

Lt. Governor

# Holds McCollum Ruling Does Not Apply In Vermont

Springfield, Vt.—(NC)—A contention that the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the McCollum case barring religious instruction on public school property does not apply to the State of Vermont, has been made by Lieutenant Gov. Harold J. Arthur.

A candidate for re-election, Lieutenant Governor Arthur said he was not in accord with the Supreme Court ruling "and until the Vermont Supreme Court has decided the question, I will firmly hold to my opposing views."

MR. ARTHUR took his stand in the wake of an opinion by the State Attorney General that the provisions of the McCollum case must be adhered to in the released time program in the State. Both the Attorney General and the State Commission of Education let it be known that they were unsympathetic with the ruling.

In support of his stand, the Lieutenant Governor recalled that the Vermont Constitution was adopted in 1777, ten years before the adoption of the Federal Constitution.

"When we joined the Union in 1791, we reserved certain provisions as provided in the 10th Article of the Federal Constitution and in view of our Constitution providing that the towns shall maintain schools for the instruction of youth, I am of the belief that the school boards representing the citizens of the various towns are in control of the school property and responsible for its use, including the subjects taught therein," Mr. Arthur asserted.

He pointed out that the McCollum case originated in Illinois, which was not admitted to the Union until 1818, "a quarter of a century after the Federal Constitution and may well have not reserved the provisions pertinent to this ruling," Mr. Arthur said.

THE LIEUTENANT Governor pointed out that the first Article of the Vermont Constitution abolishes slavery, which was not outlawed in the nation until 1865. He said that when Vermont was admitted to the Union, it retained the right to exclude slavery and it was "illegal to hold persons in slavery in Vermont in spite of the Federal

# Oriental Rites Set Congress In Philadelphia

Philadelphia — (NC) — Nine Masses in nine various rites will be celebrated at one time during the National Eucharistic Marian Congress of the Oriental Rites to be held here October 22 to 24.

Three Cardinals and ten Archbishops and Bishops from this country, Canada, Europe and the Near East will be the celebrants and preachers at the three days of religious ceremonies. The Cardinals will be: His Eminence Peter XV Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of Cilicia of the Armenians; His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, and His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Tien, S.V.D., Archbishop of Peking, China.

THE CONCELEBRATION of Divine Liturgy will be offered twice. The altars will be arranged in a circle, with each priest and his assistants dressed in the garb of their rite. Seven of the rites, involved are Byzantine; Melchites, Ukrainians, Rumanians, Russians, Ruthenians, Slovaks, and Hungarians. The last three will all be at one altar. The others are: Chaldean, Latin, Maronite and Armenian.

Hosts for the Congress will be Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky, Apostolic Exarch for Ukrainian Catholics in the United States, and Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia. Chairman will be Auxiliary Bishop Ambrose Senyshyn, of the Ukrainian Catholic Exarchate.

Constitution" under which slavery was permissible until 1865.

"By the same reasoning," Lieutenant Governor Arthur declared, "we may have reserved local control of schools as has been the practice and responsibility since 1777."

MR. ARTHUR pointed out that under the McCollum case ruling, students may be taken from public schools to property that is not public and there be given religious instructions. He continued:

"Some of our towns own the church . . . does this mean that is a public building? At our State Prison we have employed legislative chaplains hired by the State to conduct religious services. We have much so-called glebe land from which taxes are collected to support churches.

"(The Illinois) ruling is too far reaching and the issue is one of principle involving the surrender of local self-government. The more I study the question, the more I desire to have the Vermont Supreme Court determine the issue before I will change my humble opinion in the matter."

# Churchman Honored By Labor



Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell (left) places a wreath at the statue of the late James Cardinal Gibbons outside the Church of the Sacred Heart here in honor of the prelate's contributions to the cause of labor-management relations. Among those present at the ceremony were: Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington; George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor; and James E. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the C.I.O. Prior to the wreath laying, a Labor Day Mass was celebrated by Archbishop O'Boyle in the Sacred Heart Church. (RNS Photo).

# Sec. Mitchell Honors Cardinal Gibbons

Washington — (NC) — Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell wound up the Labor Day observance of the Archdiocese of Washington by paying tribute to Cardinal Gibbons as "one of this country's greatest exponents of the rights and responsibilities of labor."

Calling it a "signal honor" to be able to place a wreath at the statue of the longtime Archbishop of Baltimore, he asked the crowd of more than 500 witnesses to "draw inspiration and renewed determination this Labor Day" from Cardinal Gibbons' life and teachings.

