

POAU Attacks Catholic 'Power'

By AL ANTCAK
Los Angeles — (NC) — Virtually every Catholic public activity outside church walls was attacked here and Catholics themselves were equated with Communists as dangers to America.

These attacks took place at a two-day meeting in the First Baptist Church. It was the ninth national conference on "Church and State" of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU).

Speakers expressed alarm about innumerable topics, ranging from California's tax exemption of religion-sponsored schools to the allegation that Vice President Nixon once hired a Catholic as his secretary.

During its two-day sessions here the POAU drew between 200 and 300 persons to its daytime meetings, and about 2,000 to each of its two evening sessions which featured Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy one night and author Paul Blanshard the next night.

AT ITS MEETINGS THE POAU:
● Expressed alarm over alleged persecution of Protestants in Latin America. A case was cited of a crafty "Mother Superior" and a "Father Milan" who conspired with a chief of police to burn a church, collected the



'Dirty, Illiterate,' Says POAU

insurance and then blamed the Protestants for the whole thing.

● Worried over an alleged disproportionately large number of Catholics in important U.S. government posts.

● Denounced a Fordham University "land grab" in New York; payment of state funds for maintaining Vermont state wards in parochial schools; granting of a TV license by the Federal Communication Commission to Loyola University of New Orleans, and the naming of St. Joseph's Church, Philadelphia, as a U.S. historic shrine.

● Promised that "very soon" an initiative measure would be placed on the California ballot to bring an end to tax exemption of non-profit, religion sponsored schools.

● Predicted continuing agitation and litigation throughout the country against Catholic activities in education.

Sessions billed as serious discussions of religious freedom and church-state relations repeatedly degenerated into bitter emotional attacks on Catholicism and the Hierarchy.

His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, was repeatedly criticized; Auxiliary Bishop Fulton Sheen of New York was described as an "ecclesiastical liberator"; the Rosary was

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'Forecast Of Things To Come' As Catholic Schools Expand Facilities



CATHOLIC SCHOOL LAY TEACHER — Mrs. Ann Hasby, lay teacher at St. Jerome's Parochial School, East Rochester, commands rapt attention from her Kindergarten charges, Maureen McShane and Bernard Beauchamp. Employment of 191 lay teachers, besides 74 nun teachers, enables diocesan elementary schools to care for an additional 8,000 pupils. Total enrollment is 40,800.

Lay Teacher Role Seen Key To Parish School Enrollments

By REV. HENRY ATWELL

Lay teachers are the key to increased enrollments in parochial schools forced to satisfy the growing demands of parents who want their children educated in the Catholic schools.

Thanks to the lay teachers currently teamed up with nun-teachers on faculties, parochial schools of the Rochester Diocese are able to care for an additional 8,000 pupils, according to Monsignor Charles V. Boyle, superintendent of schools. Total enrollment in diocesan elementary schools is 40,800, he said.

As school populations soar to new record high totals year after year, he explained, there are not enough nuns to staff the classrooms. Currently there are 74 nun teachers and 191 lay teachers instructing in 90 diocesan elementary schools.

If it were not for the lay teachers, at least 8,000 pupils would not be enrolled in parochial schools.

The lay teachers are quick to admit that they very much like teaching in parochial schools.

Mrs. Patricia Stenglein at St. Salome School, Rochester, said, "It is inspiring to work with dedicated people—and nobody is more dedicated than the nuns."

Mrs. Stenglein, a product of Australia's Catholic Schools, met her Air Force husband Charles when he was on duty in Australia. She came to the United States as his wife in 1944. They have two children, Barbara, 11, and Robert, 8.

Miss Suanne Slink at St. Cecelia School, Rochester, stated, "My whole life is school right now." She started Nazareth College as an English major with no thought of teaching.

Invited to try teaching at St. Cecelia's School by its principal Sister Mary David of the Mercy Sisters, Suanne says, "I'm quite determined to stay. I like it very much." She was a pupil at Ridgewood public school and Our Lady of Mercy High School.

At first Miss Slink feared the parents wouldn't like the idea of a lay teacher in a parochial school, but "they treat me as well as the Sisters," she said. Pupils are equally respectful to lay teachers and nuns, calling both groups "Sister."



TEACHER LIKES WORK — Second grader Donald Northrup explains problem to Miss Suanne Slink, lay teacher, marking first year at St. Cecelia's School, Rochester. "I am determined to stay. I like it very much," says the young lay teacher who is amused when some of her youngsters "even call me 'Sister.'"

Rochester's public schools and Genesee State Teachers College, graduating in 1953. Her husband Earl is an insurance adjuster. They have a year old daughter Karen.

ALL THREE lay teachers thought their most rewarding experience as teachers was their own personal satisfaction in guiding the youngsters in their classrooms through the fundamental skills of reading, writing, and getting along with other pupils.

"The progress they make in one year is amazing, and so rewarding," said Suanne Slink.

