

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

POAU Head Asks President's Veto

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — 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-N.Y.) to wear the Order of St. Gregory the Great was passed by both Houses of Congress within 24 hours of its 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 awards." 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 64 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. Harnegan, 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."

Vicar General In Albany Named Bishop

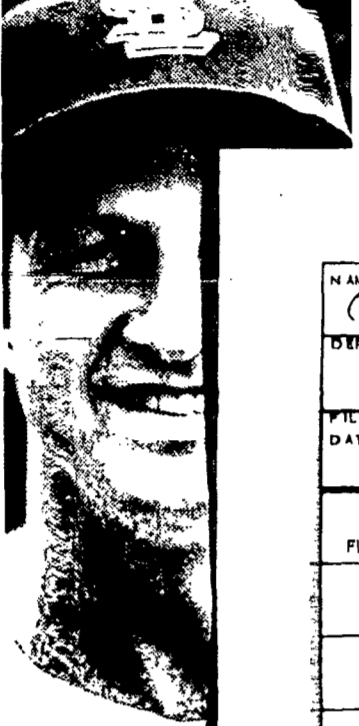
Washington — (NC) — Three American priests are raised to the episcopate by Pope Pius XII. It was announced here today.

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



All-Star



STAN MUSIAL
One of the top of the all-star game at Busch Stadium, July 3, is "Stan" (above), who has the National League season in bat and runs batted in, "The Man" is Stan Musial, met Raphael Parish, St. Raphael's College Club. His son, Dick, following in his father's baseball footsteps.

Native



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

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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 percent of the nation's population.

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— Wanted: 1) Catholics in parishes and 2) Catholic scholars in universities.

Dr. [Name] charging," he said.

CATHOLIC TEACHERS should seek jobs in secular colleges and universities, the Chicagoan added, "to introduce what they know best — the Catholic view — and to meet the secular scholars. They need to know each other, the relativists and the Catholics."

"Catholics on the secular campus must not maintain a defensive attitude," he said, "they must find a common base and build from there. Scholars must meet and begin to understand their common search, and Catholics would do better to stay and fight for what they believe in — whether in the universities or in politics or in community affairs — rather than walk out."

DOES THE internationally known political scientist — his writings are regularly published in Review of Politics, Political Science Review, and Commonweal — have an opinion on the current question of recognition of Red China?

"I am no orientalist," Dr. Kravins offered, "but I will say this: When Red China is recognized by the United States, it won't be the leftists or the professors who will engineer it. It will be the American businessmen — he wants the business."

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.

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.

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, member of President Tito of Yugoslavia, were "shameless."

Speaking on the House floor, Mr. Madden accused the CBS interviewer of being a Communist spy. He said that the questions were "shameless and unbecoming."

'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 loving the other fellow."

'Easy Does It'

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 'operational doorbell' 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."



FATHER O'BRIEN