

War Claims Bill Passed In Senate

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — In a surprise action only a few hours before adjournment, Congress agreed to pay more than \$8,000,000 in claims by Roman Catholic schools and religious orders in the Philippine Islands.

The claims, based on food and services supplied by American forces during the 1944 liberation of the islands, had been rejected under the War Claims Act of 1948 because the religious organizations could not prove direct "affiliation" with the Catholic Church in the United States.

ONLY SIX hours after the Senate judiciary committee had announced there was not enough time to consider the House-passed measure before adjournment, Senator James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), chairman of the committee, obtained the Senate floor and announced that the committee was ready to report the bill.

Sen. Eastland obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules and file the report shortly after the Senate convened for its final-day session. The bill was called from the calendar and passed without debate.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. John W. McCormack (D-Mass.), had been passed by the House after having been amended to include recommendations made by the interstate and foreign commerce committee.

A FEW Protestant and Jewish claims may also be made payable under the legislation, as amended. The deadline for filing claims was set at six months after the date the legislation becomes law to enable some Protestant and Jewish groups which did not apply under the previous act to make new claims if the liberalized legislation makes them eligible.



Georgia Bishop

Savannah, Ga. — (NC) — First bishop of the newly formed diocese of Atlanta, Ga., is Bishop Francis E. Hyland (above) up to now Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah Atlanta. Remaining as Bishop of Savannah is Archbishop Gerald P. O'Hara.

Court Rules In Favor Of Synagogue

Mineola, N.Y. — (RNS) — The right of the Jewish community at Garden City to utilize property it owns as a synagogue and center was upheld in a ruling handed down by the State Supreme Court here.

Justice Marcus G. Christ directed the Garden City Board of Zoning Appeals to grant the community's Jewish Center a permit for converting into a house of worship and religious school the \$86,000 residence it bought last January.

THE BOARD'S May ruling rejecting the center's application for the permit had been appealed to the Supreme Court by attorneys representing the 68-family Jewish group.

Garden City has nine churches but no Jewish house of worship.

In denying the application by a 4-1 vote, the board asserted that parking facilities adjacent to the proposed synagogue were not adequate for its future expansion and that the development would be "detrimental" to residents of the area because it would change the neighborhood's character and depreciate realty values.

Citing evidence establishing that proposed off-street parking facilities were "sufficient for present needs," Justice Christ held that the board "may not now require excess parking facilities" to take care of future growth.

He also ruled that the board had "no right" to consider whether the synagogue would depreciate property values.



'Grandstand Managers' Check On Umpire

Boston — (NC) — A young girl and Archbishop Richard J. Cushing look almost like "grandstand managers" as they follow each play of Boston's Red Sox at Fenway Park. The Archbishop was host to 40 orphans from New Britain, Conn., who were accompanied to the baseball park by nuns, Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

'Atheists By Appointment' Deplored By Polish Reds

Berlin — (NC) — A Communist-controlled weekly newspaper in Warsaw has charged that many Red officials are "atheists by appointment" and "not by conviction," is learned here.

Reports received here stated that an article in Po Prostu (Frankly Speaking) recounted that many Communist Party members secretly attend churches in remote villages and have their children baptized there.

ACCORDING to the newspaper article, the "official" atheist "frequents church in disguise with false whiskers, looking left and right before entering... has

his children baptized by sending them to visit relatives, and prays behind closed shutters and under the quilt."

The article said the Church "profits from atheism required by appointment, by bolstering its special mission to defend the Polish people against the designs and influences of materialism, bolshevism and internationalism."

Hindu Legal Move Hits Conversions

New Delhi, India — (NC) — A clause included in a Hindu social reform bill passed by the lower house of the Indian Parliament has been criticized by Catholics here as a "weapon against conversion."

The controversial provision in the bill seeks to prevent a Hindu from continuing as guardian of his minor children after his conversion to a non-Hindu religion.

Catholics charged that four other clauses of the bill hampered a Hindu's freedom of choice to change his religion.

Abp. Noll Dies, OSV Founder

Ft. Wayne, Ind. — (RNS) — Archbishop John Francis Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, died at his residence here. He was 81 years old.

A pioneer American Catholic journalist, Archbishop Noll founded Our Sunday Visitor in 1912. He was editor of the national weekly, which has one of the largest circulations of any Catholic newspaper in the world at the time of his death.

Archbishop Noll also founded The Priest, a monthly that circulates nationally among the Catholic clergy, and The Family Digest, another monthly publication.

HE WAS THE author of numerous books and pamphlets, the best known of which, "Father Smith Instructs Jackson," has gone through 80 large editions.

(Funeral Mass will be offered on Monday August 6 for the prelate who died of a cerebral hemorrhage at his residence on July 31 following a long illness. Cardinal Stritch of Chicago will deliver the sermon at the Funeral Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Ft. Wayne.)

Three years ago the Catholic Press Association cited him as a publisher, editor and author who "has labored mightily for the formation of a sound public opinion within our Church and country."

In April, 1955 Our Sunday Visitor established the Archbishop Noll Scholarship for Journalism to be awarded annually to a Catholic student majoring or minoring in Journalism at a Catholic college.

Archbishop Noll has headed the diocese of Fort Wayne since



ARCHBISHOP JOHN F. NOLL
June 30, 1925, when he was consecrated a bishop. As a mark of esteem Pope Pius XII conferred upon him the personal title of Archbishop three years ago. Born in Fort Wayne on January 23, 1875, Archbishop Noll attended St. Lawrence College at Mt. Calvary, Wis., and the Seminary of Mount St. Mary of the West in Cincinnati, O. He was ordained June 4, 1898.

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