

## F.B.I. Defers To Priest In Robbery Case

Denver — (RNS) — The F.B.I. stepped aside in a bank robbery case to give a Denver Roman Catholic priest an unhindered opportunity to search for a man who stole \$1500 from the Colorado State Bank here two months ago.

Already the priest, who remained unidentified at the request of federal authorities, has turned back \$6800 of the original loot which he said had been handed over to him at confession by a penitent bank robber. The priest has withheld all information concerning the thief because the money was returned in the confessional.

"My lips are sealed," he told authorities who questioned him. "I have a sacred obligation by

which I must abide."

Charles S. Brown, Denver F.B.I. chief, announced that his agents will keep a strictly hands-off policy for a while to give the priest a chance to locate the bandit and talk him into giving himself up. However, he said, the F.B.I. will again get into the case if the priest does not get results within a reasonable period of time.

U.S. Attorney Donald Kelly said he asked the priest to tell the bandit that return of the money will not absolve him of criminal liability. But he

added he believed any judge would weigh the partial restitution before passing sentence. The bandit used small brown bottle he said was full of nitroglycerine in the Feb. 17 robbery. He threatened to dash it to the floor, blowing up the bank, if he were not given the money. After scooping up the cash, the bandit dropped completely from sight until he appeared at confession to give up what he said remained of the loot.

At the time of the robbery he was described as squint-eyed and middle aged.

## Prelate Sees Patriotism Boost To Religious Schools

Atlantic City, N. J. — (RNS) — not adequately observed, because existing practices seem to us at variance with the irreducible claims of legitimate liberty."

At the same time, he warned that "we must take care, however, that we do not ourselves offend in charity."

In a closing presidential message to the 32nd annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association here, he said "there can be nothing more fundamental than to understand our relationship with God."

"Take away the ten commandments," he said, "and you have left an insecure foundation for home and family, for private virtue, for public decency, for respect for authority, for order among the nations, or for a return of true peace."

ARCHBISHOP BINZ quoted from a letter by Commander John J. Sheagor of the United States Navy to his son which was published after the commander had died for his country: "Be a good Catholic and you cannot help being a good American."

"God and His holy law," the archbishop said, "provide the only solid groundwork for true love of country."

In an apparent reference to opponents of state aid to Catholic schools, Archbishop Binz said: "We become impatient, indeed, because this reasoning is not always accepted, because the demands of distributive justice are

## Belgians Score Anti-Catholic School Policy

Antwerp, Belgium — (NC) — An estimated 25,000 persons took part in a demonstration here to protest against the anti-Catholic school policies of Belgium's Social-Liberal government.

The demonstration was organized by the Catholic Committee for Freedom and Democracy. The committee stated that the purpose of the demonstration was to show the government that Catholic protests had not ended with the National Front Day staged in Brussels on March 26.

AT THE SAME time the C.F.D. held a meeting in Brussels to discuss future steps to be taken in the campaign to force restoration of government cuts in subsidies to Catholic schools.

Latest government move in the conflict between Church and State here is the order issued by Minister of Justice Albert Lilar stating that all pastors of the Belgian hierarchy must be censured before being made available to inmates of Belgian penal institutions.

The Minister cited a section of the Belgian penal code which forbids prisoners to receive any matter containing political allusions intended to influence them.

Pope Sends Greetings  
Zurich, Switzerland — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Plus XII has sent a message of congratulation to the Menzies School Sisters of Rosneath on the 100th anniversary of the foundation of their college, Stella Maris.

## Archbishop Binz: Catholic, Public Schools 'Partners' In Patriotism

Atlantic City, N. J. — (NC) — Diversity in the field of education should be a powerful benefit to the contemporary American scene, Archbishop Leo Binz of Dubuque, Ia., retelling president general of the National Catholic Educational Association, said here in the closing speech of the N.C.E.A.'s 32nd annual convention.

The address ended the Archbishop's one year tenure as head of the organization. In elections, Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis, Mo., was chosen the new president general of the N.C.E.A.

THE N.C.E.A. also selected seven new vice-presidents general for the coming year. They are: Msgr. Joseph G. Cox, Philadelphia; Msgr. Carl J. Ryan, Cincinnati; Msgr. Paul E. Campbell, Pittsburgh; Msgr. Sylvester J. Holbel, Buffalo, N.Y.; Father James A. Laubacher, S.S., Baltimore; Father George A. Gleason, S.S., Catonsville, Md.; Father William E. Cunningham, C.S.C., Notre Dame, Ind.

