

Congress Authorizes Members To Wear Papal Decroations

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Both Houses of Congress unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing Reps. John W. McCormack (D-Mass.) and John J. Rooney (D-N.Y.) to accept the award of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, with star, from Pope Pius XII.

The resolution was introduced to comply with paragraph 9 of section 9 of the constitution which provides that "no person holding any office of profit or trust under the United States shall, without the consent of the Congress, accept any present, emolument, office, or title, of any kind whatsoever, from any king, prince, or foreign state."

THE POPE is temporal ruler of Vatican City which is recognized by the United States as a sovereign state.

The two lawmakers recently received the decoration, one of the highest honors the Pope confers upon laymen, in a ceremony at the residence of Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. It was conferred upon them for their leadership in



All-Star

One of the top vote-getters in the All-Star game slated at Busch Stadium, St. Louis on July 9, is "Stan the Man" (above), who has been leading the National League most of the season in batting average and runs batted in. In off-season, "The Man" is unassuming Stan Musial, member of St. Raphael Parish, St. Louis, and a member of the Christian Brothers' College Fathers' Club. His son, Dick Musial, a CBS senior, has no interest in following in his famous father's baseball footsteps. (NC Photos)

POAU Head Asks President's Veto

Washington, D. C. — (BNS) Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, asked President Eisenhower to veto legislation passed by Congress to permit two Congressmen to receive and wear a papal decoration. He said the legislation would make the Roman Catholic Church a "foreign state" in American law.

In a telegram to the President, Dr. Archer said the measure to allow Reps. John C. McCormack (D-Mass.) and John J. Rooney (D-Mass.) to wear the Order of St. Gregory the Great was passed by both Houses of Congress within 24 hours of the introduction without any study of its implications by a committee.

Catholic charities and their service to the Catholic Church. Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State had asserted in an editorial in the June issue of "Church and State Newsletter" that the two congressmen might have violated the constitution by accepting the papal decoration.

Both the House and Senate passed the resolution without debate and without referring it to committee. They then passed, in the same way, another resolution authorizing Rep. McCormack and Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., (R-Mass.) to receive and wear a decoration of the Philippine Legion of Honor in the degree of commander.

THE RESOLUTIONS were then sent to President Eisenhower for signature. The measure on the papal decorations authorizes and directs the State department to deliver to Reps. McCormack and Rooney "any decorations and documents accompanying the award." To comply with the constitutional technicality, the Congressmen had deposited their decorations with the State Department pending Congressional approval.

The resolution also declares that notwithstanding paragraph 604 of chapter 22 of the U. S. Code, "The name recipients may wear and display the aforementioned decorations after acceptance thereof."

A SPOKESMAN for the Bureau of Information of the National Catholic Welfare Conference here said the St. Gregory the Great decoration, so far as records of the Apostolic delegation show, has never before been awarded to a member of Congress. However, former Senator Joseph E. Ransdell (R-La.) received it in 1938, seven years after his retirement.

In 1946, the decoration was bestowed on two administrative officers of the federal government, the late Robert F. Hannegan, then Postmaster General, and the late Gale Sullivan, then Assistant Postmaster General.

The NCWC spokesman said that "no one raised any issue concerning the decorations and they were treated merely as religious decorations for service to the Church by two devoted laymen."

Native Bishop



1,500 people attended the consecration of Bishop John Kodwo Amisshah, first native Bishop of this new West African nation, in the Cape Coast Cathedral. Bishop Amisshah was named Auxiliary to Archbishop Thomas Porter, S.M.A., of the Society of African Missions, Cape Coast. (NC Photos)

Jesuit Receives Harvard Degree

Washington — (NC) — Jesuit Father Joseph M. Snee, professor of law at Georgetown University, is the first priest to be graduated with a doctor of juridical science degree from Harvard University, it was learned here.

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Vicar General In Albany Named Bishop

Washington — (NC) — Three American priests are raised to the episcopate by Pope Pius XII. It was announced here today.

Msgr. Edward J. Maginn, pastor of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Albany, N. Y., and Vicar General of the Diocese of Albany, has been named Titular Bishop of Curium and Auxiliary to Bishop William A. Scully of Albany.

Msgr. Martin W. Stanton, pastor of St. Aedan's Church, Jersey City, N. J., has been named Titular Bishop of Citium and Auxiliary to Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark.

