

Connecticut

# State Ruling Asked On Health Service To Catholic Pupils

Stamford, Conn. — (RNS) — The city board of education has asked the State Department of Education to rule on the legality of providing health services to parochial school pupils. The board has given such services for about 40 years.

The opinion is being sought at the request of Mrs. Etta Toppling of Stamford, a board member. She wants clarification of a bus transportation bill passed by the 1957 legislature which does not mention health services.

THE MEASURE permits municipalities to provide, on a local option basis, the same bus service for non-profit private and parochial schools that they furnish to public schools. An amendment which included health and safety services was deleted before the bill was adopted by the General Assembly and signed by the governor.

Mrs. Toppling said Stamford residents have asked her whether the failure of the Assembly to include health services in the new law meant that the city's provision of providing them was in jeopardy.

Many communities in the state have been supplying such services to parochial schools for a long time.

AT PRESENT public school nurses and doctors are assigned to Stamford's parochial schools on regular schedules. A nurse is stationed for part of the day every week at each school and a physician gives regular examinations and emergency care.

According to a spokesman for the State Department of Education, 24 school districts supply health services to private and parochial pupils. He said 24 municipalities provide free bus transportation to non-public school students, but Stamford is not one of them.

The city's board of education rejected last March, by a vote of 5 to 4, a request that it grant free bus transportation to parochial pupils.

# Mexico Clergy Map Drive To Fight Vice

Queretaro, Mexico — (NC) — Problems arising from a scarcity of priests in many of Mexico's rural areas were discussed during a meeting of about 200 priests here.

Auxiliary Bishop Jose Villalon Mercedo of Mexico City told them that the greatest problems existing among the country's poorer classes arise from widespread alcoholism.

From the drunkenness, he said, "family life degenerates, man lives in poverty, many crimes are committed, and hatred is spread in towns and villages."

The Bishop urged that children in small towns and villages be taught trades and handicrafts, to insure themselves an income when they reach maturity.

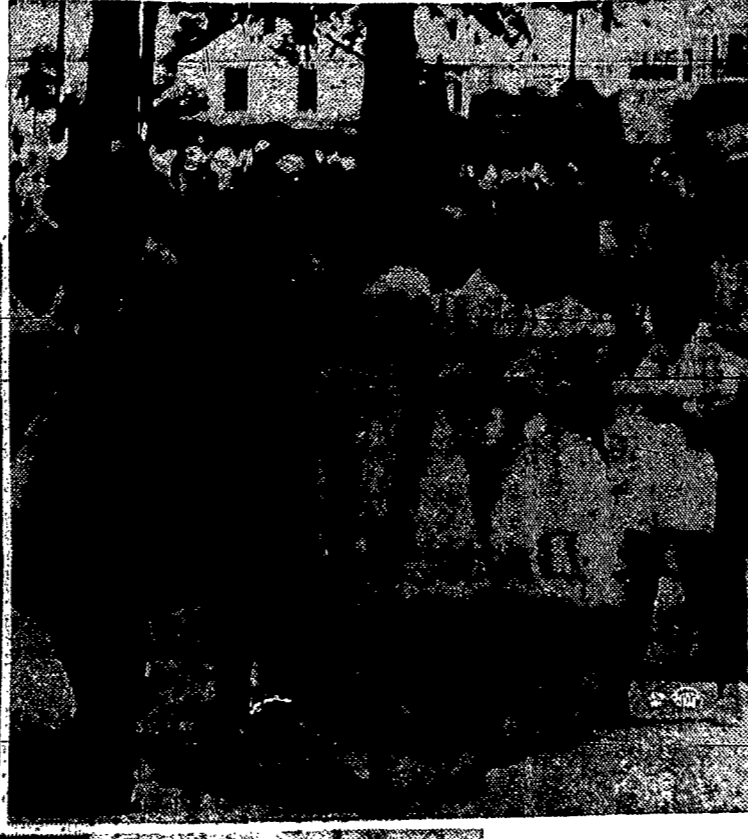
# Church State Move Against Immorality

Queretaro, Mexico — (NC) — Church and government officials in this priest-ridden region have agreed to join forces to combat immorality in the towns and cities.

OF THE 750,000 people living in the area, 630,000 are Catholics. There are only 100 priests to care for the spiritual welfare of these Catholics.

The attorney general of the province of Queretaro, Dr. Miguel Garcia Verdugo, has appealed to the people of the province to cooperate in establishing centers for the rehabilitation of delinquent young men and women.

