

# Presbyterians Hit Public Funds For Parochial Schools

Omaha, Neb.—(RNS)—Commissioners (delegates) to the 169th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. here unanimously approved a report voicing "unalterable opposition" to the use of public funds for the support of private or parochial schools.

The report said that "any attempt of the Church to withdraw from its responsibility to the public schools is in contradiction to the Reformed tradition."

**DR. PAUL CALVIN** Payne, retiring general secretary of the denomination's Board of Christian Education, headed a committee of outstanding educators and churchmen who wrote the document.

Dr. Gause Little of Pasadena, Calif., board president told the commissioners that the Presbyterian Church for many years has "expressed consistently" its faith in public schools.

"Our reaffirmation comes at a time when the public school is in sore need of it, since it can solve its problems only with the enlightened, committed and sacrificial assistance of the great majority of American citizens who call themselves Protestant," he said.

**DR. LITTLE** said it was "high time" for the Presbyterian Church as a whole to resist and refuse by work and deed the charges, overt or implied, that the public schools are godless.

**HE URGED** Protestants to "have a sense of vocation about our own relationship to the schools as parents, students, teachers, administrators, school board members, citizens who vote school funds and pay taxes." This statement was greeted with hearty applause.

The Presbyterian official said he opposed Protestant parochial schools because "they result in a withdrawal of the sources of Christian influence from the public school."

Noting that 12 per cent of elementary and secondary grade pupils in this country are now enrolled in parochial schools, he said that a "continuation of this trend" might result in the public school system becoming second rate.

## Catholics Win Korean Converts

Omaha, Neb.—(RNS)— Converts are being received into the Catholic Church in South Korea at a record rate and the numbers would be still higher if more missionaries were available, Bishop Harold W. Henry said here.

The Minnesota-born Vicar Apostolic of Kwangju said that "converts are being received into the Church in my vicarate at the rate of 1,000 a month, and this number should be doubled or quadrupled if the communities would send us more priests, brothers, nuns, and funds."

Bishop Henry said "No priest in Korea can possibly receive less than 100 converts yearly, and in Kwangju each priest averages over 200."

"My group of 31 missionaries received 6,300 into the Church last December. And this followed a record class of 7,341 in June of the same year," he said.



FATHER AVERY DULLES

## Dulles Priest-Son Going To Germany

Muenster, Germany—(NC)—Father Avery Dulles is due next month to complete his tertianship in the Society of Jesus at the Jesuit college here.

The convert son of U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is slated to spend several weeks at the Goethe Institute in Munich brushing up on his German before beginning his final year of formal training as a Jesuit here in September.

Rev. Mr. Little, who is president of the Christian Education Board of Christian Education, was asked if he had ever been inside a Catholic parochial school or made a study of the curriculum of such schools. He said he had not.

The minister's accusation was made in a speech to the annual general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States held here.

Los Angeles, (NC)—The Los Angeles Examiner has strongly reiterated its editorial stand against taxation of parochial schools in California.

In a lead editorial the news paper opposed moves now being made to repeal the tax exemption for private, nonprofit schools in the state.

**THE EXAMINER** recalled its vigorous stand in favor of such tax exemption during a statewide campaign five years ago and stated that it once again took the same position for the same reasons: justice and equity.

The editorial noted that petitions were now being circulated to ask the voters to annul the tax exemption authorized by a voters' referendum in 1952.

Parish schools save a substantial amount for the state's taxpayers, said the editorial. They educate 250,000 pupils and relieve the taxpayers of the cost of building and maintaining plants and personnel for the students.

**NOT ONLY** from the viewpoint of money, but from a sense of justice, the Examiner said, repeal of the tax exemption would be unwise.

"On both these grounds, acknowledged proper by the people's verdict in 1952, the Examiner believes that both for financial and ethical reasons the movement to repeal tax exemptions for parochial schools is undesirable and unwise," the editorial stated.

