

White House Parley Bars Public Funds For Private Schools

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The White House Conference on Education went on record here as opposing the use of tax funds for the support of non-public schools.

But it reported that "considerable sentiment" existed among delegates that health and welfare services should be extended to non-public school students without discrimination.

The conference said that private schools are having "financial difficulties" in meeting their needs. It recommended, however, that funds for such schools be obtained from private sources so far as possible.

Schools Seized For Failure On Tax Bill
Vancouver, B.C. — (NC) — Three Catholic schools in Mallardville have been seized by the Coquitlam Municipal Council for non-payment of taxes for the last three years.

The schools, Our Lady of Lourdes grade and high schools, and Our Lady of Fatima school, are \$7,000 in tax arrears. The parishes have one year to make good the payments or the schools will be sold.

THE COUNCIL met to decide procedures and sent a request to the Provincial Government for a ruling on the municipal act which requires such seizure. The message was sent to Attorney General Robert Bonner and Education Minister Ray Williston.

Prelate Spurns State Aid To Catholic School

Cambridge, Mass. — (RNS) — Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston said here he would refuse government funds for Roman Catholic school buildings in his archdiocese if any were offered.

He made the statement before 1500 persons in dedicating a new \$500,000 Immaculate Conception school and parish center here. "WE ARE NOT looking for any federal or government aid to build our schools," the Archbishop said. "I would absolutely refuse the offer, for I cannot see how any government or state would build schools without expecting to control them in whole or in part."

At the same time, he asserted that Catholic children "should not be treated as second class citizens; that when funds are available for the welfare of children, such as health, our children shall not be excluded or counted out."

Archbishop Cushing said the diocesan school system had made "tremendous strides" and there was no alternative to the voluntary method of financing Catholic school building.

"WE ARE NOT looking for any government for any assistance in building our system of education," he emphasized. "First of all we could never get such aid, historically, and under the Constitution as it has been interpreted, we could not receive such aid."

Commenting on "insinuations" that the hierarchy is seeking government aid to erect schools, he said: "I don't speak for the Hierarchy of the United States; I speak for the Archbishop of Boston and I repeat that even though the government could and would build our schools or would want to, I would never accept the offer."



Communion At Catholic Youth Meetings

St. Louis — Delegates to the Fifth National Conference on Catholic Youth Work receive Holy Communion at a Mass in the ballroom of a local hotel. The three-day meeting was sponsored by the Youth Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference. (RNS Photo)

20,000 Youth Meet In St. Louis

St. Louis — (NC) — The convention of the National Council of Catholic Youth held here last week drew delegates 20,000 strong for the largest gathering ever sponsored by the council.

On the closing day of the meeting, the city's Kiel Auditorium was jammed to the rafters with close to 20,000 youth. They were there to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It was no holy day. But of the throng attending Solemn Pontifical Mass offered by Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis, some 14,000 received Communion.

ON THE SOCIAL side, the convention generated a conviviality and camaraderie that paled all mere regional electioneering rivalry, and climaxed in a banquet whose main speaker was a former President of the United States. And after Harry S. Truman's talk, the youth moved on to a social that for many never would be surpassed.

Serious consideration was also given to problems threatening youth today. There were panel discussions and workshops, led by the young people themselves, with the youth generally showing such poise and mental acumen that they took their elders aback.

make sure that "free civilization, as we know it will not be destroyed."

He also urged all to study the Constitution, to read it two or three times, especially the Bill of Rights. He pointed out there's just as much of a duty to see that the rights of an individual are maintained as to see that criminal laws are maintained and enforced.

AFTER THE speech, new Youth President Potter presented Mr. Truman with a check for \$1,000 from the council toward the Truman Library in Independence, Mo.

Archbishop Ritter closed with a talk congratulating the youth for a "great demonstration of your Faith" at the Mass and reiterating Mr. Truman's plea for strengthening love of God and love of country.

Estate for Novitiate
Philadelphia — (RNS) — The Eastern Province of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentian Fathers) announced the purchase of a 100-acre estate at Ridgefield, Conn., for use as a novitiate. The estate was once the property of the late Samuel Rubel.

Father Dion Delays Trip To Moscow

Worcester, Mass. — (RNS) — The Rev. Louis F. Dion, A.A., registrar of Assumption College here who received a Soviet visa to minister to American Roman Catholics in Moscow, said he had been requested by his superior to delay plans until further notice.

No explanation for the delay was given to Father Dion by the Very Rev. Henri S. Moquin, A.A., North American provincial of the Assumptionist Fathers.

HOWEVER, IN Washington, D.C., the State Department sided with the matter. It said that Michael Francis Doyle of Philadelphia, attorney for the Assumptionist Order, had been told by the Soviet Embassy in Washington that while the visa recently issued to Father Dion is still valid, "it would be inadvisable to use it" until the present situation relative to Russian Archbishop Boris is settled.