Msgr. Walter W. Curtis, of the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J., has been named Titular Bishop of Bisica and Auxiliary to Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark.

Americans Ordained At Louvain

Louvain, Belgium — (NC) — The ordination of 16 priests from the United States marked the 100th anniversary of the American College at Louvain University. Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford, Conn. one of the five U. S. prelates attending the anniversary ceremonies, officiated at the ordinations.

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Cornerstone For St. Theodore's

ORIGINAL TROWEL used by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey on July 12, 1925 to lay the cornerstone of St. Theodore Church in Gates, saw service again Sunday, June 30 when the cornerstone was laid for the new St. Theodore Church and School adjacent to the present church. The Rev. Raymond J. Epling, pastor, right, is shown with the trowel, with the Rev. John Stager, assistant pastor, at the left. The Rev. John J. Eiler was pastor when Bishop Hickey laid the cornerstone in 1925.

Jewish Group Hears Pope Back Rights

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII told a delegation of American Jewish leaders he is gratified that so many countries have provided havens for victims of the "evil blight" of persecution.

In a brief speech in English, the Pope issued a plea that the practice of offering asylum to those not guilty of crime become regular procedure for all present-day governments.

THE PONTIFF delivered his prepared discourse during a private audience with 10 members of the American Jewish Committee. The committee, now marking its 50th anniversary, had sent a delegation to Europe to thank all who gave aid to the Jews and others whose fundamental rights had been violated during and since World War II.

The group, led by Irving M. Engel, New York lawyer who is president of the American Jewish Committee, asked for an audience with the Pope so as to thank him personally for the aid he gave.

450 Chinese Refugees Baptized

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Msgr. John A. Romaniello, superior of the American Maryknoll mission in Hong Kong, baptized 450 Chinese refugees in a two-hour service here.

The Monsignor, who at present is head of the Catholic relief organization in Hong Kong, was assisted at the rites by 14 priests.

Msgr. Ronald Knox, Scholar, Ill Again

London — (NC) — Msgr. Ronald Knox, the English scholar, writer, and translator of the Bible, has again called all countries because of ill health.

Niagara University President Named

Niagara University, N.Y. — (NC) — Father Vincent T. Swords, C.M., has been named president of Niagara University, according to Father Sylvester A. Taggart, Provincial of the Eastern Province of the Vincentian Fathers.

10,000 Confirmed In Philippines

Iba, Philippines — (NC) — In the past six months Bishop Henry Byrne, S.S.C., Prelate Nullius of Iba, administered Confirmation to more than 10,000 persons in his first complete visitation of this territory.

Catholics Cautioned On Ghetto Mind

By JOHN O'CONNOR

San Francisco — (NC) — Wanted: 1) Catholics in politics — "at the precinct level," and 2) Catholic scholars in secular schools, especially the universities.

This was the appeal of Dr. Jerome G. Kerwin, who recently visited Stanford University here. Dr. Kerwin is dean of students in social sciences at the University of Chicago.

"More Catholics should get into politics in the right way — at the precinct level," he said. "That's where they're needed most right now."

Dr. Kerwin believes that for too long many Catholics have exhibited a "ghetto" mind for political activity at the community level and in some cases community affairs themselves. A ghetto he traces to background and schooling.

"It's all a part of the ghetto mentality," he said. "Too many Catholics think we have our own activities."

Dr. Kerwin traces this separatism to the schools which, he says, do not put enough emphasis on the teaching of political science and kindred subjects.

Political science and international relations and the like are too often just not taught in the Catholic colleges," he said. "During the early Roosevelt years, when careers in diplomacy were opened to general education, hardly a Catholic university could qualify. However, all that is

Red Tito Claims Church Freedom, Skips Persecution

New York — (NC) — Religion in Yugoslavia is free — up to a point — according to Marshal Tito.

In a filmed interview the 65-year-old head of state told a nationwide television audience that the Orthodox and Moslem faiths, as well as "certain areas" of the Catholic Church, are free.

Speaking from his villa on the Adriatic island of Brioni, President Jossip Broz — more famous as Marshal Tito, leader of the anti-Nazi guerrillas during World War II — qualified his freedom of religion statement thus:

"I should only like to stress the really good relations between the state and the Orthodox church — between the state and the Moslem church, and then partially in certain areas... between the state and the Roman Catholic Church."