# Wife Is Getting Tired Of Trying To Please Her Over-Critical Husband

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My husband doesn't like a thing I do around the house. We've been married for almost six months and things aren't getting any better. I've learned, one thing, though, his mother is just about the best cook, housekeeper, buyer and so on, since Eve set up shop. I'm getting tired of trying to please him. Nothing I do seems to be just right. How does one handle such men?

**SOME YOUNG** males are strange animals, Martha. They gripe while they grip with mother, and they gripe when they're in a home of their own.

It may be that they have been spoiled as children, but I rather feel it is their thoughtless way of asserting and getting attention. They want to be noticed, to feel important. Like all youthful striving for independence, their thinking is self-centered and critical of others.

What others do for them is taken for granted as if they deserved it. This is a youthful stage. Unfortunately, some men and women never develop beyond it.

Is this the type you married? Let's not pass hasty judgment. There may be other factors involved in the situation which merit further consideration. In the first place, the early months of marriage call for numerous adjustments and changes.

Domestication is a gradual process, and while they're getting used to it, some young men feel they are giving up more of their freedom than they bargained for. At times, young brides are more possessive and domineering than they realize.

The inexperienced groom may react by asserting his independence in curious ways. One of these may be dissatisfaction with the way you run the house.

**SECOND,** is it possible that you are over-sensitive about your performance around the home? Are you trying too hard to be a success? Sometimes when we are starting out at a new job, our anxiety causes us to see criticism where none was intended.

If we are trying very hard to please, even the failure to notice our efforts may be interpreted as an implicit condemnation of what we've done.

**THIRD,** many young husbands are not aware of their brides' normal feeling of insecurity in their new roles. They may carelessly throw out references to their mothers' way of doing things without stopping to think that their brides may take this as a reflection on their own efforts.



On the other hand, if you've married an habitual griper, you have a different case on your hands. Marriage calls for adjustment and adaptation, but these should be mutual. It is not wise to make all the concessions in any partnership.

If your husband expects you to do so, it will be prudent to set him straight from the start. Quarreling won't help matters under these circumstances.

State your position once and then ignore his later comments. You have no reason to feel insecure. After all, you can always burn his toast, and you can always say "no" can't you?

When your husband thoughtlessly brags about his mother,

reflect that some day you hope to brag about you. You'll like that, won't you.

Let's be frank," he said. "Our youngsters are heading in large numbers for schools backed by state funds and huge endowments. They feel they have no choice if they want the kind of engineering, science, and other specialized training that's in demand these days."

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"UNDER GOOD" circumstances that means a place where they can get to Mass and the Sacraments regularly, attend regular Catholic instructions, and have

# Faith Seen Periled In 'Secular' College

San Francisco—(NC)—The priest who patrols the "second front" of the Church's educational effort in the United States reports the battle line is getting constantly longer.

"There are almost 400,000 Catholic students attending non-Catholic colleges. The number will be considerably larger in a few years. Our job is to keep them close to the Faith in surroundings that tend to pull them away."

"OUR JOB" belongs to the 700 priests working as Newman Club chaplains at state and private secular colleges and universities throughout the country. The hazards they face and the progress they have made, were mapped here by Father James J. O'Brien, national chaplain, National Newman Club Federation.

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"It's secularism—the practical exclusion of God from classroom and college life," he explained. "It may be a professor who sneers at religion in general and Catholicism in particular. Often it's just the fact that the value and importance of religion are never mentioned at all. For immature youths these blows are hard to handle. We try to give them the answers."

And it's creating a vicious circle," he said. "The more Catholic students, the more Newman Clubs and chaplains are needed. But the more Newman Clubs, and parents conclude, 'What's the worry? There's a priest on hand to take care of them.'"

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## Dating, Lipstick Barred To Grade School Pupils

Peoria, Ill.—(NC)—Dating, dancing, and attending boy-and-girl parties have been banned for 6,000 Catholic grade school students here.

Also, girls in Catholic grade schools will be forbidden to wear lipstick or other makeup in a new code which will go into effect in the city's 15 Catholic schools next fall.

Pastors and school officials

from all Peoria area churches took the action in a bid "to retain for grade school boys and girls their proper treasure of childhood and to retard premature acceleration into social ventures."

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