At the same time, the State Department confirmed that the American Embassy in Moscow had received a note from the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs complaining against cancellation in November of the visa issued to Archbishop Boris.

The note asked for new discussions of the question of Russian Orthodoxy in this country. A representative of the Russian Orthodox Church came to the United States to administer the affairs of the Patriarchal Orthodox Church in this country.

THE SOVIET note is "under study," the State Department said, and a reply will be made in Washington in a few days. Meanwhile, the U.S. Embassy in Moscow has reported that Archbishop Boris did not turn in his passport in Moscow for cancellation of the U.S. visa as has been requested. A Department spokesman said it is presumed he is using his passport during his current trip in Canada.

Archbishop Boris' visa was cancelled on the grounds that while he expected to minister to American citizens of Russian descent, Father Dion would be allowed no contact with Roman Catholics in the Soviet Union save those who are members of the diplomatic colony.

Church Ban Lifted On Race Foes

Lafayette, La. — (NC) — A pledge of his prayers for peace and happiness among the people of Erath, La., accompanied Bishop Jules E. Jeanmar's lifting of the ban of excommunication imposed upon persons involved in the beating of a catechism teacher of Our Lady of Lourdes parish there.

THE BAN was the result of an act of physical violence by three Erath white women against a woman who taught catechism to integrated classes. In announcing removal of the ban, the Bishop of Lafayette indicated that the persons who were excommunicated told the pastor of their repentance for their actions and that there was "adequate assurance" that the scandal to the Church had been repaired by this repentance.

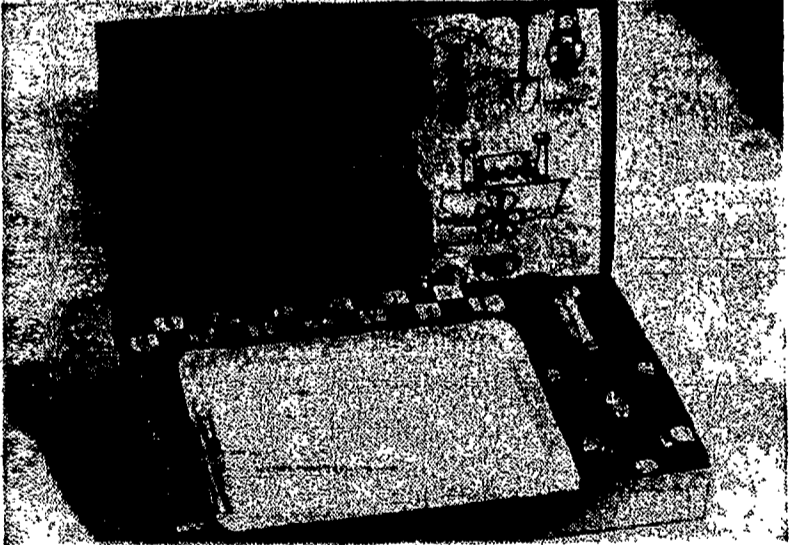
Bishop Jeanmar exhorted Catholics in Erath to overcome the unpleasantness which had arisen, to cooperate with the pastor and to do everything in their power to live in peace with each other.

HE EMPHASIZED that the excommunication was a corrective measure for a bad situation and once the situation was cleared up, the ban could be lifted. However, he reminded that his warning still stands, and that anyone who interferes with the work of the Church by threatening violence will be excommunicated, and that further acts of violence will result in closing of the church.

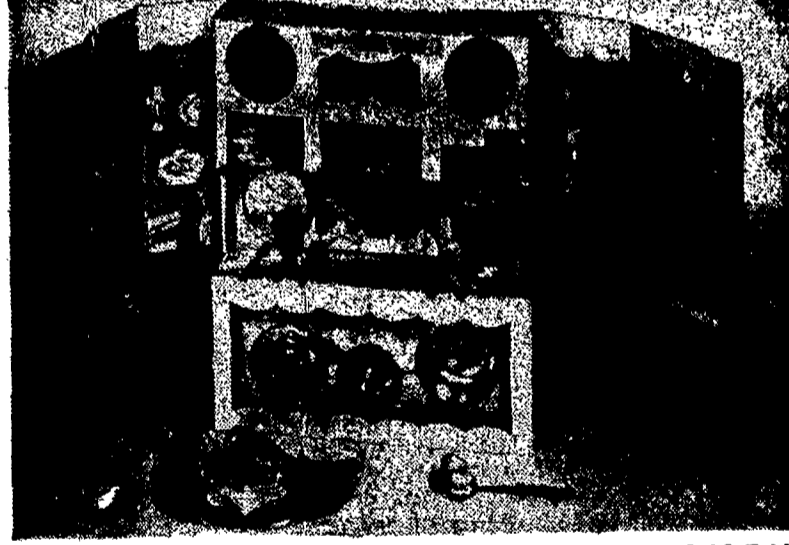
Writers' Guild
Dublin — (NC) — A guild of Catholic writers, known as the Guild of St. Francis de Sales has been established here under the patronage of Archbishop John C. McQuaid of Dublin.