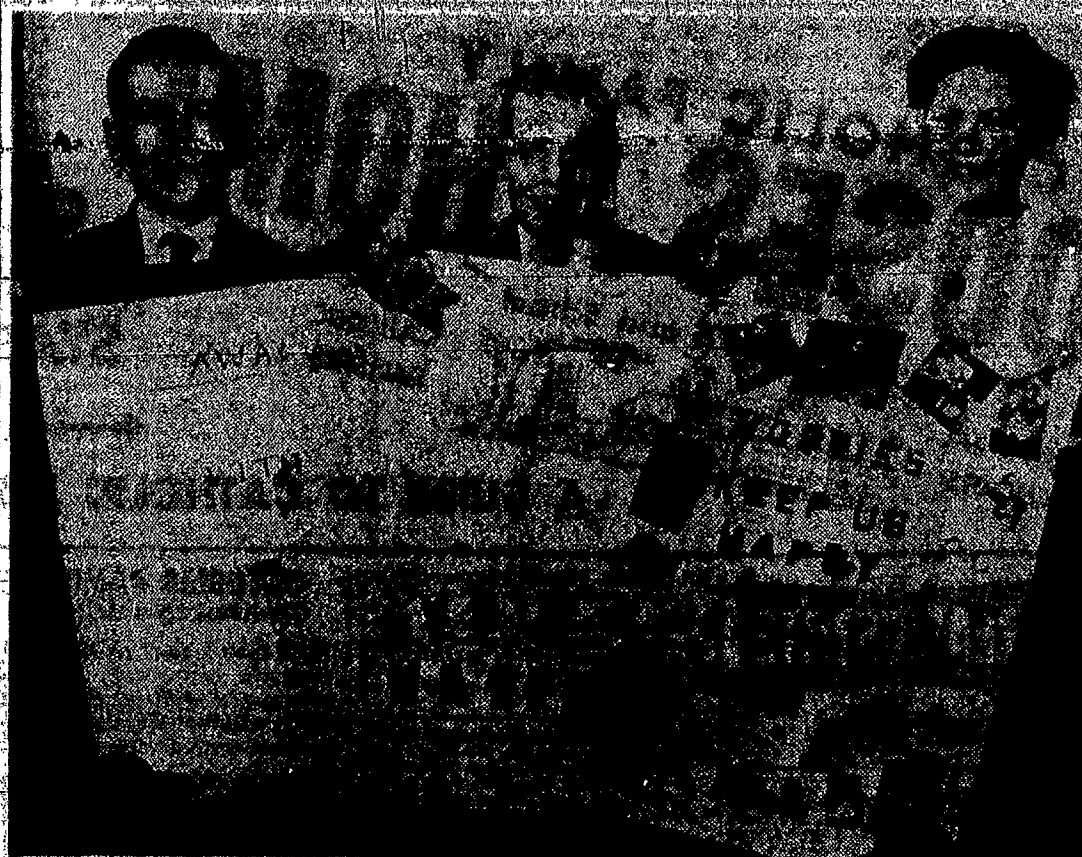
In his speech, Archbishop Binz said he would like to think of the diversity of education in this country as a source of strength.

"Catholic schools," he continued, "and public schools each have their contributions to make to national strength and security. They must never forget they are partners in a great enterprise."

"In the total picture of our philosophy of education, patriotism looms large as one of the strongest arguments in favor of religious schools. The Declaration of Independence has been called in truth a declaration of dependence upon God. It proclaims rightly that man is endowed by the Creator with unalienable rights. There can, therefore, be nothing more fundamental than to understand our relationship with God."

The Archbishop said the Constitution of the United States continues this theme in its declaration to "establish justice" and to "insure domestic tranquility." "TAKE AWAY the Ten Commandments," and you have left

## Prize Winning Posters Displayed



This happy trio from St. Mary School, Canandaigua, were prize winners in the third annual Health Poster Contest sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary to the Medical Society of New York State Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn. Angela Mae Ortiz, seventh grade (right), won second prize of five dollars in the grades 7 to 9 group, with her poster "Hobbies Keep Us Happy and Healthy." Roger Gulle, eighth grade, (center) in the same group received honorable mention because of his poster "Medicine Marches On." James Newell, grade 6, of the grades 4 to 6 group, also received honorable mention for his poster "Away With Decay." The contest was open to all schools in Ontario County.

## Catholic Refugees Half Million Resettled In South Vietnam

By FATHER PATRICK O'CONNOR  
(Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)  
Saigon — A recent census shows a total of 436,887 Catholic refugees from the Vietnam-ruled north resettled in 193 parochial units in south and central Vietnam.

It is estimated that nearly 150,000 other refugees, mostly Catholics, are living in cities and towns outside resettlement areas or in reception camps.

According to official records, 711,341 persons were evacuated from north Vietnam from last August 5 to March 28. This figure does not include thousands who came at the end of July or those who have slipped across the 17th parallel in small groups. Included in the total are French and Vietnamese military and the families of the latter, many of them Catholics.

Estimates of the Catholic percentage among the refugees vary from 80% to 85%.

The U.S. Navy brought 265,072 refugees south, up to March 26. THAT MONTH for evacuations from the north was August, when 218,000 came south by sea and airlift. Vietnam obstruction lightened after that.