CBS reporter Edward R. Murrow had questioned the communist leader on the status of religion in Yugoslavia. Marshal Tito's answer was: "It is free."

This was followed by a qualification in which the head of state drew a line between freedom for all Catholics and freedom for the "higher priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church."

"There would be no difficulties in the State Church relations," he asserted, referring to the Catholic hierarchy. "If there would not be some tendencies which have also the historical background on the part of the Roman Catholic Church to mix in the political affairs..."

Marshal Tito went on to charge that the Church had initiated political action prior to the war which is the reason for current difficulties in the sphere of Church-State relations.

MARSHAL TITO was apparently referring to the historical agitation among the Croats for political independence from the Serbs.

Nearly one-fourth of Yugoslavia's population is Croatian, a predominantly Catholic people who inhabit northwestern Yugoslavia. Serbs comprise more than 40 per cent of the nation's population.

Mr. Murrow asked why His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac, Archbishop of Zagreb, has been placed "under a degree of restraint."

After reiterating the original Red accusations against Cardinal Stepinac, Marshal Tito asserted that "we have left him free."

"He is living in his native place," Tito continued, "but we have taken away the right — his right to be ecclesiastical leader of the Roman Catholic Church in the country."

Observers here point out that the Cardinal has been under house arrest in his native village of Krasko in Croatia. He is forbidden to leave the village and

can receive no clerical visitors. The Tito regime banned public prayers for the prelate when he was sick and on the anniversary of his imprisonment.

IN THE PANEL discussion which followed the interview, William H. Lawrence, White House correspondent for the New York Times said the fact that Tito had "freed" the Cardinal of the kind of freedom of religion that is now existing in Yugoslavia.

Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, former U.S. Ambassador to Italy, and Hamilton Fish Armstrong, editor of Foreign Affairs magazine, agreed the differences between religious freedom in Poland and Yugoslavia was partially due to the fact that Poland is predominantly Catholic while Yugoslavia is predominantly an Orthodox country.

MR. LAWRENCE said the Yugoslav "president's" declaration that "freedom of religion actually existed" must be measured against the continued restraints on the spiritual activity of Archbishop Stepinac.

Later in the discussion Mrs. Luce said she believed Marshal Tito to be a man "walking a tightrope."

"He doesn't believe all he says nor does he say all he believes," she commented.

Increase Reported In Maryknoll Ranks

Maryknoll, N.Y. — (NC) — The Maryknoll Fathers have grown to a membership of 1,540 priests. Brothers and students in 46 years, the mission society's annual directory reports.

Congressman Blasts CBS Interviews With Dictators

Washington — (NC) — Rep. Ray J. Madden of Indiana has asserted that questions asked by Edward R. Murrow, Columbia Broadcasting System commentator, of President Tito of Yugoslavia, were "skewed milk."

Speaking on the House floor, Mr. Madden included in his condemnation the June 2 CBS interview of Nikita S. Khrushchev.

"The questions propounded by Khrushchev and Tito were

'Soft Sell' Approach

San Francisco — (NC) — Take it from an expert in convert-making, U. S. Catholics can best spread their Faith by using a technique known in the business world as the "soft sell."

"Graciousness is St. Paul's word," says Father John A. O'Brien, professor at the University of Notre Dame and a visitor here. "Love is the vernacular to win other folks to our Faith—kindness, courtesy, graciousness. Business men have another term for it: public relations, and it starts with

'Easy Does It'

loving the other fellow."

THE AUTHOR of many books on convert work, Father O'Brien predicts the Church in the U. S. would have one million converts annually if organized convert campaigns were conducted each year in every diocese.

Father O'Brien is convinced that the Catholic census and information programs — as working now in several dioceses, are just what the doctor ordered for attracting churchless people to the parish door

and ultimately to Mass. "Here is something the lay people can do," says Father O'Brien. "It is 'operation door-bell' and it works like this: 'Laymen throughout the diocese call on every house and merely extend a courteous invitation to all who are interested to attend information forums conducted in each parish by priests and laymen. There is no attempt to sell literature. There is no attempt to be critical. There is no controversy brought up.



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