top Banana" has also been found objectionable by the board.

"French Line," a film without a film code seal, has been censored by the Legion of Decency and has met with censor troubles in cities and towns throughout the U. S. "Top Banana" has been evaluated by the Legion in Class B, objectionable in part for all.

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Commissioner O'Connor took his action after he had viewed the movie musical, which was refused the Hollywood Production Code seal of approval and has been evaluated in the censored class by the National Legion of Decency. The commissioner said of the 3-D movie:

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"THE FRENCH LINE" was scheduled to open at the Woods Theater on March 23. In its place, the management has booked the MGM picture, "Rhapsody," which has been evaluated by the National Legion of Decency in Class B, morally objectionable in part for all.

Ralph G. Smith, general manager of the chain which operates the Woods Theater, said he had viewed "The French Line" and he considered it "family entertainment."

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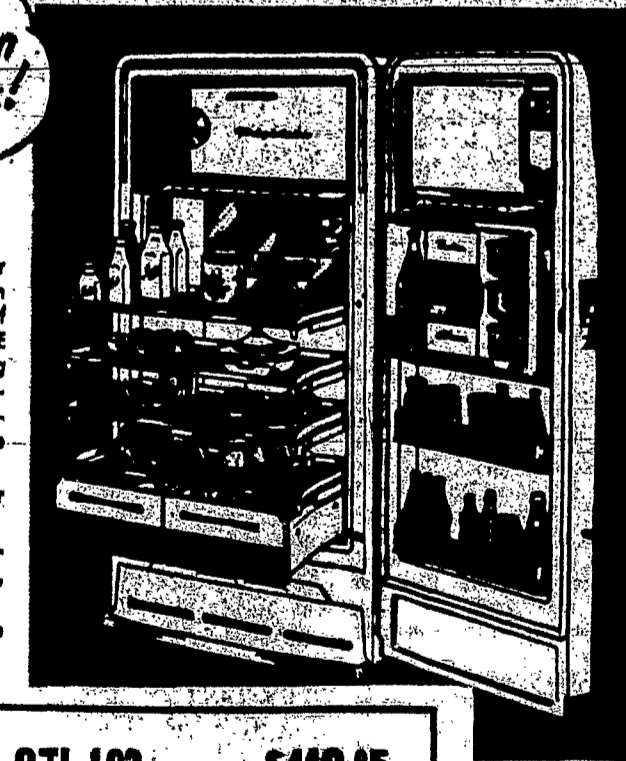
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