Monsignor Boyle said the demand for more lay teachers was pointed out clearly this week by requests from four parishes seeking additional lay teachers for next September.

"We will need about 50 more lay teachers by that time," the Monsignor stated.

He said that qualified candidates are invited to contact him at his office in Rochester's Columbus Civic Center, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, Baker 5-3690.

Mrs. Hasby summarized the thoughts of the teachers interviewed:

"Teaching in a parochial school has all been so rewarding. I don't know exactly what is best about it. Perhaps the best thing is not so much what I have done myself, but what I have learned about the Church and from the inspiration of the nuns."

"Maybe I could get a higher salary as a public school teacher, but there are these other factors which are better than money."

Mrs. Stenglein agreed, "I certainly don't feel that I am underpaid either."
Miss Slink nodded, "I thought the same thing within a week after I started teaching at St. Cecelia's."

Hungarian Red Asks End Of Religion Study

Vienna — (RNS) — Abolition of religious instruction in Hungary's state schools has been urged by Hungarian Deputy Minister of Education—Dr. Magda Joboru, the Budapest Radio reported.

It quoted him as stating that "the optional character of religious teaching in the schools must be maintained. However, it would be better if religious teaching were completely separated from the schools as from the next school year."



MONSIGNOR FLOBACK

Parishes List Gains In 'C-J' Circulation

First reports in the Catholic Courier Journal's current circulation campaign indicate a five percent increase in subscriptions over last year's record total of 54,281.

Eleven parishes have already reported they will continue the "total coverage" plan of sending the Courier Journal to every family in these parishes.

Many of these parishes report increased numbers in subscription totals as a result of new families being enrolled as parishioners during the past year.

Renewing "total coverage" and reporting increased totals over last year's parish subscriptions are the following:

St. James, Rochester, Rev. Francis M. Feeney, pastor, 872 subscriptions (an increase of 68 over last year's total); St. Pius X, Chili, Rev. Donald J. Murphy, pastor, 325 (increase 59); St. Michael, Livonia Center, and St. Mary, Honeyoye, Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, 87 (increase 33).

St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken, Very Rev. Gereon Lindsay, O.F.M. Cap., administrator, 48 (increase 6); Assumption, Fairport, Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, pastor, 479 (increase 66); St. James, Waverly, Rev. J. Stuart Hogan, pastor, 455 (increase 22).

Also renewing "total coverage" for 1957 are:

St. Ann, Hornell, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence W. Gannon, V.F., pastor, 664; St. Michael, Lyons, Rev. John F. Neary, pastor, 269; St. Felix, Clifton

Springs, Rev. Emmett T. Dougherty, pastor, 153.

St. Gabriel, Hammondsport, 86, and St. Patrick, Prattsburg, 51, Rev. Earl Tobin, pastor; St. Mary, Beaville, 101, and St. Joachim, Canisteo, 87, Rev. Joseph P. Haffey, pastor.

These early reports show a total of 3,690 subscriptions. Mr. Elmer Grapenstetter, circulation manager, states that these same parishes last year had a total of 3,502 which shows a five percent increase for 1957.

The Courier Journal circulation drive extends through the month of February. Pastors are currently tabulating new subscriptions submitted to them following last Sunday's pulpit announcement of the February circulation drive.



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Patsy Li, War Wait, Gets Nurse Cap

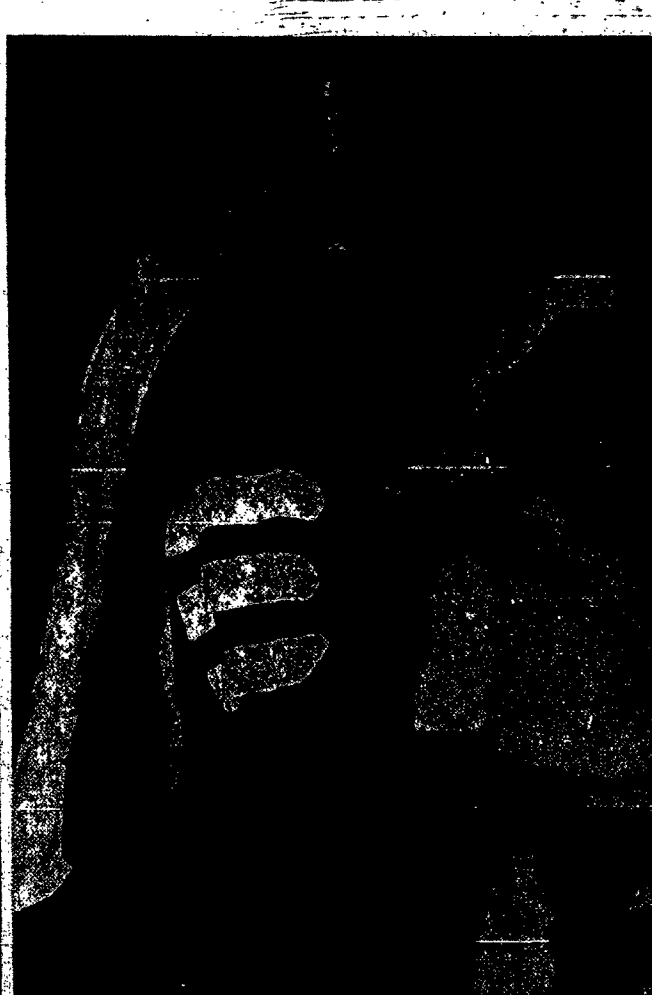
Washington — (NC) — The "miracle girl of World War II" was among 32 students of the Catholic University of America school of nursing who received traditional caps at a ceremony in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Father Raymond Hahn officiated at the blessing of the caps while the principal address was made by Father Ignatius Smith, O.P., who is chaplain of the National Council of Catholic Nurses. The award of the caps signified that the students have completed the academic phase of their course and are ready for student nurse training.