# Dixie School



500 youngsters attend religious vacation school at Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Charlotte, N.C. Maryknoll Brother (photo left) explains question to little tot. In photo right, summer students, most of whom are not Catholic, hold procession. (NC)

# Electric Workers Building Mission Chapel In Korea

New York — (NC) — Workers of the electric company which lights up the largest city in the world are sending a little light to the missions.

They're building a chapel in Korea. It's name will be "Our Lady of Light."

EMPLOYEES OF Consolidated Edison here are sponsoring the project. The club was formed some years ago to help support the son of an employee during his long years of study for the priesthood. To date members have provided financial assistance for eight missionaries in all.

One of them, Father Philip Reilly of Yonkers, N. Y., was ordained last year and assigned to Maryknoll's mission in Korea. Some members of the Con Ed Club suggested that the organization sponsor the building of a chapel for his parish. Since \$10,000 was needed, many had their doubts about the project.

HOWEVER, THE idea grew beyond the most optimistic expectations. Employees of all races and religions donated. Many were friends of Father Reilly and wanted to help him spread the Faith. Others liked the parallel between spreading spiritual and electric light where needed.

A good number viewed their donations as an opportunity to demonstrate democracy by helping to build a chapel as a contributor explained, "near one of the vital nerve centers of a communist-dominated area."

# Catholic Educators Greet NEA Group

Philadelphia — (NC) — Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt, secretary general of the National Catholic Educational Association, extended the NCEA's felicitations to the National Education Association at the NEA's centennial convention here.

Speaking to the NEA's representative assembly, Msgr. Hochwalt read the delegates a brief resolution of congratulations adopted by the NCEA at its recent Milwaukee convention.

# Bishops Ship Polio Vaccine To Hungary

New York — (RNS) — The first shipment of Salk vaccine shipped to Hungary by Catholic Relief Services - National Catholic Welfare Conference has been received in Budapest. It was learned here from the American Bishops' agency headquarters in Vienna.

The shipment, consisting of 2,000 units, was sent at the urgent request of Roman Catholic authorities in Hungary, where a polio epidemic has been reported. It was flown in special containers from the Serum Institute in Berne, Switzerland, on instructions from the Vienna office.

Bishop Michael Endrey, administrator of the Archdiocese of Esztergom, reported by telephone to Vienna that the vaccine had been delivered to hospitals in areas where the need is greatest.

# Vatican Bars Polish Clergy From 'Pax'

Vatican City — (NC) — The Holy See has forbidden all priests in Poland to cooperate in any way with the publishing activities of Pax, the so-called "progressive Catholic" organization which collaborated with Poland's old Stalinist regime.

A DECREE issued by the Sacred Congregation of the Council to this effect has been made known to both the religious and diocesan priests of Poland. It was learned here. While the decree has not been published heretofore, a Vatican source has confirmed that it was issued.

The decree was drawn up in two parts. The first bars priests from publishing books through Pax, and the second forbids them to write for Pax pamphlets, newspapers or periodicals, or to cooperate with the Pax activities in any manner.

Pax has held the exclusive right to publish religious books in Communist Poland.

THE NEW DECREE was drawn up during the six-week Rome visit of Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland.

# Vatican Paper Hits Red 'Co-Existence'

Vatican City — (RNS) — Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, declared that any talk of "co-existence" between the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary and the Kadar Communist regime is "completely unrealistic."

Its comments were prompted by a recent statement in an American publication that "with full Vatican approval, but no direct Vatican participation, the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary has been carrying on negotiations with the country's Red regime."

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Osservatore said oppression of Catholics continues in Hungary and grows steadily worse.

"This is the truth," it stressed. "To believe anything else, in good or bad faith, means in reality to support the sad fate of a tyrannical regime in the face of every injustice forced upon the conscience of a noble people."

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# New Auxiliary Bishops

Three priests named Bishops by Pope Pius XII are: (from left) Msgr. Edward J. Martin, of Albany, N. Y., Vicar General of the Diocese of Albany, as Auxiliary of Albany; Msgr. Martin W. Stanton, of Jersey City, N. J., Auxiliary of Newark, and at right, Msgr. Walter W. Curtis, of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J., Auxiliary of Newark. (NC Photos)

# SYRIA SUFFERS

We mean the Church in Syria, engulfed in a sea of Mohammedanism, suffers from a lack of adequate facilities because native Catholics are so few and of the poorest class. For example, fifteen years ago the Syrian Bishops (St. Christians, separated from Rome centuries ago) who have been mostly neglected by their own clergy. They are ready to work over. He has been trying for years to construct a mission center to house two or three priests to work amongst them. He has only \$2,500. Won't you send him a note?

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