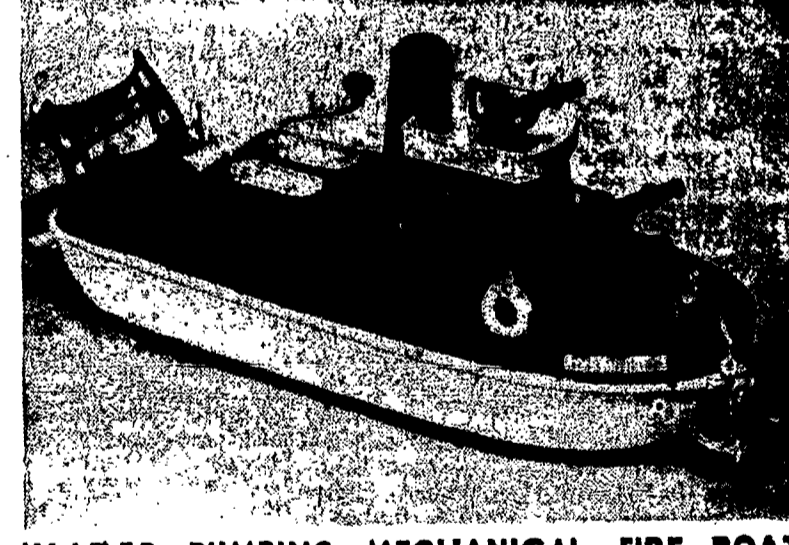
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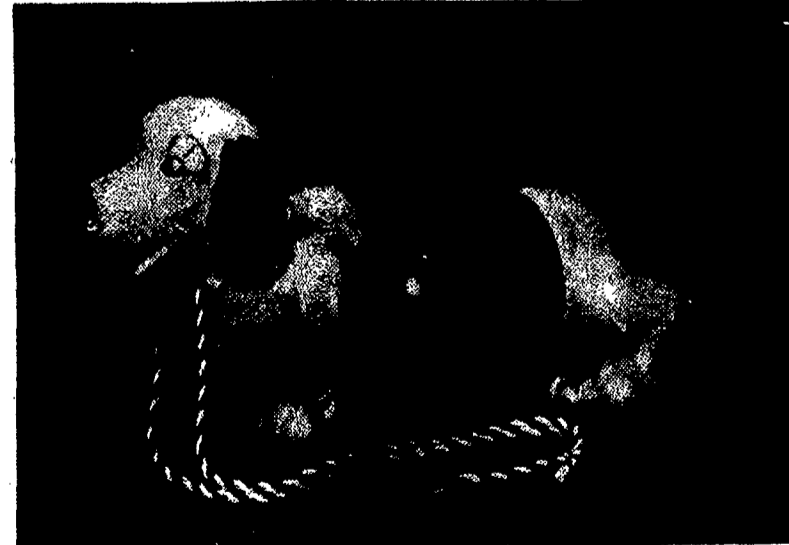
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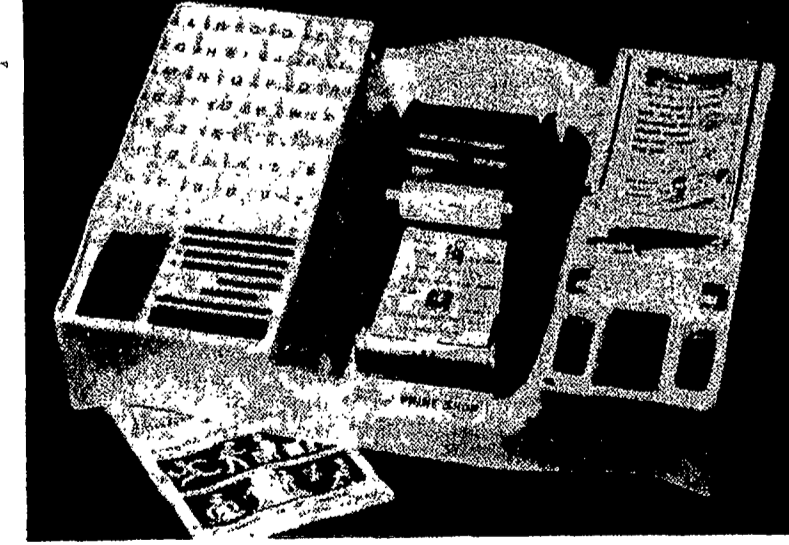
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