

South Africa Catholics Rally To Save Schools

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Cape Town, South Africa — The whole Church in South Africa has been geared to the Catholic Bishops' campaign to raise funds to save the Catholic African mission schools.

Support has come from His Holiness Pope Pius XII, leading Church figures in other

countries and prominent South African newspapers. Since the opening of the campaign parish priests have appeared in all churches in the Union of South Africa for volunteer work.

Jew Gives First Gift For Catholic Fund

Port Elizabeth, South Africa — (NC) — A Jew was the first contributor to the Port Elizabeth diocesan campaign to raise funds to compensate for the loss of government subsidies to the Catholic mission schools.

The campaign was started by the Bishops of South Africa to provide additional support for mission schools following the proposed abolition of the total subsidy granted by the national government.

The government has already cut subsidies by 25 per cent. They will be eliminated by the end of 1957. This action is part of the government's campaign to continue "apartheid" or racial segregation.

In a message to Archbishop Daniel E. Hurley, O.M.I., of Durban, president of the South African Catholic Bishops' Conference, the Pope said: "Our abiding solicitude for the spiritual welfare of the souls whom Divine Providence has entrusted to Our care. We cannot but take a keen interest in everything that concerns the Christian education of youth and the formation of candidates for the priesthood."

Messages of encouragement have been received from their Eminences Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster; James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto; Norman Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney; and Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Archbishop Celestine J. Damiano, Apostolic Delegate to South Africa.

Cardinal Spellman sent a check for \$1,000 to aid the campaign. DAILY NEWSPAPERS in Johannesburg and in Cape Town have given considerable prominence to the campaign. The Rand Daily Mail published the full statement of Mayor George Bekett of Johannesburg, who is

Catholic, paying tribute to the purpose of the campaign. Many donations are being received from non-Catholics who admired the Bishops' refusal to surrender the schools to the state. There has been great enthusiasm among the volunteer workers, as shown in meetings held throughout the country.

Minimum target of the campaign is 400,000 pounds sterling (\$1,120,000) to be raised over two years. The 1954 government subsidy to the church schools was 500,000 pounds sterling (\$1,400,000).

The unidentified donor gave 10 guineas (about \$29.50) on the day after the announcement of the Bishops' appeal. He said: "I am not a Catholic, but I admire the stand taken by the Catholic Church and I want to associate myself with the campaign in a practical way."

Vietnam Censors News Naming Native Bishop

Saigon — Government censorship prevented newspapers here from publishing the news of Bishop Jean Cassaigne's resignation and the Holy See's appointment of Father Simon Nguyen Van Hien as his successor as Vicar Apostolic of Saigon.

The censorship was extended also to two Catholic devotional periodicals published here — the Tong Do (Apostle) and Duc Me Hang Cua Giup (Our Mother of Perpetual Help).

The censorship was apparently because Bishop-elect Hien is not acceptable to the government. Inquiries in his home city of Hue, where he is highly esteemed for his priestly qualities, show he has carefully abstained from all political activity. His political aloofness seems the main basis for government interpretation that he is pro-French.

Church Inspired Labor Law Adopted By Guatemala

Guatemala City — (NC) — A series of articles protecting the rights of workers have been approved here by the National Constituent Assembly for inclusion in Guatemala's proposed new constitution. All are based on Catholic social teachings.

ONE ARTICLE declares that "work is a right" and "all persons have the obligation to contribute towards progress and social well-being by means of work."

Another states that "the state shall maintain harmony between capital and labor as factors of production, creating conditions of equity and justice."

Two other articles state: "In order to encourage opportunities for labor, the State shall stimulate the creation of all kinds of productive activities, giving capital and the system of free enterprise adequate protection."

"The laws which regulate capital-labor relations shall be essentially conciliatory and shall take into account all pertinent economic and social factors."

Already incorporated in the draft document are articles grant-

ing legal recognition to the Church, establishing freedom of education, and opening the door for religious instruction in the state schools.

The new charter permits the re-entry of religious congregations which were forced to leave the country under the former regime. It also recognizes the right of priests to devote themselves to the solution of pressing social problems.

Patriarch Honored At Notre Dame

Notre Dame — (NC) — The University of Notre Dame conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws degree on His Beatitude Maximus IV, Salgh, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East.

The spiritual leader of Melkite Rite Catholics was cited as "a living sign of the unity, holiness, apostolic character and catholicity of the Church."

