

Abp. O'Hara Sees NEA Move To Central Schools

Philadelphia (AP) — Trends in the top-level thinking of several educational organizations indicate that the nation's schools are threatened with control by a single administrative power, according to Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia.

His contentions over the outcome of the federal-union controversy, with the possible suppression of non-public schools, were spelled out in the second of two front-page editorials published in The Catholic Standard and Times, archdiocesan newspaper.

DISCUSSING THE transition from federal aid to federal control of schools, the Archbishop emphasizes the further threat of control by the National Education Association or one of its affiliates.

Disputing Secretary Marion Folsom's contention of the urgency of federal aid for education, Archbishop O'Hara cites publications of government agencies, including Secretary Folsom's own Department of Health, Education and Welfare, to show that school construction, with negligible federal aid, has met and even surpassed the needs claimed by Secretary Folsom.

Two Chinese Priests Released From Jail 55,000 Seen New Record C-J Circulation Total

Hong Kong (RNS) — Two critically ill Chinese priests have been released from the Communist prison at Wuchow, the Catholic Center here announced.

They were identified as Father Chan and Father Marcus Tsang. Both were arrested in 1956. Father Chan is suffering from what has been diagnosed as water on the lungs. His arms and legs are badly swollen and he is too weak to walk, the center said.

The Courier Journal will count 55,000 subscribers, highest total in its 68 year history, when final figures are tallied from February's circulation campaign in the parishes, Elmer Grapensteter, circulation manager, predicted today.

With only 24 of the 148 parishes still to be heard from, subscription totals already indicate a significant increase over last year's more than 54,000 record total.

New subscriptions registered during February's campaign will begin with the April 5 issue of the Catholic Courier Journal, Mr. Grapensteter stated.

He also said that the just-published two dollar 1957 diocesan Directory is available to Courier subscribers at the special price of 75 cents. The Directory lists up-to-the-minute information about parishes, schools and organizations of the Diocese.

TWO ROCHESTER parishes this week adopted the "full family coverage" plan for the first time.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Naughton, pastor of St. Anne's Church, has enrolled the 687 families of that parish as subscribers to the diocesan paper, a gain of 567 over last year's total.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Hoepf, pastor of Our Lady of Help Church, counts 313 subscribers from his parish, an increase of 172.

INCREASED totals reported this week from parishes renewing the 100 per cent plan adopted in previous years are as follows:

Most Precious Blood parish, Rev. Sebastian Contegiacorno, CPPS, pastor, 173 subscriptions for an increase of 4; St. Leo, Hill-ton, Rev. Jacob Rauber, 147 (gain 4); Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira, Rev. G. Schwab, 597 (gain 27); St. Mary, Horseheads, Rev. Francis J. Reilly, 307 (gain 37).

St. Lucy, Rochester, Rev. George J. Ventura, 138 (gain 8); Holy Cross, Rochester, Rev. Robert H. Fennessy, 784 (gain 40); Our Lady of Victory, Rochester, Rev. James L. Callens, S.S.C.C., 39 (gain 6); Holy Family, Auburn, Rev. William Davis, 596 (gain 5).

Assumption, Mt. Morris, Rev. Dominic J. Grasso, 244 (gain 16); St. Mary, Elmira, Rev. Thomas J. Toole, 665 (gain 9); Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, Brookpark, Rev. Edward J. Lintz, 526 (gain 7); and St. Patrick, Rochester, Rev. Leo C. Mooney, 790 (gain 236); St. Thomas, Rochester, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard K. Burns, 824 (gain 34).

Also St. Patrick, Corning, Rev. William M. Cannon, 350 (gain 10); St. Theodora, Rochester, Rev. Raymond J. Epping, 482 (gain 50).

RENEWING the "full family coverage" plan were also Corpus Christi parish, Rochester, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, 748 subscribers; St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt St., Rochester, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John B. Sullivan, 832; St. Andrew, Rochester, Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Eckl, 807; St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn, Rev. John J. Nacca, 972.

Also St. Peter and Paul, Rochester, Rev. Robert J. Fox, 540; St. Vincent de Paul, Churchville, Rev. John L. Maxwell, 100; St. Anna, Oswego, Rev. Raymond J. Wahl, 47; St. Michael, Montezuma, and St. John, Port Byron, Rev. John B. Guy, 81.

St. John the Evangelist, Greece, Rev. Donald E. Lux, 1083; St. Anthony, Rochester, Rev. Michael Lyons, 272; Immaculate Conception, Rochester, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 1,037.

Holy Rosary, Rochester, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, 1,043; St. Bernard, Scipio Center, 55; St. Hilary, Genoa, 44, and St. Isaac Jogues, Fleming, 20, Rev. Leo E. Hastings; Holy Redeemer, Rochester, Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Vogt, 516; St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario, Rev. James F. O'Connell, 289.

Also St. John the Evangelist, Cady, and St. Patrick, Savannah, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph V. Curtin, 200; St. Joseph, Livonia, and St.

The Philadelphia prelate states that "those who have watched the pressure of the National Education Association's drive for Federal aid over several decades will not conclude too easily that the matter will be dropped." The Archbishop contends, "Federal control has surely been the objective of this drive."

HIS EDITORIAL refers to the activities and statements of the

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William, Conesus, Rev. Roy F. Hagerty, 120; St. John the Baptist, Elmira, Rev. Joseph O. Goran, 187.

Holy Cross, Ovid, and Sacred Heart, Romulus, Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan, 131; St. Patrick, Cato, 48, and St. Thomas, Red Creek, 40, Rev. William Tobin; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Painted Post, Rev. Harold F. Rogers, 115; Mother of Sorrows, Rochester, Rev. Daniel O'Rourke, 842.

St. Helen's pastor Rev. J. Beecher Sullivan has reported an additional 48 subscribers to his previously published figure to bring this Rochester suburban parish total to 558.

Eleven pastors also reported this week subscriptions received from the parishioners as follows:

Christ the King, Rochester, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Mahoney, 26; St. Margaret Mary, Rochester, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maynard A. Connell, 419; St. Monica, Rochester, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, 689; St. Joseph, Penfield, Rev. John D. Malley, 173; St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen, Rev. Benedict Ehmman, 250; St. Salome, Rochester, Rev. Edward J. Eschrich, 242; St. Joseph W a y l a n d, Rev. Adelbert J. Schneider, 66.

St. Nicholas, Rochester, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Andrew Hallak, 6; St. George, Rochester, Rev. Frank Valukevicius, 47; St. Mary, Waterloo, Rev. George T. McCall, 57; St. Cecilia, Rochester, Rev. Bernard C. Newcomb, 52.

THE ARCHBISHOP refers to the 1955 convention of the NSBA which subscribed to the principle that funds from federal and other sources, intended for the assistance of public education, should be administered by the state education agency through the local boards of education "in accordance with state policy and without restriction other than simple accounting of receipts and disbursements."

The same NSBA convention said it would continue to work for the establishment of a National Board of Education, composed of outstanding lay citizens, and having jurisdiction over an independent Office of Education, administered by a U. S. Commissioner of Education appointed by the Board as its executive officer.

The Archbishop concludes: "Are we guilty of false suspicion and rash judgment when we suggest the possibility that the NEA and its affiliates do envision and plan Federal control of education?"

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