THE WREATH-laying ceremony took place immediately after the Labor Day Mass celebrated by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington in the Shrine Church of the Sacred Heart. The Cardinal Gibbons statue is in a small park in front of the shrine.

Among the congregation that packed the big church, in addition to Mr. Mitchell, were Martin Durkin, head of the AFL plumbers' union — who as Secretary of Labor placed the wreath at the late Cardinal's statue a year ago; AFL President George Meany, and James E. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the CIO. Bishop-elect Jerome D. Hannan of Scranton and Auxiliary Bishop John M. McNamara of Washington led the dozen prelates assisting at the low

Mass in the sanctuary.

In a brief word to the people after blessing the wreath, Archbishop O'Boyle noted that Secretary Mitchell had been confirmed by Cardinal Gibbons. The cabinet member was then (then) the Prince of the Church.

THE ARCHBISHOP said he wanted to ask that "every day — whether you be Catholic or Protestant or Jewish — you all acknowledge Almighty God. Get down on your knees. Say a little prayer, and ask Him to bring peace to this world."

The Labor Secretary, in his talk, recalled that Cardinal Gibbons had envisaged over 50 years ago "the era of sound labor-management relations which we today enjoy."

"It is particularly fitting that this ceremony take place on Labor Day," he continued, "as Labor Day originated from the efforts of free trade unionists and the free trade union movement which saw the need for a holiday to commemorate men and women who work with their hands and with their minds, and who at that time, and, indeed, throughout his lifetime, had the support of Cardinal Gibbons."

# Cornea Gift To Eye Bank OK, Theologian Declares

Union City, N. J.—(NC)—In a spirit of charity, Catholics are allowed to bequeath a cornea to an eye bank for transplant without danger of violating Catholic morals, according to Father Aloysius McDonough, C. P., secretary of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

FATHER McDONOUGH conducts the column, The Sign Post, in the national Catholic monthly magazine, The Sign. He expressed his views in response to a question from a reader.

"To one who has due reverence for the body of a departed soul, dissection for scientific purposes or even an unnecessary autopsy is repugnant," Father McDonough wrote. "It is quite different, however, to donate to a living person, either an expendable amount of blood, or skin for a graft, or to bequeath a cornea to an eye bank for transplant."

Father McDonough's statement is significant in view of the recent discussion following an article in the unofficial Vatican City weekly, Osservatore Della Domenica, which declared that mutilation of the eye of a living person to benefit a blind person is forbidden. The Vatican weekly did not mention the subject of cornea transplant from the eyes of dead persons.

# Holy Name Of Mary Mass Permitted Next Sunday

Vatican City — (NC) — The Mass of the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary may be celebrated next Sunday instead of the Mass for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost, His Holiness Pope Pius XII has decreed.

The feast of the Holy Name of Mary, on September 12, with the rank of a greater double, would not ordinarily take precedence over the Mass of the Sunday.

The decree issued through the Sacred Congregation of Rites, excepts conventional Masses from those which may be celebrated in honor of the

Holy Name of Mary. Conventional Masses are those said daily in monasteries and convents for the members of the community.

In the Holy Name Mass, the oration "Exaudi, Quaesumus" is to be added under one conclusion, the decree says. The Mass of the 14th Sunday after Pentecost is to be commemorated and its Gospel read as the Last Gospel.

# No Men On Other Planets Says Priest-Astronomer

Washington—(NC)—Man cannot live on other planets, a Jesuit astronomer said here.

Father Francis J. Heyden, S.J., said conditions known to scientists bar human life on the planets. But he foresees the day when men would build artificial satellites from which rockets can take off.

"FROM THESE platforms we shall board the space gondolas and make a Venice of our solar system," he said in an article in Catholic Men, publication of the National Council of Catholic Men.

The priest-scientist pointed out, however, that man needs oxygen, water, a livable temperature, and the right air pressure in order to survive. The planets don't have these, he said.

"Mercury, and our moon too, have no atmosphere at all. . . . Venus has a steaming hot surface and an atmosphere of carbon dioxide. Mars has practically no water or oxygen.

"On Jupiter, Saturn and the other giant planets, ambitious space voyagers would find themselves walking on frozen wastes of ammonia and methane gas that have turned into a dry ice at the very low temperature of more than 100 degrees below zero."

FATHER HEYDEN said "these are not chimeras like those which ancient navigators drew on the edges of their maps to warn explorers of the dangers beyond known frontiers. These are scientifically observed facts."



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