

Three Times Greater Than Public Schools

Catholic School Growth Cited

Frank Boston, Mass. — (NC) — The rate of growth of the Catholic elementary and secondary school system during the past half century outdistanced public school growth more than three times, according to Dr. John P. Sullivan, guidance director and assistant professor of education at Stonehill College here.

Comparing enrollments in Catholic and public elementary and secondary schools from 1900 to the present, Dr. Sullivan reported that public schools doubled their enrollment, jumping from 15,500,000 to 32,700,000, while Catholic schools which carried 250,000 pupils at the turn of the century, leaped to 4,400,000 in 1947, a growth three times greater than the public schools.

Dr. SULLIVAN noted that during two decades of this period — from 1930 to 1950 — Catholic school enrollments gained more than 3,000,000 while public schools lost more than 500,000 students. Dr. Sullivan advanced the theory that the declining birth rate of the Depression years of the 30's and early 40's had more serious impact on public schools, causing the drop in students.

From 1950 to 1957, however, Catholic and public school enrollments increased significantly. In the wake of the increased birth rate that followed World War II, he declared, the rate of gain was higher in the Catholic schools with 43 percent as compared to 30 percent in the public schools, the educator noted.

Every sixth staff member throughout the Catholic school system now is a lay teacher, Dr. Sullivan reported. He advocated an enrollment program for dedicated and professionally trained lay teachers to meet the steady rise of school enrollments. He said the attainment of full maturity for the Catholic school system is tied to the solution of the lay teacher problem.

EXPRESSING HIS views in an article in the November 16 issue of America, national Catholic weekly magazine, Dr. Sullivan

Nixon To Address Catholic Youth Rally

Washington — (NC) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon will address the closing banquet of the 1947 convention of the National Council of Catholic Youth in Philadelphia, on November 24. The convention will be held in Philadelphia's Convention Hall.

van pointed out the steady Catholic school growth is a boon to the public school education system, on the one hand, while it creates a burden of double-taxation on Catholic parents, on the other.

"United States taxpayers pay annually \$3,500,000,000 for public school education," he reported. "This represents a yearly assessment of \$37 on every man, woman and child, for support of public schools. It is a nationwide investment in the education of 32,700,000 children housed in 160,000 elementary and secondary schools.

"Non-public schools, mainly Catholic, take care of 4,400,000 students. About 250,000 more students attend other private or denominational schools.

'Christ Made Her This Way'

Church 'Authoritative' In Teaching, 'Democratic' In Members, Says Cardinal

Cincinnati — (NC) — In the exercise of her teaching office, the Catholic Church is authoritative and dogmatic, Cardinal Mooney stated here.

"In other respects, indeed, the Catholic Church is utterly democratic. She is of the people, with the people and for the people," the Cardinal said in his sermon at ceremonies marking the restoration of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains as the mother church of the Cincinnati archdiocese.

The Church, the Cardinal explained, through her popes and bishops, in teaching whatever touches Christian faith and morals is authoritative and dogmatic. But in her members, she is democratic, he said. "Christ made her this way," the Cardinal said.

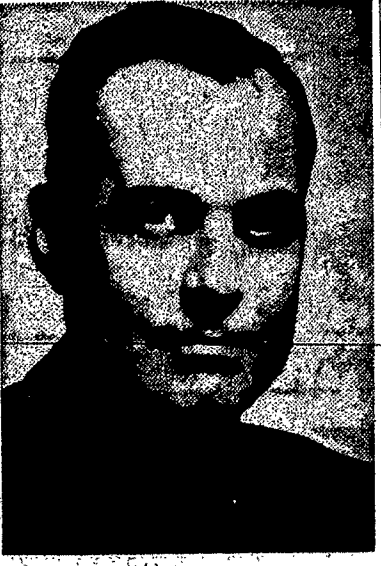
Indiscriminate controversialism today accuses the Catholic Church of being totalitarian or authoritarian — overlooking the fact that these terms, in their proper sense, apply to governments which usurp power or enforce decrees that are not reasonably within their competence," Cardinal Mooney said.

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"If Catholics stopped bearing a burden of double-taxation and transferred their pupils to the public school system, taxes for public education would go up at least \$1,300,000,000 a year. Overcrowded public schools could not accommodate the Catholic school population without educational dislocations, construction, staffing, inconveniences and added financial burdens," Dr. Sullivan concluded.

Dr. Sullivan had over 30 years of teaching and administrative work in the Boston public school system before joining Stonehill College.

He served three years as chief of a research section, attached to the staff of Gen. H. H. (Hap) Arnold during World War II.



Names Priest

Named to the new Civil Rights Commission is Father Theodor M. Hesburgh, President of Notre Dame University, in an appointment made by President Eisenhower. Chairman of the six-man Commission is retired Associate Justice Stanley F. Reed.

Jewish Educator

'Justice On Side' Of Public Aid For Religious Schools

New York — (NC) — Justice is "entirely on the side of those who call for public support to parochial and other religious schools performing a public function," Will Herberg says.

The author, a prominent Jewish educator, asserts that, "though I fully recognize the justice in principle of the Catholic claim to public support of parochial schools, even to the point of contributing to the tuition of pupils and the salaries of teachers, I would certainly not think it advisable to press such claims at the present time or in the foreseeable future."

He expresses this opinion in the November 16 issue of America, a national Catholic weekly review.

An editorial in the same issue of America says that "one of the first reactions to Dr. Herberg's article recalls that Catholic leaders themselves have on occasion clearly disavowed all purpose of urging a claim for direct public support of Catholic schools or Catholic teachers."

