

Bishop Of Raleigh Raps Anti-Racial Status In Schools

Raleigh, N. C. — (RNS)— Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh branded proposed amendments to the state constitution aimed against racial integration in North Carolina's public schools as un-Christian and unconstitutional.

The amendments, approved during a recent session of the state legislature, will come before the voters in a special referendum on Sept. 8. They would empower local school boards to close public schools under certain conditions and authorize state tuition grants to pay for private schooling of children unwilling to attend racially-mixed schools.

"IT IS OUR hope," Bishop Waters told Catholics in a pastoral letter, "that no matter how small our minority, we shall vote thoughtfully and according to our consciences. . . . The law of the land should not be prejudicial to minorities, whether on account of race, nationality or religion. These are principles which all Americans claim to follow."

Declaring that "it seems to be against good American prudence hastily to amend any state or national constitution in any regard without absolute necessity," the Bishop said the voters of North Carolina are now being asked "to approve the principle that the end justifies the means, no matter how unjust or prejudiced the means."

"According to this false principle," he continued, "prejudice must be preserved at all costs, at least temporarily, even at the cost of passing a bill, the constitutionality of which is questioned, and in haste our fundamental state document must be amended by our people emotionally confused on the real purpose of the issue. We are told it is hoped that the power will never be used. Why, then, put such power of the people and of the constitution in such jeopardy?"

Dallas University To Open Buildings
Dallas — (NC) — Six permanent buildings costing more than \$1,000,000 will be completed in time for the opening of the fall semester of the new University of Dallas, operated by the Diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth.



Laymen Role In Mission Field Planned

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Plans for formation of a national organization of men for lay missionary work were disclosed at the 17th national convention of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade at the University of Notre Dame.

Father Frederick McGuire, C.M., executive secretary of the Mission Secretariat, Washington, D.C., described plans to organize male lay missionaries along lines followed for women by the International Catholic Auxiliaries, Chicago, and the Grail organization, Loveland, Ohio.

THE MISSION Secretariat, Father McGuire said, was gathering information about needs for such a program from various mission areas of the world. Some of the largest religious missionary organizations in the nation are behind the movement for the new organization, Father McGuire said.

FATHER McGUIRE said the new organization would have three phases of operation: selection of candidates, training in theological as well as other studies needed for the apostolate, and placement in a missionary station.

The last phase, he said, would also include placement in a position in the United States after return from a term of service abroad, so that the man would have reasonable social security.

Philadelphia Schools Wait Pupil Hike

Philadelphia — (NC) — An increase of 15,000 students expected in the Catholic schools of the Philadelphia area will be absorbed this September by 49 new school projects, completed in an expansion program described as the greatest in the history of the archdiocese.

The enrollment jump will put the student population of elementary and high schools in the archdiocese at 238,000, exclusive of some 9,000 students in private schools under Catholic auspices. Ready for occupancy in September are 28 new elementary school buildings and 21 additions to schools already standing. Five more buildings are in the advanced planning stage.



Chaplains Have Global Parish

Washington, D.C. — (NC) — Seven years have seen these two priest-chaplains travel more than 300,000 miles, as members of the Catholic Preaching Mission Team of the U.S. Air Force. Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) John D. St. John, S.J., of Boston, and Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Stephen J. O'Conner, C.S.S.R., of Cambridge, Mass., have conducted 258 five-day missions at Air Force installations on four continents.

Priest, Former Banker Aids Lepers In Africa

Quebec City — (RNS) — A 65-year-old former Dutch banker in the French Cameroons, who became a Jesuit arrived here to tell of the Roman Catholic Church's work among the lepers of Africa. The Rev. Gerard Bakker, S.J., a grandfather who turned to the priesthood when his 28-year marriage ended in the death of his wife, is proud of the great work his money is still doing in building churches. He is also proud that three of his eight children have become priests. The native of Nimegen, Hol-

Knights Of Columbus Oppose Red China In UN

Detroit — (RNS) — Admission of Communist China to the United Nations was opposed by the Knights of Columbus, Catholic fraternal organization, in a resolution unanimously adopted at its annual convention here.

Subsequently, Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart sent telegrams to President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles calling attention to the resolution and denouncing the recent attack on a U.S. Patrol plane off the Red China coast in which 16 crewmen were believed to have perished.

THE RESOLUTION charged that the government of Communist China is "an integral part of the Communist conspiracy which, by treachery and ruthless force, has deprived millions of people of the freedom to exercise the human rights they once enjoyed."

It accused Communist China of having waged war in Korea and elsewhere against the U.S. and other members of the United Nations "in violation of the principles to which the organization of the United Nations is dedicated."

Declaring that the admission of the Peking government to membership in the UN would be "a fatal abandonment of the principals stated in the charter," the convention said it is "absolutely opposed" to such a step or to the recognition of the government of Red China.

The resolution called upon the governments of the United States and all free nations "to resist such admission to the limit of their power."

IN ANOTHER resolution the convention called upon the K of C Supreme Council to urge the U. S. publicly to proclaim the "immorality and impossibility of peaceful co-existence with Communism." At the same time, the convention explained that the Knights of Columbus did not urge war. The delegates also went on record in favor of a law to have all goods and merchandise from Communist countries stamped with, "Made in Communist China," etc. opposed any American aid to Communist Yugoslavia.



Knights Meet In Detroit

Detroit — (NC) — Shown at the Knights of Columbus convention, here, are from left, Luke E. Hart, supreme knight; Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit; Francis J. Rosset, supreme treasurer; William J. Mulligan, deputy supreme knight; and Joseph Scott, of Los Angeles. In resolutions, the K. of C. called for U. S. Vatican diplomatic relations, continued aid to Yugoslavia, and opposed recognition of the Red Chinese regime.

Lourdes Cure Declared Miraculous By Cardinal

Rennes, France — (NC) — Miss Marie Louise Bigot's recovery of her sight and hearing during a pilgrimage to Lourdes was miraculous, it has been officially announced here by His Eminence Cardinal Rogues, Archbishop of Rennes.

Miss Bigot, who lives in the village of La Richardais in the Rennes archdiocese, was cured in October, 1954, after making three pilgrimages to Lourdes. She had lost her sight and hearing in August, 1952, after a long illness.

During her third trip to Our Lady's shrine at Lourdes, Miss Bigot suddenly recovered her hearing after taking part in a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Three quarters of an hour later she also recovered her sight.

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