COMMUNION FOR CANCER VICTIM



Chicago — Cancer stricken Carol Ann Walenski is congratulated by the Rev. Norbert Jullinski, of St. Helen's (Polish) Catholic Church here after receiving her first Holy Communion. The seventeen-year-old girl is suffering from a rare type of the disease which has paralyzed her legs and forced the amputation of her left arm. (BNS Photo)

'See Christ In Patients' Doctors Told At Mass

Cleveland, O. — (NC) — Living up the ancient oath of Hippocrates is not enough for a Catholic in the medical profession, Father Basil Haren, a professor at St. John's Col-

lege, told members of the Catholic Physicians and Dentists Guilds at a "White Mass" in St. John's Cathedral here.

"It is common to read that the ideal of the medical profession is expressed in the Hippocratic oath," Father Haren said. "But this oath expresses only the minimum obligations for the medical profession under the natural law."

It does not express the ideals of the Church. The medical profession must recognize man to be something more than a machine or animal," Father Haren said. "The Catholic physician must 'see more than the man or woman as a patient,' he declared."

Canada Bishops Declare 1958 St. Anne Year

Ottawa — (NC) — The Canadian Catholic Conference has declared 1958 "a jubilee year in honor of St. Anne."

The jubilee year was proclaimed by the Canadian Hierarchy to mark the 100th anniversary of the building of the first chapel as the world famous shrine of St. Anne de Neaupre.

The shrine is directed by the Redemptorist Fathers. The year 1858 also saw the first of many miracles which have been performed at this shrine.

THE TRADITION of the founding of the first chapel and of the first miracle is known to hundreds of thousands of persons from all over the world. More than a million pilgrims and tourists visit the shrine each year.

Seventeen century Breton sailors were sailing up the St. Lawrence river when their boat appeared in danger of shipwreck in a sudden storm. In their distress they remembered the patron saint of Brittany, St. Anne. They invoked her aid and promised that if saved from shipwreck they would build a chapel in her honor on the shore where their boat might land in safety.

At dawn the next day they found themselves stranded on a small log chapel named it for St. Anne.

LOUIS GUIMOND, who was crippled, was unable to share in the task of building the chapel. To show his devotion he brought three small stones and placed them in the foundation. At the end of his task, he found himself cured of his physical ailment. The news of the miracle spread throughout the French colony.

The forefathers of many French Canadians who settled in New France had come from Normandy and Brittany where there was a deep devotion to St. Anne, and the descendants received that tradition as a sacred heritage.

Bishop Francois Laval, the first bishop of New France, declared her feast, December 3, a holy day of obligation.

Canada Court Voids Quebec Holy Day Law

Ottawa — (NC) — A Montreal by-law requiring stores to close on six holy days of obligations has been declared invalid by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Acting on an appeal filed by seven large Montreal retail stores, Canada's highest tribunal in a Quebec provincial statute upon which the by-law was based, was beyond the jurisdiction of the legislature to enact and consequently the by-law was null and void.

There are three Catholics and six Protestants on the Canadian Supreme Court. THE DECISION was read by Chief Justice Patrick Kerwin, a Catholic. It held that the provincial statute was in the realm of criminal law, and under the Canadian constitution this is a matter to be solely within the jurisdiction of the federal authority, not a provincial government.

The by-law passed in 1951, called for the closing of stores on New Year's Day, the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6, Ascension Thursday, All Saints' Day on November 1, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and on Christmas, December 25.

The by-law covered some 20,000 stores in Montreal. The large majority of the stores had observed the by-law, but since its passage some 4,000 cases of infraction of the law had been recorded. These cases now will be dropped.

Des Moines — (NC) — The Iowa State Supreme Court has ruled that incompatibility is not a cause for divorce in Iowa. The question came up in a case in which a Carroll County farmer and his wife sued each other for divorce. Both claimed cruel and inhuman treatment, such as to endanger life.

The Carroll County District Court denied a divorce to either the husband or wife and the Supreme Court upheld this decision.

The lower court ruled that each was guilty of contributing to marital discord but neither produced evidence of cruel and inhuman treatment.

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Press Guild Honors Dock Priest

Philadelphia — (NC) — Father Dennis J. Conroy, S.J., arbitrator in labor-management disputes along the Philadelphia waterfront, received a "Page One Award" of the greater Philadelphia Newspaper Guild.

The citation, set in metal type and approximately three inches square, was awarded to Father Conroy for "good judgment, logic and untiring efforts" which "contributed to a greater understanding between organized labor and management."

THE AWARD was presented at the annual Page One Banquet of the CIO newspapermen's union. Father Conroy was one of six persons honored for "high achievement in their chosen field" in serving the community.

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