It adds that "we asked and we shall continue to ask for all appropriate 'auxiliary services,' that is, for the Catholic child's just share in benefits—bus rides, lunch program and the like."

Dr. Herberg asserts that in Great Britain and the United States, "that government engaged in public education because experience has shown that this is the only way to provide educational opportunities for the mass of the people." But whenever individual or group effort is able to provide the proper facilities, "they have a clear right to compete with the government and are entitled to recognition and encouragement by the public authorities."

"THE CATHOLIC parochial school in this country," says Dr. Herberg, "came into being, not in obedience to some master blueprint imported from abroad, but as part of the Catholic immigrants' response to American conditions."

"The 'non-sectarian' public schools to which Catholic parents were compelled to send their children in the latter half of the 19th century were, to all intents and purposes, Protestant parochial schools, as in some parts of the country they still remain to this day. Obviously, no believing Catholic parent could send his child to such a school without violating his religious conscience."

The author adds that, "in the new century, the prevailing ideal of the schools became secularistic rather than Protestant, and 'the need for the parochial school became even more urgent.'"

DR. HERBERG declares that it is a matter of fact "that neither in the minds of the founding fathers, nor in the thinking of the American people, through the 19th and into the 20th century, did the doctrine of the First Amendment ever imply an ironclad ban forbidding the government to take account of religion or support its activities. Nor does the practice of the government today recognize such a ban."

The author cites the appointment of chaplains to the armed forces, prisons and other institutions, and the payment of tuition, under the GI Bill of Rights, for students attending church-related schools.

"In the mind of the American people, the separation of Church and State does not mean forbidding the government to cooperate with or even to assist religion in certain activities," Dr. Herberg points out.

"It does mean, most emphatically," he insists, "that such cooperation and assistance must not involve interference in the internal affairs of the churches, nor may it be discriminatory; the government must not play favorites among the various religious groups. . . . And the government must not go 'too far' in its assistance to religion, even on a non-discriminatory basis."

DR. HERBERG believes that public opinion today corrects the public opinion of extending various forms of auxiliary aid, or 'fringe benefits,' such as school lunches and health services, bus transportation, textbooks, etc. to nonpublic schools on a par with public schools.

"It is in this area primarily that a better balance of justice may be attained, though not without a struggle," he says.

It would be "even harder," says Dr. Herberg, "to obtain equal treatment for religious schools under whatever Federal school-aid legislation comes to be enacted," but that these efforts "will have a great and growing segment of public opinion on their side, especially among the younger men and women who are now emerging as the predominant factor in public life."

The author claims "the religious school has a strong case before the court of public opinion, if only it proves able to present it effectively." He says that because of "the fragmentation of religion in this country," many religiously concerned people have concluded that "the reintroduction of religion into public education in any significant way is no longer practicable or indeed desirable." They are "fixing all their hopes and expectations" on the religious school.

Boxing Champion Aids Church
Fort Smith, Ark. — (RNS) — Floyd Patterson, world heavyweight boxing champion, contributed \$2,000 and pledged an additional \$1,000 to St. John's Negro Catholic church here, the Rev. Samuel J. Delaney, pastor, announced.

He said Mr. Patterson and his trainer, Dan Florio, learned of reconstruction work of the church when the fighter appeared in an exhibition match here.



Ten Years In Siberia

Before Russian seizure of Lithuania, Bishop Francesco Ramannuskas was Auxiliary of Telshai. Above he is pictured in a 1947 photograph. When Communists overran his nation, he was sent to the mines in Siberia, where lower photo was taken this year, shortly before his return to his homeland.

Now broken in health, he is forbidden to carry out his episcopal duties, and lives in a small basement room. (NC Photos)

Reds Crush Church In 'White Russia'

Washington — (NC) — Soviet rulers have sometimes sent as many as 300 atheists propagandists to small villages in Byelorussia to fight the Church there, according to a priest born in that area of the Soviet Union.

Father Ceslaus Sipovich, a priest of the Byzantine Rite, said in an interview here that Catholics all over the world need to be alerted to the suffering their co-religionists are enduring in Byelorussia.

BETTER KNOWN under its English translation as "White Russia," Byelorussia is a constituent republic of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Before World War II, Father Sipovich said, there were about 2,000,000 Latin Rite Catholics in the country, with a flourishing clergy and strong religious life. In addition, there are approximately 40,000 Catholics of the Byzantine Rite.

NOW, HOWEVER, there is no accurate count of the number of Catholics of either rite still alive in Byelorussia. Many of the country's leaders in religious activity have died or been killed, and many others have been sent to prison and to work camps in Siberia.

One of the largest churches in Minsk, the Church of Our Lady, has been converted into a garage by Byelorussia's communist government, Father Sipovich said. This is just one instance of its strong antireligious campaign in the country, he said.

Father Sipovich has charge of the Byelorussia mission in London. There are about 3,000 Byelorussians of the Byzantine Rite in England, he said, and they worship in his church, the chapel of St. Peter and Paul.

Cardinal Spellman To Visit Troops

New York — (NC) — Cardinal Spellman announced here that he will leave on December 16 for his annual visit to American Armed Forces posts in Alaska and the Far East.

Archdiocese Opens Eighth College

Radnor, Pa. — (RNS) — Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., officiated here at the dedication of Cabrini College, the eighth four-year Catholic college opened in the Philadelphia Archdiocese. The women's college is named for St. Frances Xavier Cabrini.

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