THE "MIRACLE GIRL" of World War II is Patsy Li—now more formally Patricia Marie Li, 20. In the audience to witness her capping was her beloved "Father Fred"—Father Frederic M. Gehring, a Vincentian priest now stationed at St. John's University, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Back in 1943 when the Marines were fighting against tremendous odds to hold Guadalcanal, Father Gehring was serving there as a Navy chaplain. Natives brought into the Marine lines a Chinese girl, dead then, alive from bayonet wounds. She was given into Father Gehring's care and nursed back to health. Father Gehring has looked out for her ever since. It developed that the girl was on a ship with her mother and sister when it was torpedoed off Shanghai, 4,000 miles away. No one knows how the child got to Guadalcanal.

THE MARINES made a pet of the Chinese girl and Father Gehring gave her the name of Patsy Li (Little White Lotus Blossom). It turned out to be her real name



Patsy Li, war-time wait rescued by Marines in Pacific and later convert to Catholic Faith, receives student nurse cap at Catholic University School of Nursing.

and led to a reunion with her mother. She returned to China with her mother after the war, but in 1950 was brought to this country by Father, who attended the Mary Mount Academy in Williamsburg, Va.

Pope Elevates 3 Pastors To Monsignor Rank

Pope Pius XII has elevated three priests of the Rochester Diocese to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title Right Reverend Monsignor, Bishop James E. Kearney announced this week.

Honored by the Pope are —

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur F. Florack, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Rochester.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Luddy, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Rochester.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Naughton, pastor of St. Anne's Church, Rochester.

Bishop Kearney made the announcement to the three priests at St. Mary's Hospital where he is recovering from a December operation.

The newly named prelates have a distinguished record of service in the Rochester Diocese.

MONSIGNOR FLOBACK has spent more than half his priestly life as pastor of St. Michael's Church, Rochester. He has served as pastor there since 1935.

Complete renovation of the parish plant has been undertaken twice during Monsignor Florack's pastorate. He decorated the church in 1939 and again in 1955, following a fire which gutted the Clinton Avenue North edifice.

Monsignor Florack directed the parish 75th anniversary in 1949. In preparation for the anniversary celebration, he electrified the tower chimes.

He was born May 29, 1890 in Rochester, attended Holy Redeemer School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, and was ordained by the late Bishop Thomas F. Hickey in 1916.

He served as assistant pastor at St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, until 1921 when he was transferred to St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester.

In 1928, he was named pastor of St. Joseph's parish, Waverly. He was appointed pastor of St. Michael's, Jan. 23, 1935.

Since 1931 he has been assistant spiritual director of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union which he helped organize with the late Monsignor William F. Slaughter.

In 1950, he aided in establishing the new West Webster parish of St. Rita, securing the property, church building, and funds needed to launch the new parish.

MONSIGNOR LUDDY, twenty years pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brighton, came to his parish with a background of twenty years as an educator and administrator.

In two decades at Our Lady of Lourdes he has conducted three successful fund drives to build a rectory, school, and convent.

He opened the school in 1948.



MONSIGNOR LUDDY



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He served as professor at the preparatory seminary for two years and was then appointed rector in 1923.

During his eight years as rector for St. Andrew's, he reorganized the curriculum at the school and introduced New York State Regents examinations to assure students the opportunity of attaining recognition upon the completion of their college training.

Named pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes in 1937, Monsignor Luddy has witnessed the rapid growth of suburban Rochester in the Brighton area and provided for the Catholic population which has more than doubled since that date.

MONSIGNOR NAUGHTON in the past seven years has been pastor of St. Anne's Church at the eastern tip of the city of Rochester. He has served in two other parishes of the Diocese and of the Diocese of St. Bernard's Seminary.

He is currently planning plans to construct a new church in the city of Rochester. His plans will have been completed by Christmas, 1957. Monsignor Naughton will have been pastor for 15 years.

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