According to Daly C. Lavergne of Sunset, La., in charge of religious activities in the U.S. Operations Mission (FOA) here, later figures were: September, approximately 174,000; October, 167,000; November, 100,000; December, 42,000; January, 41,000 February, 35,000, and March, 44,000.

By December the Vietnam Communist regime had stationed a soldier in each house in areas near the coast. Their soldiers and "can-bo," or special agents, were patrolling the beaches, using violence against intending refugees and boatmen.

OUT OF 1,044 Vietnamese secular priests belonging to the north, 606 are refugees in the south, according to Bishop Pham Ngoc Chi, Vicar Apostolic of Bu-Chu. It is estimated that 370 remain in the north, while between 60 and 70 are abroad for studies and like purposes.

Foreign priests in the Vietnam-ruled zone number 24, of whom 14 are Paris missionaries, seven French Dominicans, two Canadian Redemptorists and one an Irish Columban.

In North Vietnam, there are now one Archbishop, Most Rev. John Dooley, Apostolic Delegate, and five Bishops, two of them Vietnamese and three French.

## Catholic Educators Asked To Build 'Social Mindedness'

Atlantic City, N. J. — (RNS) — Catholic educators were called upon here to build up in their students a sense of "social-mindedness."

The Rev. Paul A. Ryan, S.M., of St. Mary's High School, St. Louis, Mo., deplored the "every man for himself" philosophy which he said was characteristic of modern American life. Such a philosophy, he said, breeds selfishness "especially in teenagers."

Father Ryan addressed a sectional meeting in connection with the 32nd annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association.

Selfishness, he said, is evidenced in American life by the prevalence of divorce, contraceptive practices, the break-down of boy-girl standards of conduct, racial discrimination, crime and the "mad scramble for money and pleasure."

He also said the teenager must accept his responsibility in following the recommendations of the Legion of Decency regarding movies, and "Father Keller's Christopher Ideals" for their selection of magazines and radio and television programs.

## Toronto Cardinal Marks 25 Years

Toronto — (NC) — Congratulations and blessing from His Holiness Pope Plus XII have been received by His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his Episcopal consecration.

Cardinal McGuigan will celebrate his anniversary officially on May 15 and on that date more than 10,000 workers of the Toronto Archdiocese will begin a drive to raise \$3,000,000.

This drive, known as the Cardinal's Jubilee Campaign, is designed as an expression of the love and honor of clergy and laity for His Eminence.

The proceeds will be used for expansion of archdiocesan works including erection of ten new parishes, some of which are needed to care for the many immigrants coming to this diocese.

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## Politics Misunderstood, Speaker Tells Group

About 100 members of the Sodality and Altar Society of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira attended the Society's 20th annual dinner April 10 at D'Arcy Restaurant.

Principal speaker was Jim Morse, local newspaper columnist who chose "Bibles and Politics" as his subject.

"Politics," Morse said, "is one of the most misused and misunderstood words in our vocabulary. A law dictionary says: 'politics is a science of government, the art of practicing or administering public affairs.'"

"IN AMERICA," he continued, "we have the greatest democracy in the world, and it has been said that the soul of democracy is the Christian religion. It has been said, our most potent weapons, as Americans, are the Bibles of Christian Democracy, Bibles, backbone, brains and ballots. Probably the reason America has done so well is that we have used our Bibles and ballots."

"We talk a lot about Communism in Government," he said, "but we should be worried about the number of Christians in government, worried that there are not enough of them. If Christians are to be effective, they must surely accept the responsibility of Christian citizenship, and the Christian who abstains from taking part in the running of his country is simply an ineffective politician. He is a tool of those who would use politics for evil ends, the bosses, the peddlers of influence, the criminal elements who live upon corruption in politics."

"Indifference to wrong-doing is still another attitude that keeps us from being Christian citizens," he said. "We are so rapt up in our own affairs and desires and ambitions, that we do not make the problems of the nation our concern. It is our job to make our Government good and no one can do it for us, but when we do let others do it for us, we no longer have Christian Democracy."

"One of our late Presidents said, 'We must not be confused about the issue which confronts us.'"

Rev. Theodore J. Winterroth, moderator congratulated the members for their continued efforts in behalf of the church.

Miss Grace Miller and Mrs. John E. Bacon were co-chairmen. Others at the speakers table were: Mrs. William C. Murphy, Mrs. Thomas J. Riddell, Mrs. Charles F. Riddell, Mrs. Joseph C. Schiefelin, Mrs. Fred S. Riddell, Miss Margaret C. Kennedy and Mrs. Leon Harrington.

## Trappist Dies, Noted Artist

Spencer, Mass. — (NC) — The young Trappist artist chosen to execute the design for the 16th National Liturgical Week died suddenly (April 11) at St. Joseph's Abbey here.

He is Father M. Alberic Galtier, O.C.S.O., 36, a noted designer of liturgical symbols. Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester, patron of the liturgical conference which will be held in Worcester Aug. 22 to 25, chose him to make the design.

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